

An abstract of the doctoral dissertation entitled „Administrative-legal forms of counteracting unemployment among university graduates”, written under the supervision of prof. dr hab. Jolanta Blicharz with the participation of assistant supervisor dr Aleksandra Szadok-Bratuń

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Doctoral dissertation entitled „Administrative-legal forms of counteracting unemployment among university graduates” is an attempt at a comprehensive presentation of graduates in the system of higher education and their special situation on the labour market. In particular, the dissertation describes the administrative-legal forms of counteracting unemployment and mitigating its effects, which are addressed to this particular social group, namely young people entering the labour market after graduation. Moreover, other aspects connected with the phenomenon of unemployment were analysed, including in particular the notion of an unemployed person, the notion of unemployment, its varieties and legal and actual effects; the institution of higher education was also presented in detail. The analysis covered legal provisions concerning the realisation of tasks of public administration bodies in the area of counteracting unemployment among university graduates. Other entities responsible for the realisation and implementation of employment policy and control measures over all these bodies are also presented. Finally, the methods of combating unemployment among university graduates at the European Union level are presented.

The presentation of these issues is an essential part of understanding the phenomenon of unemployment among university graduates and the aspects related to it. Without undertaking wider considerations, showing the multitude of practical dilemmas related to the examined subject, it would not be possible to create such solutions, which would effectively counteract the phenomenon of unemployment among university graduates. Such a defined field of scientific peregrinations allows us to adopt a thesis, that legal regulations and related activities of state authorities are not sufficient to achieve such a level of unemployment among university graduates, in which there is a balance between demand and supply of labour force. On the other hand, the research objective of this dissertation is to show that a special role in terms of counteracting unemployment among university graduates falls to various administrative and legal forms, especially those of an active nature, which are aimed at

mitigating the effects of unemployment and increasing the chances of employment for this category of people.

The first chapter presents introductory issues, including the justification for the choice of the topic of this dissertation, presents the research methods applied, and formulates the research thesis and objectives of this work.

Then, the second chapter is a theoretical introduction to the research work undertaken and aims to broaden the concept of the graduate of higher education. The legal status of the university graduate is discussed here, and the definition of a university, its legal status and the legal basis of its functioning are presented.

In the third chapter the subject of consideration is the phenomenon of unemployment. This phenomenon was presented from the subject and object point of view. Moreover, the issue of the notion of unemployment in Polish and international law as well as types of unemployment were presented. At the end of the chapter the legal status as well as duties and rights of an unemployed person were referred to.

The fourth chapter concerns the problem of unemployment among university graduates. The determinants of unemployment in general and with particular reference to the situation of university graduates are indicated. Finally, the effects of unemployment among university graduates are defined.

The subject of the fifth chapter are the entities performing public tasks in the area of counteracting unemployment among university graduates. Tasks realised in this area by governmental and self-governmental administration bodies are indicated. Next, the importance and role of social dialogue institutions and local partnership institutions in activation of unemployed university graduates was presented, and the significance of social economy entities in limiting unemployment among this social group was emphasised.

The sixth chapter presents individual forms of counteracting unemployment, which are included in the acts on employment promotion and labour market institutions, the Labour Code Act and the Public Procurement Law.

In the seventh chapter the problems of the main subject of the paper were taken up, more precisely the administrative-legal forms of counteracting unemployment and mitigating its legal effects among university graduates. These forms are presented in detail including a division into active and passive forms.

In turn, the ninth chapter takes up the subject of forms of combating unemployment among university graduates at the level of the European Union. The legal basis for taking action within this community is presented. Finally, it presents EU programmes, which are of particular importance from the perspective of unemployed university graduates.

The dissertation closes with a conclusion, which refers to the whole of the conducted analyses.

This dissertation is an analysis of administrative-legal forms of counteracting unemployment among university graduates on the grounds of the binding legal regulations. The subject of unemployment among university graduates has been discussed only in a few studies in the literature on the subject, however, there is no monographic study covering the whole scope of these considerations. The dissertation is therefore an attempt to fill this gap.

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