



## **IN AND OUT UNDERSTANDING THE EUROPEAN UNION BEYOND ITS BORDER**

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The Department of International Relations and European Integration of the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA) has launched on 1st of September 2015 the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence In and Out: Understanding the European Union beyond its Borders, co-financed by the Executive Agency for Education, Audiovisual and Culture of the European Commission through ERASMUS+ Programme. This project will be implemented in the period September 2015-July 2018.

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## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **The projects aims:**

- Increase and improve the knowledge level regarding EU borders through specific research activities whose results will be published in order to reach maximum visibility;
- Increase the border management at the EU Eastern border by developing content and tools on this EU subject, through implementing quality of professional trainings in this area;
- Raising interest on border management through enhancing debates and sharing good practices about EU border management activities between different categories of stakeholders - academia, civil servants (frontier workers), policy-makers, civil society, etc. – from the three countries envisaged by the project (Romania, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine).

### **In search for solutions to counteract the risks from the common borders**

The research activities aim to fulfil two objectives. Firstly, they will help elaborating final documents that will serve as didactic material for the courses that are going to be held and will contribute to the advancement of knowledge on European policies by filling in the existing gaps regarding the European border management. Secondly, the research activities aim to evaluate and offer solutions to face the risks from the common neighbouring borders. The impact of the research will be periodically evaluated through SWOT analysis.

## **Courses in Romania, Ukraine and Republic of Moldova**

In May-June 2017 took place the second round of courses in border management for frontier workers from Romania, Ukraine and Republic of Moldova. The six teachers representatives of the institutions involved in the project have performed this activity through the updated seven courses.

## Analysing EU borders

Throughout the project will be organized three conferences, three roundtables, three study visits. The conferences will coincide with the beginning, mid-term evaluation and end of the project. Through these conferences we consider discussions with representatives of the civil society, academia and decision makers from Romania, Ukraine and Republic of Moldova regarding their responsibilities on border management.

The roundtable debates provide the opportunity for discussion with officials and civil society representatives about the risks and challenges of border management in Romania. The study visits that were organized in Kishinev and Odessa aimed at identifying the problems and needs of border management systems of Ukraine and Moldova.



The courses, conferences, roundtables and research activities contribute to the overall objective of the project, that of expanding European studies towards a professional category that normally does not enter in contact with such studies, although their work is related to European issues.

Also, between September 1st 2015 - August 31th 2018, the Department of International Relations and European Integration coordinates the activities of the Centre of Excellence Jean Monnet „Structures of Interconnectivity in the EU's Neighbourhood”, which covers the issue of a new approaches of the European Union related to the European Neighbourhood Policy, with a focus on the impact of institutional reform on the development and integration of economic, social and political partner countries.

### TEACHING STAFF:

1. Professor Iordan Gheorghe BĂRBULESCU, PhD. Teaching/Research: The architecture of the European Union: institutions and decisional process; The policies of the European Union
2. Professor George ANGLIȚOIU, PhD. Teaching/Research: The European Union's Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
3. Professor Ioan HORGA, PhD. Teaching/Research: The evaluation of cross-border cooperation
4. Professor Mircea BRIE, PhD. Teaching/Research: The identity of national minorities and new forms of a frontier in the European area
5. Professor Adrian IVAN, PhD. Teaching/Research: „Horizon 2020”: Eastern Europe
6. Lecturer Dacian DUNA, PhD. Teaching/Research: Geopolitics of Central and Eastern Europe

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## SO FAR:

European Studies on Border Management Virtual Platform

The e-learning platform "EU Studies on Border Management" has been launched in September 2015 and it contains all the details regarding the events that have been organised so far, but also the future ones.

Moreover, it provides necessary information required for the courses and hosts a database with primary and secondary sources regarding border management.

### In / Out Centre of Excellence



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### Updating the Database

The database provides information on the EU legislation regarding border management. At the same time there is available information regarding the national legislation from the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Romania on the specific aforementioned subject. Moreover, there can be accessed reports, analyses and academic articles regarding border management in the region.



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## Study visit

In March 2017, the management team of the project went to the study visit to the National Maritime University, from Odessa, Ukraine. In this activity took part together with the representatives from Romania, the Dean of Law University, madam Valentina Samoilovskaya and mister Stepan Berdiaga, students representative.

Following the discussions with the representatives of the institutions, steps have been taken to conclude a partnership between the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA) and the National Maritime University, from Odessa, in order to develop mobility and exchange programs for students and teachers. Also, during the study visit, there were planned the courses, that will be held in the spring of 2018.

In July 2017, the teaching staff together with the project management team had a study visit to Kishinev at the State University of Physical Education and Sports of the Republic of Moldova. This meeting was attended by the Dean of the Guard and Protection Faculty, Mr. Alexei Guțu, as well as other professors of the university. The study visit ended with the signing of an inter-institutional agreement providing the framework for carrying out of study and teaching mobilities for students and teachers.

