

Abstract

The aim of this doctoral dissertation is to assess the effectiveness of the Police in ensuring internal security in the Capital City of Warsaw in the context of contemporary migration, with particular emphasis on war-related migration. Special attention is devoted to the role of the Warsaw Metropolitan Police Headquarters (Komenda Stołeczna Policji – KSP) in counteracting threats associated with migration. The research is based on a mixed-methods approach, combining quantitative and qualitative methods. An analysis of statistical data was conducted (including data on crime involving foreign nationals), as well as qualitative research, including in-depth interviews with Police officers and security experts. In addition, an extensive review of the relevant literature and the applicable national and EU legal acts regulating migration and internal security was carried out. Such a diversified research framework enabled a multidimensional assessment of the issue under study.

The research results indicate that the dynamic influx of migrants to Europe and Poland over the past decade constitutes a significant challenge to the internal security of the state. A number of migration-related threats were identified, including an increase in cross-border crime (e.g. smuggling of people and goods), potential terrorist threats, and growing social tensions. An analysis of statistical data collected by the Police revealed a clear upward trend in the number of foreign nationals detained on suspicion of committing crimes in Poland in recent years, which confirms the need for an adequate response from security services. The role of the Warsaw Police proved to be crucial in monitoring immigrant communities in the Warsaw metropolitan area, preventing crime and radicalisation, and in close cooperation with other services (Border Guard, Europol).

The conclusions drawn from the research underline the necessity of adopting a comprehensive migration management strategy from an internal security perspective. It is recommended to strengthen inter-institutional cooperation (Police, Border Guard, public administration) and to expand training programmes for Police officers. It is also essential to improve information exchange at both national and international levels, as well as to update legal frameworks in order to more effectively counter threats arising from migration. Additionally, the need to balance security-oriented measures with respect for migrants' rights and humanitarian standards was emphasised.

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