



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 Chisinau and Chernivtsi 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.

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 ANGIȚOIU, 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:

I. International Conference "EU border management in Romania, Ukraine and Republic of Moldova"

The Department of International Relations and European Integration from the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA) has organised on Thursday, 10.12.2015, starting from 12.30, room 804, at SNSPA's headquarters, in 30A Expozitiei Street, the international conference "EU border management in Romania, Ukraine and Republic of Moldova". The event marked the launching of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence "In and Out: Understanding the European Union beyond its Borders".

Participants:

- Prof. Iordan Gheorghe BĂRBULESCU, PhD, Dean of the Department of International Relations and European Integration;
- Viorel CIBOTARU, Former minister of Defence, Republic of Moldova;
- Iurie GOTIŞAN, Associated expert IDIS "Viitorul", Republic of Moldova;
- Nadiia BUREIKO, PhD. Expert, NGO "Quadrivium", Ukraine
- Prof. Anatoliy KRUGLASHOV, PhD (video intervention), Chernivtsi Jury Fedkovych National University;
- Viorel TOMESCU, PhD., Minister plenipotentiary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romania;
- Chief Commissioner Valentin NICULESCU, Ministry of Interior Affairs, Romania;
- University Professor George ANGLIŢOIU, PhD., Department of International Relations and European Integration;
- Prof. Univ. Dr. Ioan HORGA, University of Oradea.



The conference has gathered researchers, teachers, and students, representatives of the diplomatic corps civil society representatives, public administrators, and experts from Romania, Ukraine and Republic of Moldova. It had represented a good occasion in order to stimulate the dialogue regarding border management, in the context of recent regional instability that exerts pressure on eastern borders of the European Union.



II. 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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III. Space for dialogue for border management

The Facebook page represents an important instrument for spreading the information regarding the project's activities and events, the call for participants and other useful information for those interested in the subject. The Facebook page serves also as dialogue space between participants, Centre's teachers, but also between the academic community and other social and professional categories. It aims to offer a permanent update of the project's activities, academic publications. It will also facilitate the ongoing dialogue between the teaching staff, participants, involved decision-makers and other interested parties.

<https://www.facebook.com/In.outcentreofexcellence2015>

IV. EU legislation and regional border management

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

<http://europolity.eu/database/>

V. Research- starting point for counteract solutions in managing the risks at the common borders

The research activities have been launched in September by the six teachers from the three universities that are involved in the project: the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, the University of Oradea and Babes Bolyai University.

Firstly, they will help elaborating the final documents that will serve as didactic material for the courses. Also they 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 at the common neighbouring borders.

The impact of the research will be continuously evaluated through a SWOT analysis.

THE WAY AHEAD

Chisinau and Chernivtsi

In March 2016, the first study visit of the project will take place in Chisinau and Chernivtsi, in order to evaluate the actual situation regarding border management in Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova. The visit aims to identify the gaps and the needs of the border management systems in those two countries targeted by the project.

Debate: Romanian border in the actual geopolitical context

In April 2016, the first roundtable entitled "Romanian border in the actual geopolitical context" will take place. This event will create 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.

Courses in Romania, Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova

In June 2016, the six teachers belonging to the three universities that are involved in the project will hold training courses in border management for the frontier workers from Romania, Ukraine and the 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 management aspects