

## Cooperation in ensuring safety of football matches

To what extent cooperation of large amount of entities participating in the process of ensuring safety of football matches should be regulated? If the regulations should have imperious (pointing to prohibitions or orders of specific behavior) or inspiring, creating a framework for undertaking actions, character?

The main research objective of this project is to identify factors that contribute to the cooperation of the organizers in the actions taken for the safety and security of football matches, as well as the identification of the factors that hinder this cooperation and to determine appropriate methods of providing this cooperation. This will answer the question, to what extent and at what level cooperation between entities involved in ensuring safety and security of football match should be regulated and to what extent should not be regulated. In addition, this research has to allow to develop the bank of good practices in the area of cooperation for ensuring safety and security of this kind of mass events, and to formulate *de lege ferenda* postulates addressed to the legislature, as well as to competition organizers which are creating regulations for organizers in the strict sense.

The project is expected to study the normative foundations of cooperation between the entities involved in ensuring the security of football matches, as well as studies of application of these regulations. Along with using the method of in-depth interviews with experts, it will allow to answer the question, to what extent and at what level cooperation between actors in ensuring the safety of the football game should be regulated and to what extent should not be regulated at all.

In previously conducted researches, focused primarily on the participants of mass sporting events, issues raised in this study have not been thoroughly analyzed. Also publications on administrative law, science of administration or public management seem to ignore the fact of the complexity of the process of ensuring the safety of football match in Poland, in which responsibility for safety and security varies depending on the stage of the process. Despite the promising results of the fight against breaches of safety and security at stadiums in Western Europe, the direct implementation of the solutions used in other countries, in particular in the UK or Germany, may be questionable because of the different legal systems and culture of the organization entities involved in ensuring security of football matches.

Realization of tasks contained in projected research, with major part of exploratory and descriptive research, by using methods connecting with each other quantitative and qualitative research, to the greatest extent should facilitate the attainment of the objectives of scientific research. In the long term perspective, the project will be a contribution to the debate on the shape of the regulation of cooperation in ensuring safety of football matches.