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Corporate Criminal Liability and Fundamental Rights of Legal Entities

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Sebastian Raduletu Judge at the European Court of Human Rights (elected in 2023 in respect of Romania), Professor of Criminal Law and Human Rights Law at the University of Craiova (Romania) and Honorary Fellow at Pembroke College, University of Oxford.

The phenomenon of corporate crime has created a preoccupation among states and within the international community as to how these acts, which potentially produce significant harm, should be remedied in a criminal law context. The central problem of corporate criminal liability is how to adapt to group entities the rules of a system designed to deal with individual offenders. This process of including organisations in the ambit of criminal law could jeopardise its specific principles. The objective of this presentation is to briefly assess the main legal doctrines of corporate criminal liability and to determine the most suitable models that are efficient in tackling corporate crime but, in the same time, protect the fundamental rights of persons involved. The main criterion for such assessment is the respect for the core principles of criminal law such as the principle of legality and the rule of law, the principle of fair labelling or the presumption of innocence.



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