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## Debate: Consolidation of the EU border management

On Thursday, 23 March, 2017, the round table called "The European Union- from Economic to Political: EU Border Management" was held. The aim of this conference was to disseminate the results of the activities carried out within the project in order to increase the security level between Romania- Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova. Moreover, the debate provided an x-ray of the latest economic and political developments within the EU, with direct effects on the Union's borders. The invited experts have addressed the EU's foreign and security policy conference and dimensions as well as the theme of permeability of EU borders following the crisis of refugees and the conflict in Ukraine.


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 (ASE, Facultatea de Relații Economice Internaționale)

**Dr. Mihai SEBE**  
 (Cercetător Institutul European din România)

**Dr. Ana-Maria COSTEA**  
 (Cercetătoare postdoctorală DRIIE)

**Moderatoare:**  
Miruna Troncotă, DRIIE

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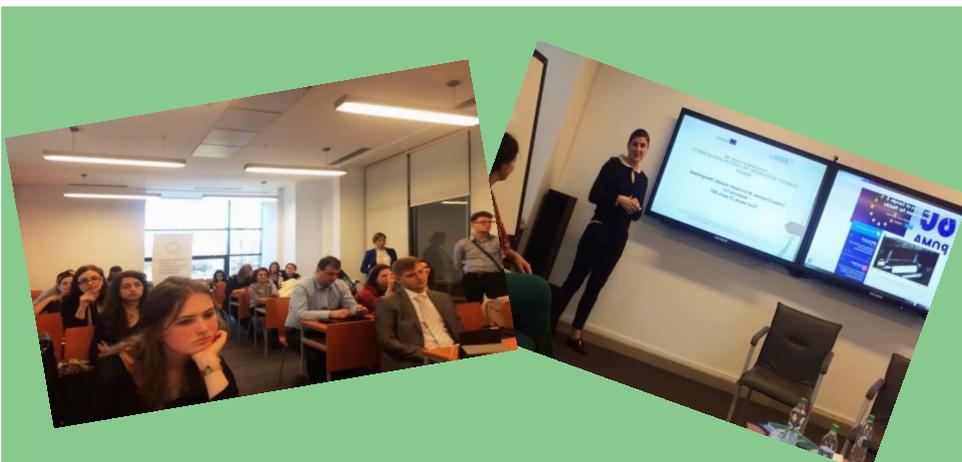

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**The Conference on Border management, risks and challenges for Romania, Ukraine and Republic of Moldova**



On 8 May 2017, The Department of International Relations and European Integration of SNSPA organized the international conference entitled "Border Management, Risks and Challenges for Romania, Ukraine and Moldova" held at its headquarters in Bucharest, Expoziției Avenue, no. 30A. Through this academic event we aimed to bring together researchers, teachers, students, experts, representatives of civil society and public administration from Romania, Ukraine and Republic of Moldova as a good opportunity to propose and discuss instruments meant to reduce the recurrence of phenomena such as illegal migration, human trafficking, in order to ensure national and regional stability and security.



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Courses for Romania, Ukraine and Republic of Moldova



The second round of training courses on border management for the frontier workers took place between May-July 2017 in Ukraine and Republic of Moldova. At this activity took part representatives from Odessa National Maritime University, the Border Police Department and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova. In addition, in order to be able to respond to the requests from Ukraine, we organized a series of online courses.



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### WHAT IS NEXT?

Update of the course supports

Between December 2017-January 2018 we will carry out the process of updating the seven courses supports in order to better respond the needs of border workers.

#### Teaching Content and Didactic Materials



The project is based on seven courses which will combine elements of traditional lecturing with interactive approaches involving participants in debating EU border aspects. Moreover, the didactic material that will accompany the course is a specific result of a research activity undertaken within the project for each course that will help the participants engage in a powerful learning activity through its multidisciplinary approach. This didactic material will serve as a theoretical common basis for the target group and will contain all the key concepts and

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### Research

Within the project, a series of academic articles will be published as a result of the research activities carried out: study visits, conferences and round tables. The purpose of these articles is to familiarize the target group with public policy issues and program evaluation, focusing in particular on cross-border cooperation and its impact on improving governance.



### OTHER THEMATIC ACTIVITIES OF DRIIE

#### Call for papers *Europolity* – Continuity and Change in European Governance Vol. 11, no. 2 (2017)

*Europolity* is an academic journal that is indexed in 7 international data bases, for publication of new ideas, research results and fundamental advances in all aspects of International Relations, European Studies and Political Science. Authors should send their abstracts (200-250 words) to [contact@europolity.eu](mailto:contact@europolity.eu) before 15 September 2017.

Early submissions are strongly encouraged. Applicants will be informed about selection until 30 September 2017.

**The deadline for paper submission is 30 October 2017. Guidelines at <http://europolity.eu>.**