

WHAT FUTURE FOR THE CONCEPT OF BORDERLESS EUROPE?

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE PERSPECTIVES
OF BORDER POLICIES AND TERRITORIAL
COOPERATION IN AN AGE OF MULTIPLE CRISES



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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The LUPS-CESCO TEIN International Conference "What Future for the Concept of Borderless Europe?" takes place on 12-13 May 2025 at the Ludovika Campus in Budapest. The event provides a timely and unique opportunity to reflect on the transformation of European border policies and territorial cooperation in an era marked by overlapping and persistent crises.

Since the fall of the Iron Curtain and the adoption of the Maastricht Treaty, the European project seemed to be advancing steadily toward a borderless future. However, a succession of disruptive events – including migration flows, terrorist threats, Brexit, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the ongoing war in Ukraine – has called this trajectory into question. Borders have returned, often reinforced, prompting renewed debates about the essence and durability of European integration.

This conference brings together leading academics, practitioners, and policymakers to explore the evolving concept of borders in Europe and to discuss innovative approaches in cross-border governance. It aims to critically assess both the achievements and the limitations of cross-border cooperation, with key themes including migration, securitisation, the Schengen system, and the legal and practical responses to current and emerging challenges.

The conference is jointly organised by the Transfrontier Euro-Institut Network (TEIN) and the Research Group on Cross-Border Cooperation founded by the Ludovika University of Public Service (LUPS) and the Central European Service for Cross-border Initiatives (CESCI); and supported by the National Research Development and Innovation Office.



PLANNED AGENDA

12 May 2025

Welcome reception

18.00-19.00 Ludovika Campus Tour

19.00-20.00 Reception

13 May 2025

Plenary session:

Ludovika University of Public Service, Ludovika Main Building, Ceremonial Hall (Díszterem) (1082. Budapest, Ludovika tér 2., 1st floor)

9:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:15 Welcome speech

Gergely Deli, Rector, Ludovika University of Public Service, Hungary

10:15 – 11:45 Keynote speeches

Moderator: Helga K. Hallgrímsdóttir, University of Victoria, Canada

Christine Bradley, Chief of Section, Countering Terrorist Travel, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) Head of Office UNOCT Programme Office, Budapest: **Challenges & Opportunities for Border Security - International Cooperation in Efforts to Counter Terrorism**

Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, Professor & Jean Monnet Chair, School of Public Administration, University of Victoria, Canada: **Cooperation, Coordination, Collaboration and Security**

David Newman, Professor Emeritus, Department of Politics and Government, Ben-Gurion University, Israel: **Re-Closing the Open Borders and the Myth of the Borderless World**

Q&A

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch break – Community Hall (2nd floor)

13:00 – 14:30 Parallel sessions



Panel 1 – The border as a symbol and producer of identity

Ludovika University of Public Service, Ludovika Main Building, 2nd floor, Lőrincz Lajos Room 234

The aim of the panel is to discuss the role of administrative borders in creating identity and exclusive narratives; and the role of ethnic minorities and intercultural learning in overcoming the barriers generated by these narratives. The topic will be treated from historical, anthropological and sociological perspectives.

Moderator: Martín Guillermo-Ramírez, Association of European Border Regions, Germany

- **Birte Wassenberg**, University of Strasbourg, France: **European narratives and regional identity at the Franco-German border (Upper Rhine and Greater Region)**
- **Hynek Böhme**, University of Opole, Poland, Technical University of Liberec, Czechia and **Artur Boháč**, Technical University of Liberec, Czechia: **Employing mental mapping in studying cross-border togetherness – examples from Czech-Polish borderlands**
- **Jaume Feliu**, Universitat de Girona, Spain: **The limits of cultural identity for the Cooperation of the Catalan Cross-border Space**
- **Karolina Radłowska**, University of Białystok, Poland: **Borderland Museums in Poland: Narratives of Heritage, Identity, and Memory**
- **Andrea Ulhôa*** and **Maria Helena Araújo e Sá**, University of Aveiro, Portugal: **The Border as Curriculum: A cartography of in-service teacher training in the Luso-Hispanic borderlands**

* Speaker presenting the paper

Panel 2 – Functionality overwriting administrative division of space – a legal perspective

Ludovika University of Public Service, Ludovika Main Building, 2nd floor, Egyed István Room 226

The panel aims to analyse cross-border functional and living areas and their role in dismantling border barriers and diminishing the separating effects of the borders. The speakers will focus on functionality, governance and the legal frames facilitating cross-border integration.

