

DAY FINES IN EUROPE

Day fines, as a pecuniary sanction, have a great potential to reduce inequality in the criminal sentencing system, as they impose the same relative punishment on all offenders irrespective of their income. Furthermore, with correct implementation, they can constitute an alternative sanction to the more repressive and not always efficient short-term prison sentences. Finally, by independently expressing in the sentence the severity and the income of the offender, day fines can increase uniformity and transparency of sentencing. Having this in mind, almost half of the European Union countries have adopted day fines in their criminal justice system. For the first time, this book makes their findings accessible to a wider international audience. Aimed at scholars, policy makers and criminal law practitioners, it provides an opportunity to learn about the theoretical advantages, the practical challenges, the successes and failures, and ways to improve.

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Abbreviations

BCCRC	Basis Criminal Code of the Republic of Croatia
CC	Criminal Code
CCP	Code of Criminal Procedure
CEC	Criminal Enforcement Code
CEO	Chief executive officer
CFC	Criminal Fiscal Code
CJA	Criminal Justice Act
CP	Código Penal (Spanish Penal Code)
CPC	Code of Civil Procedure
CSK	zechoslovak koruna (Czechoslovak koruna)
CZK	Czech koruna (Czech koruna)
DKK	Dansk krone (Danish krone)
ECLI	European Case Law Identifier
FINA	Financijska Agencija (Financial Agency)
FinStrG	Finanzstrafgesetz (Act on Fiscal Offences)
HC Deb	House of Commons Debates
HL Deb	House of Lords Debates
HRD	Hrvatski dinar (Croatian dinar)
HRK	Hrvatska kuna (Croatian kuna)
IAS	Indexante dos Apoios Sociais (Indexing reference of social support)
ICS	International Crime Survey
ICVS	International Crime Victims Survey
INE	Instituto Nacional de Estadística (Spanish Statistical Office)
LEC	Ley de Enjuiciamiento Civil (Civil Procedure Act)
LECr	Ley de Enjuiciamiento Criminal (Criminal Procedure Act)
NIP	Taxpayer Identification Number (Poland)
NJA	Nytt Juridiskt Arkiv (Cases from the Swedish Supreme Court)

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OIB	Osobni identifikacijski broj (personal identification number) (Croatia)
OLG	Oberlandesgericht (Higher Regional Court of Appeal)
PC	Penal Code
PLN	Polski złoty (Polish Złoty)
RON	Romanian new leu / lei (Romanian currency)
SAN	Sentencia de la Audiencia Nacional (Decision of the National Court)
SAP	Sentencia de la Audiencia Provincial (Decision of the Provincial Court)
SCC	Swiss Criminal Code
SFRY	Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
SIT	Slovenian tolar
SORS	Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia
STS	Sentencia del Tribunal Supremo (Decision of the Supreme Court)
StG	Strafgesetz (Criminal Statute)
StGB	Strafgesetzbuch (Criminal Code)
StPO	Strafprozessordnung (Code of Criminal Procedure)
StVG	Strafvollzugsgesetz (Criminal Executive Code)
VbVG	Verbandsverantwortlichkeitsgesetz (Act on the Responsibility of Legal Entities)
VStG	Verwaltungsstrafgesetz (Act on Administrative Offences)

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