



IN AND OUT UNDERSTANDING THE EUROPEAN UNION BEYOND ITS BORDER

Newsletter, February 2017

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, Audio-visual 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 main objective of the project is to develop border management trainings for frontier workers from Romania, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine. The project aims to:

- Increase and improve the knowledge level regarding EU border aspects 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 and by implementing quality of professional trainings in this area;
- Create a knowledge community regarding border management by 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 continuously evaluated through a SWOT analysis.

Courses in Romania, Ukraine and Republic of Moldova

The first round of preparation courses took place between June and July 2016, in Kishinev and Galati. During this session attended representatives from National Police College, Border Police, Border Police Department, Customs Service and Ministry of Internal Affairs of Republic of Moldova.

The teaching activity will continue this year also through the updated seven courses that combine traditional elements of interactive lecture approach, involving participants in debates on issues related to EU borders. Furthermore, each participant has access to the e-learning platform “European Border Management Studies”, that gather all the information necessary for hosting courses and teaching online classes.

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ANALYSING EU BORDERS

The events unfolded within the project consist in organising three conferences, three round tables, three study visits.

On December 10, 2016 was held the international entitled “Management of the EU borders: Romania-Moldova-Ukraine”, which marked the launching of the project. The event was attended by representatives of embassies, public authorities, academia and civil society, representing a good opportunity to stimulate dialogue on the issue of border management in the three countries, in the context of regional instability that causes pressure on the EU’s eastern border.

The roundtable debates provide opportunity for discussion with officials and civil society representatives about the risks and challenges of border management in Romania. The first roundtable entitled “Romanian border in the current geopolitical context”, was held on 25 May 2016, on the frontier point Galati. Through this activity was created an opportunity to generate a debate between officials and representatives of civil society and Romanian and foreign border workers on the most important issues arising from the risks that Romania is facing in managing its borders.



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<http://europolity.eu/in-out-centre-of-excelence>

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The study visits will be organized in Moldova and Ukraine, aiming to identify 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, the Department of International Relations and European Integration coordinates between September 1st 2015 - August 31th 2018, 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

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Teaching/Research: The architecture of the European Union: institutions and decisional process; The policies of the European Union

2. Professor George ANGLIȚOIU, PhD.

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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

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Teaching/Research: „Horizon 2020”: Eastern Europe

6. Lecturer Dacian DUNA, PhD.

Teaching/Research: Geopolitics of Central and Eastern Europe

SO FAR:

European Studies on Border Management Virtual Platform

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Host Institution: The National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Department of International Relations and European Integration

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, this will contain all the necessary information required for the courses and will host the online teaching hours. It will also host a database with the primary and secondary sources regarding border management.

- <http://europolity.eu/in-out-centre-of-excelence>

UPDATING THE DATABASE

The database provides information on the EU legislation regarding border management. At the same time there are available information regarding the national legislation from the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Romania on the specific aforementioned subject. Moreover, we put at your disposal reports, analyses and academic articles regarding border management in the region.

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

January 2017 was dedicated to research. In this regard, the six teachers have conducted an extensive research activity, in order to better respond to the identified gaps together with the target group, in the first year of the project implementation.



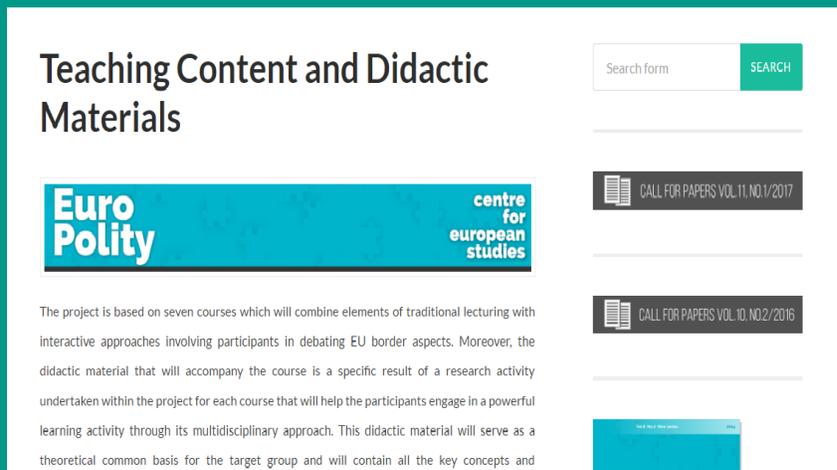
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THE WAY AHEAD

Update of the course supports

Between February-April this year will take place an updating process of all the seven course supports in order to offer better response to the needs of the frontier workers.



