

Summaries

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Cross-border cooperation across Polish borders: Thirty Years of cross-border Eldorado?

Abstract: *The article overviews cross-border cooperation across Polish borders in the last three decades. Deeply rooted in conflictive border legacies and border shifts in the first half of the twentieth century, they quickly became locations of symbolic reconciliation with neighbours and functional cooperation aiming at economic development. The non-linear character of these processes resulted from the changing political environment in the region.*

Keywords: *Polish borders, de-bordering, re-bordering, CBC*

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State borders and cross-border cooperation in Czechia in the post-communist era: Trends and developments

Abstract: *This article deals with the topic of the border status and cross-border cooperation in Czechia in the last 30 years. Special attention is paid to the EU integration process and its impact on the Czech borders and borderland and to the COVID-19 pandemic, which revealed the durability of state borders despite the widely promoted idea of a borderless Europe. The text is theoretically based on the concepts of de-bordering and re-bordering and perceives borders as dynamic and socially constructed phenomena.*

Keywords: *border regions, cross-border cooperation, Central Europe, COVID-19*

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Perceptions on cross-border cooperation in the Slovak-Ukrainian borderlands

Abstract: *The article overviews the development of legislative and executive framework for CBC in the Slovak-Ukrainian borderlands. Subsequently, it summarises the findings of research on the perceptions of local CBC actors regarding migration and social interaction, barriers to CBC, assessment of CBC policies, expected impacts of CBC and the implementation of the Association Agreement of EU with Ukraine.*

Keywords: *Slovak-Ukrainian borderlands, Association Agreement, cross-border cooperation*

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Exploring cross-border cooperation in Eastern Europe: What kind of initiatives have developed in the Romanian-Hungarian border area?

***Abstract:** Since the beginning, the European Union has believed and promoted the idea that an increase in cross-border cooperation contributes to enhanced European integration. This means that cross-border cooperation supports sustainable development along the EU's internal and external borders, helps reduce differences in living standards and addresses common challenges across these borders. The aim of this paper is to examine the cross-border initiatives between Romania and Hungary with a special focus on the INTERREG projects, which have provided new sources of funding for cross-border activities and regional development in the Romanian-Hungarian border area. In this context, the cooperation has intensified in the last two decades, especially since Romania joined the EU in 2007. The research proves that cross-border projects and initiatives represent an important source of funding for this type of intervention, when no similar funding sources are available.*

***Keywords:** Cross-border cooperation, Romanian-Hungarian border area, INTERREG programmes, border regions*

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Ukraine's experience and prospects of cross-border cooperation: Legal and economic parameters in the light of sustainable development

***Abstract:** The article provides a general overview of the course of forming Ukraine's legal and policy basis for cross-border cooperation in connection with economic development. Specific attention is given to its cross-border cooperation with the neighbouring Eastern European countries in the frameworks of bilateral treaties, the Madrid Outline Convention and the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. Their cooperation within four Euroregions, supported by the EU European Neighbourhood Instrument, is observed. The complex of cross-border cooperation advantages, shortcomings of their realisation and the current prospects for cross-border cooperation advancement in the light of sustainable development are characterised.*

***Keywords:** cross-border cooperation, sustainable development, Madrid Outline Convention, EU-Ukraine Association Agreement*

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The evolution of cross-border cooperation in Hungary

***Abstract:** The present study gives an overview of the de-bordering processes around Hungary that have taken place during the last 30 years and their impacts upon cross-border relationships and cooperation in both economic and social terms. A synthesis is provided on some of the examples of Hungarian innovation in cross-border cooperation as well as on recent developments stemming from the border closures during the pandemic.*

Keywords: *cross-border cooperation, changeover, border permeability, economic transformation, EGTC*
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