

## Introduction

It is a great pleasure to introduce you to the new issue of the Annual Center Review. The Annual Center Review, as a joint project of the Association Information and Organization Center for the Research on the Public Finances and Tax Law in the Countries of Central and Eastern Europe, as well as the Faculty of Law at the University of Bialystok, will present academic accomplishments of the Association Center and the Faculty in the area of research on the issues concerning finances of the countries in this part of Europe. It is essential that our Review promotes texts of doctors and doctoral students besides the elaborations of experienced researchers.

Presenting current problems from a broadly understood field of public finance and tax law in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, in ACR 2018 no. 11 we publish elaborations both in English as well as in Russian written by Authors from such countries as Belarus, Poland, and Russia. The published articles relate to the problems connected with financial as well as tax law of Belarus, Poland, Russia and the United Kingdom. The Authors of particular texts focused on detailed issues from public finance, in particular on criminal liability for breaching provisions of public procurement in Russia as well as in selected post-Soviet countries; British solutions in the scope of public-private partnership; legal character of grants supporting research activity in Russia; the role and financial support of the Ministry of Transport in the Russian system of executive bodies or dichotomy of public and private law.

This Issue also includes elaborations which are the result of the 1<sup>st</sup> Eastern European Conference on “Cryptocurrency”, which was held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the Faculty of Law University of Bialystok from the initiative of the Student Financial Law Club affiliated to the Department of Public Finance and Financial Law of the Faculty of Law at the University of Bialystok. Published articles are the response of scientific circles to the emergence and development of the cryptocurrency market and digital economy. Particular Authors analyse legal provisions regulating cryptocurrency market in Russia, Belarus and Poland as

well as examine development perspectives, chances and threats which cryptocurrencies bring.

In Annual Center Review we also publish information about current initiatives taken by the Center and the Faculty of Law at the University of Bialystok. In this Issue we present two reports from international conferences co-organised by the Center. The first report is from the Conference organised on 11-12 June 2018 in Budapest by National University of Public Service on “Invitation Understanding Public Bureaucracy” and the second report is from the 17<sup>th</sup> Center Conference organised on 20-21 September 2018 in Prague by Charles University in Prague and the Institute for Research and Development on State and Governance of the National University of Public Service in Budapest on “Currency, Taxes and Other Institutes of Financial Law in the Year of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of Czechoslovakia” as well as the report from the 1<sup>st</sup> Eastern European Conference on “Cryptocurrency” organised from the initiative of Student Financial Law Club.

One of the last initiatives of the Center was the appointment of the Commission for scientific awards for outstanding doctorates and monographies in public finances and tax law from the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, whose basic task is to present annual, prestigious scientific award for outstanding scientific work. Therefore, in the current Issue we publish the resolution of the Commission for scientific awards and the review on presenting dr Ewa Lotko with the award for outstanding doctorate entitled “Legal and financial instruments of the public debt reduction in Poland”.

It is my great pleasure to inform you that we have launched a webpage of the Annual Center Review [www.ciob.pl](http://www.ciob.pl), subpage: ACR, where all the information from the Editorial Board as well as subsequent issues of the journal will be published. I invite you to become familiar with the editorial requirements which will be strictly obeyed in the subsequent issues as well as to send in texts of research papers in English or Russian. Looking forward to fruitful cooperation I wish you pleasant reading.

