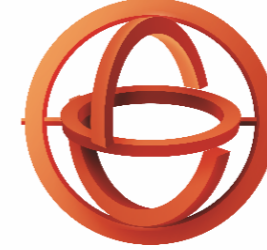


Description of Funded Research Projects
1st Call for H.F.R.I. Research Projects
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Research Project Title:

**Corruption and state-corporate crime:
the example of the health sector**

Principal Investigator:
Eirini Stamouli

Popular Title:

Corruption in the Health sector

Scientific Field:
Criminology

Host Institution:
Democritus University of Thrace



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The research focuses on the criminological investigation of the "high corruption" phenomenon in the health sector in Greece. The research aims to analyze the processes, practices and methods through which phenomena of high corruption in the health sector are manifested, with a central assumption that these phenomena are not occasional and isolated manifestations of white-collar crime, but phenomena of systemic and permanent character. In other words, and from a criminological perspective, they are typical examples of the theoretical concept of "state-corporate crime", which, through complex and dynamic processes, is consolidated in the grid of legitimate state functioning. Verification of this hypothesis will be attempted through the production of primary quality research combined with the analysis of secondary sources, with the reference period demarcated between 2000 and 2017.

In particular, the research data to be produced will be analyzed in the light of the theory of "state-corporate crime", an approach that broadens the scope of research into the structural features of the corruption-illegal system in the so-called "dark (or hidden) number of crime". The main objective of the research is the in-depth investigation and the analytical synthesis of the mechanisms that favor high corruption, in order to formulate realistic proposals to fight the phenomenon. To this end, primary statistics from the competent authorities (Ministry of Health, Hospitals, Audit Mechanisms) will be analyzed. Moreover, the research will take into consideration international surveys, studies and reports regarding the phenomenon of corruption in the health sector, and primary qualitative research will be carried out aiming at the in-depth mapping and analysis of the phenomenon.

The innovative character of the research is based on : a) the qualitative and in-depth investigation of a phenomenon that has been rarely studied in Greece until recently, as social perception and adopted policies, primarily focus on small and medium corruption (corruption/ bribery between patients and doctors, known as "envelope") and not on the resolution of high corruption crime (purchase of medicines and medical supplies, national public health system supplies), which favors the maintenance of a huge black market with enormous implications and consequences. b) On the theoretical analysis of high corruption in the health sector as a systemic phenomenon with structural characteristics.

This approach is a prerequisite for making realistic proposals that address the core of the problem, rather than opportunistic solutions. In addition, the aim of the research is to contribute to the improvement of health services provided, the saving of public resources, the improvement of competition conditions, the consolidation of the economic and political system and the fuller protection of public health in Greece.

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H.F.R.I. funding is crucial because it gives us the opportunity to devote ourselves to the criminological research, especially in the field of corruption in the health sector, as well as to gain experience in managing a research program. Furthermore, through H.F.R.I. funding we will have the opportunity to connect with other research groups abroad, to communicate the results of our work and to exchange views in scientific conferences.

*The Principal Investigator,
Eirini Stamouli*

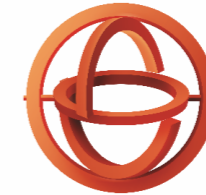
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