The screenshot shows a website page with the following elements:

- Title:** Teaching Content and Didactic Materials
- Search:** A search bar with the text "Search form" and a green "SEARCH" button.
- Logo:** Euro Polity logo with the text "centre for european studies" to its right.
- Text:** "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"
- Call for Papers:** Two buttons labeled "CALL FOR PAPERS VOL.11, NO.1/2017" and "CALL FOR PAPERS VOL.10, NO.2/2016".
- Footer:** A small blue box with the text "We'd like to hear from you".

- <http://europolity.eu/teaching-content-and-didactic-materials/>
- <http://europolity.eu/learning-tools-charts-infographs-working-sheets/>

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DEBATE: CONSOLIDATION OF EU BORDER MANAGEMENT

In March 2017 will take place a roundtable entitled "Consolidation of EU border management". The main purpose of this event is to disseminate the results of the undertaken activities of the project in order to help enhancing the security level between Romania-Ukraine-Moldova. Moreover, this roundtable aims to highlight the interest areas in this field, wishing to obtain a better theoretical knowledge among the participants.

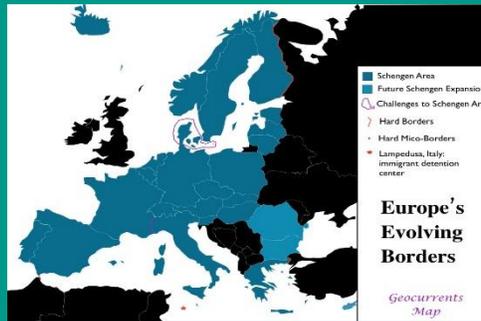


STUDY VISIT

In March 2017, the management team of the project will hold a study visit to the National Maritime University, from Odessa, Ukraine. This activity aims to analyse the impact that the courses have had on the daily activities of frontier workers in Ukraine and Moldova.

CONFERENCE BORDER MANAGEMENT: RISKS AND CHALLENGES FOR ROMANIA, UKRAINE AND REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

The Department of International Relations and European Integration from the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration has the pleasure to invite you to the international



conference entitled “Border management: risks and challenges for Romania, Ukraine and Republic of Moldova”, that will take place on **8th of May** 2017, at our centre in Bucharest, Expozitiei Boulevard, no. 30 A.

This academic event will bring together researchers, teachers, students, experts, civil society and public administration representatives from Romania, Ukraine and Moldova, representing a great opportunity to propose and discuss tools that aims to reduce the recurrence of negative phenomena such as illegal migration, human beings trafficking, in order to ensure national and regional security and stability.

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COURSE FOR ROMANIA, UKRAINE AND REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

In June this year, will be held the second round of the training courses in border management for the frontier workers from Romania, Ukraine and Moldova. The six teachers representatives of institutions involved in the project will carry out this didactic activity based on the updated course supports.

OTHER THEMATIC ACTIVITIES OF DRIIE

The international conference “International Conference “Interconnectedness and EU foreign-policy making”, that will take place between 9-10 May 2017, at our centre in Bucharest, Expozitiei Boulevard, no. 30 A.

This conference will enhance knowledge about specific issues regarding the EU Foreign policy in the context of the interconnectedness phenomenon, among the members of the targeted groups. It will raise awareness on the importance of EU policies in the current globalized context. Moreover, the workshop will contribute to the debate and to enhancing collaboration between academia, public institutions, professional groups and civil society representatives, in order to develop the knowledge upon this subject.

The papers that will to be presented are going to enter the peer review process and can be published in a collective volume of the conference (an internationally recognized publishing house) <http://journalofcommunication.ro/elearning/publications/> or in *Europolity*, an academic journal that is indexed in 7 international data bases.

Covered topics:

- Interconnectedness from multiple perspectives
- EU foreign policy
- European Neighbourhood policy
- Union for the Mediterranean
- Eastern Partnership – lessons learned
- Evaluation of CFSP and its instruments
- Eastern European/ Southern European dynamics
- The EU as a global actor

The abstracts must be sent to Ana Maria Costea until **11 March 2017**: anamaria.costea@dri.snsda.ro

CALL FOR PAPERS *Europolity* – Continuity and Change in European Governance Vol. 11, no. 1 (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 before **15 March 2017**.

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

The deadline for paper submission is **30 April 2017**.

Full guidelines for the presentation of the papers and more details about the editorial policy of the journal are available at the editorial policy section from the website: <http://europolity.eu>.

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