



Development of Russian Law Research Methodological Seminar

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Rules of the game: cross-border criminal investigation with Russian authorities

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Abstract:

The presentation analyzes the combination of administrative and legal factors which affect cross-border criminal investigation with Russian authorities and have relevance for the future development of internal security cooperation in Europe. The case study conducted by the researchers of Aleksanteri Institute used qualitative theme interviews with Finnish police officers and analysis of legal documents to find out what factors affect actual parallel crime investigation between Finland and Russia. Strategically, the present cooperation should use a proactive and flexible border security regime based on a high level of institutional trust. The results indicate that there exists a functional gap between bilateral and international treaties and national legislation which to a large degree governs actual criminal investigation. In addition to this, politics and administrative changes continually disrupt mutual learning experiences between partner organizations. The results will be discussed with regard to the political goal of a visa free area between Russian Federation and the EU.

