

## Summary of the dissertation

*"Border Guard in the system of combating illegal migration in the territory of the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship in 2015-2022."*

Combating and counteracting illegal migration is a very complex and time-consuming process within the competences of many services and institutions, both at national and international levels. In Poland, the leading role in combating illegal migration is played by the Border Guard.

The Border Guard is one of the best organized, qualified, and equipped formations in Poland, which, in times of threats related to terrorism and the migration crisis, cooperates with other services and institutions in the country and abroad.

Therefore, one of the goals of the dissertation is to present the position of the Border Guard in the system security of the Polish state.

The dissertation is divided into chapters and subchapters in which the phenomenon of illegal migration and the role of the Border Guard in preventing this phenomenon are presented. The final conclusions will primarily allow us to determine the effectiveness of the formation in the process of combating illegal migration.

Bearing the above in mind, but also all the involvement of the Border Guard in counteracting illegal migration into the territory of the Republic of Poland, the main hypothesis was formulated, which is that *the Border Guard is an effective formation in combating illegal migration into the territory of the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship*. It should be noted that this hypothesis was positively verified, because the Border Guard effectively detains foreigners who illegally found themselves not only in the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship, but also in Poland. In addition, it controls the legality of the stay of foreigners and the legality of work performed by foreigners, thus ensuring the safety of citizens as well as the functioning of the labour market in accordance with applicable regulations. The detailed hypotheses were also positively verified, because in relation to the specific hypothesis assuming that Poland is becoming an increasingly attractive country in terms of employment and settlement for foreigners, it was proven that the scale of migration is constantly growing, undoubtedly contributed to by the situation related to the Russian invasion to Ukraine, and Poland accepting millions of refugees from Ukraine. In the eyes of many, Poland became a phenomenon on a global scale, because Poles accepted refugees from Ukraine into their own homes, and the system of social assistance and employment for the Ukrainian community went beyond the previously applicable standards. In this context, it can be seen that the assumption of the second detailed hypothesis, assuming that the phenomenon of illegal migration in the territory of Poland and the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship in the years 2015 - 2022 has an increasing tendency, has also been positively verified, which is undoubtedly influenced by the economic development of the country and the fact that Poland is becoming an increasingly attractive country in terms of residence and employment for foreigners. The next, third hypothesis, assuming that most cases of illegal migration were detected at road border crossings, was also positively verified. Poland constitutes the external border of the European Union, where most of the transit routes to and through Poland lead by land. The majority of arrests took place on the border of the Republic of Poland, which is related to the inevitability of control at the state border. The last hypothesis was also positively verified, where the most frequently disclosed method of action of detained foreigners related to the lack of residence documents or concerned people who remained in

Poland and EU Member States for a longer period than they declared, thus violating migration regulations. To sum up, it can be concluded that the Polish Border Guard carries out the tasks for which it was established effectively. Efficiently protects the Polish border and the border of the European Union, preventing illegal migration.