



IN AND OUT

UNDERSTANDING THE
EUROPEAN UNION
BEYOND ITS BORDERS



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JEAN MONNET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE: European Union, beyond its borders

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.

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 will have two parts. 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 teaching activity will be based on seven courses which will combine elements of traditional lecturing with interactive approaches involving participants in debating EU border aspects. Moreover, along with the printed materials, each participant will have access on the online portal, an e-learning platform called "EU Studies on Border Management", that will contain all necessary information for the courses and will host the online teaching hours.

Analysing the borders of the European Union

Regarding the project's events, those will consist in three conferences, three roundtables and three rounds of study visits.

The conferences will coincide with the beginning, mid-term evaluation and the end of the project.

Through these conferences we envisage proposing and discussing with key speakers and civil society representatives from Romania, Ukraine and Republic of Moldova regarding their responsibilities concerning EU border management.

The roundtable debates will represent the opportunity to discuss with officials and civil society representatives the key issues regarding the border management risk and challenges in Romania. The study visits will be organized in Moldova and Ukraine and aim to identify the gaps and needs of the border management systems in Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova.

The courses, conferences, roundtables and research activities contribute to achieving the objective of extending European studies to a professional category that would otherwise not have direct contact with them, although their work is affected by European matters.

Also, the Department of International Relations and European Integration coordinates between September 1st 2015 - August 31st 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.

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Teaching/Research: The European Union's Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Teaching/Research: The evaluation of cross-border cooperation

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Teaching/Research: The identity of national minorities and new forms of a frontier in the European area

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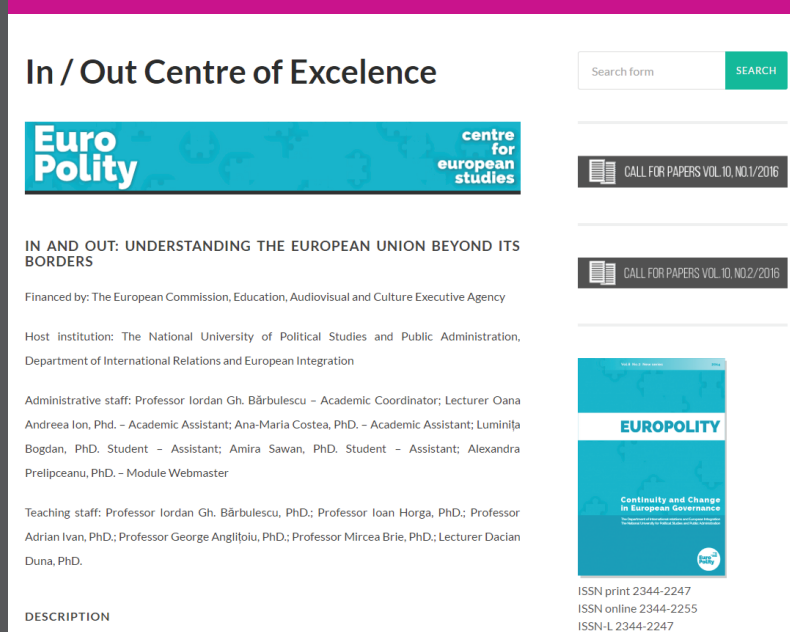
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SO FAR:

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, 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.

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Database

A database that provides information on the EU legislation regarding border management has been created. At the same time it gathers national legislation from the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Romania, but also international legislation on the specific aforementioned subject. Moreover, we put at your disposal reports, analyses and academic articles belonging to national and international experts regarding border management in the region.

The current database is being permanently updated.

This deliverable will gather the existing legislation regarding border management, frontiers and other related subjects to this matter, both at the European Union level and the target countries of the project, reports and academic articles.

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Legislation



International

- Border management [\[access document\]](#)
- UNCTAD Trust Fund for Trade Facilitation Negotiations I Border agency coordination [\[access document\]](#)

European

- Council Decision 2014/486/CFSP of 22 July 2014 on the European Union Advisory Mission for Civilian Security Sector Reform Ukraine (EUAM Ukraine) [\[access document\]](#)
- Association Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part [\[access document\]](#)
- Action plan on the Stockholm Programme [\[access document\]](#)

National/ target countries of the project

Romania

- Ordonanta de urgenta nr. 105 din 27 Iunie 2001, privind frontiera de stat a Romaniei [\[access document\]](#)
- Strategia nationala de management integrat al frontierei de stat a Romaniei in perioada 2007 – 2010 [\[access document\]](#)
- Sistemul integrat pentru securizarea frontierei [\[access document\]](#)

Republic of Moldova

- Lege Nr. 215 din 04.11.2011 cu privire la frontiera de stat a Republicii Moldova [\[access document\]](#)
- Strategia națională de management integrat al frontierei de stat pentru perioada 2014 – 2017, „Compatibilitate, interoperabilitate, Integritate” [\[access document\]](#)

Tratate:

- Tratatul de la Lisabona [\[access document\]](#)

Debate: Romanian border in the actual geopolitical context

On 25th of May 2016 took place the roundtable entitled "Romanian border in the actual geopolitical context".

The present activity created the opportunity of debates between academia, officials and civil society representatives on the key issues regarding the border management risks and Romania's challenges as a border state of the EU.

At the event participated representatives of the Prefecture, Galati City Hall, Cross border Association for Lower Danube Euro region Galati, representatives of Regional Customs ANAF, border police, frontier workers and border commissioners and police officers belonging to Romania and the Republic of Moldova structures.



Courses in Romania, Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova

Between February and April 2016 were delivered all the seven course supports necessary for teaching activity that took place in June. This didactic material served as a theoretical common basis for the target group and it contained all the key concepts and information that were presented during the lectures. Regarding the thematic approached in the courses, it targets the following:

1. *The architecture of the European Union: institutions and decisional process*
2. *The policies of the European Union*
3. *The European Union's Foreign Affairs and Security Policy*
4. *The evaluation of cross-border cooperation*
5. *The identity of national minorities and new forms of a frontier in the European area*
6. *"Horizon 2020": Eastern Europe*
7. *Geopolitics of Central and Eastern Europe*

The six teachers, representatives of the three universities involved in the project have hold training courses on border management for the frontier workers. The teaching activity took place through seven courses which combined elements of traditional lecturing with interactive approaches, involving participants in debating EU border management aspects. The main beneficiaries of these courses were representatives of the following institutions: National College of Border Police, Ministry of Interior Affairs (Republic of Moldova), Border Police Department, The General Directorate for Human Resources within the Ministry, Customs Service (Republic of Moldova), Contact Center for Romania and Republic of Moldova (Galati), Galati Border Customs Office, Galati Regional Customs Directorate, etc..Vamală Galați, etc..



THE WAY AHEAD:

Academic article on EU border management

The present academic publication will result from the research activities of this project such as study visits, conferences, and roundtable. This deliverable will help familiarizing the target group with issues regarding public policy and programs evaluation with focus on cross border cooperation and its impact on improving governance.

Update of the course supports

Between December 2016 and January 2017 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 identified by the teachers in the first session of courses.

International Conference on 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 will organize the international conference entitled "Border management: risks and challenges for Romania, Ukraine and Republic of Moldova", in May 2017, at our centre in Bucharest, Expozitiei Boulevard, no. 30 A.

This conference takes place within the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence "In and Out: Understanding the European Union beyond its Borders", that aims to develop border management trainings for frontier workers from Romania, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, in order to improve the management of the eastern border of the EU.

For other details and questions about the event, please contact us through email at the address: contact@europolity.eu.