Moderator: Beate Caesar, RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, Germany

- **Loth Van der Auwermeulen**, Universiteit Hasselt, Belgium and **Maarten Vidal**, Flanders Chancellery and Foreign Affairs, Belgium: **Creating a sustainable legal infrastructure to provide solutions for cross-border obstacles in today's European Union: debordering against the current?**
- **Michael Frey** and **Rahel Alia Müller**, University of Applied Sciences Kehl, Germany: **Towards a borderless Europe. Legal tools enabling a cross border cooperation without geographical borders**
- **Yaroslav Lazur** and **Yuliia Fetko**, Uzhhorod National University, Ukraine: **Adaptation of Ukrainian legislation to EU legislation regarding cross-border cooperation on the path of Ukraine's integration into the EU**



- **Hynek Böhm**, University of Opole Poland, Technical University of Liberec, Czechia and **Marie Cviková**, University of Ostrava, Czechia: **Provision of Emergency Services in European Borderlands: On the Way Towards Cross-border Functional Areas? Example from Czech-German Borderlands**
- **Mitja Durnik** and **Maša Lemajić**, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia: **Cross-Border Cooperation in Crisis Management of Natural Disasters: The Case of Floods and the Wildfire in Kras, Slovenia**

14:30 – 14:50 Coffee break - Community Hall (2nd floor)

14:50 – 16:20 Parallel sessions

Panel 3 – Towards cross-border citizenship

Ludovika University of Public Service, Ludovika Main Building, 2nd floor, Lőrincz Lajos Room 234

The panel aims to analyse social phenomena challenging the nation-state paradigm and national confines, namely cross-border mobility, multiple citizenships, cross-border social networks, and citizen engagement in cross-border developments.

Moderator: Anthony Soares, Centre for Cross Border Studies, Northern-Ireland, UK

- **Iban Larrandaburu**, Euro-Institut Pyrene, France: **Mobility and cross border citizenship in the Basque border space: a legal analysis**
- **Mariya Mendzhul** and **Yuliia Fetko**, Uzhhorod National University, Ukraine: **The impact of digitalization on cross-border cooperation and citizen engagement: on the example of cooperation within the framework of the “Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine” programs**
- **Hynek Böhm**, University of Opole, Poland, Technical University of Liberec, Czechia and **Karolina Czabanowska**, University of Opole, Poland: **Post-War Population Transfers and Their Legacy for Potential Cross-Border Citizenship: The Case of Czech-Polish Euroregions**
- **Thayse Figueira Guimarães***, Federal University of Grande Dourados, Brasil, University of Aveiro, Portugal and **Maria Helena Araújo e Sá**, University of Aveiro, Portugal: **The Bilingual and Intercultural Border Schools Project (PEBIF) as a Strategy for Linguistic Integration and Cross-Border Cooperation: An Example of an Educational Project Between Northern Portugal and Galicia**
- **Irina M. Cavaion**, Science and Research Center Koper, Slovenia: **Co-Crossing Borders with/through Neighbouring Languages Teaching and Learning: Collaborative Pathways for People, Schools, and Language Policy Development between Italy and Slovenia**

* Speaker presenting the paper



Panel 4 – Environmental awareness and sustainability - Climate-neutral solutions for law enforcement, military and public administration in cross-border international practice

Ludovika University of Public Service, Ludovika Main Building, 2nd floor, Eged István Room 226

The speakers of the panel will present and analyse solutions and instruments promoting law enforcement in an environmentally friendly manner.

Moderator: Orsolya Czenczer, Ludovika University of Public Service, Hungary

- **Ioana Curt**, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania: **Environmental awareness and sustainability in Romanian prisons.**
- **Bryndís Jónsdóttir**, Prison and Probation Administration of Iceland, Iceland: **Borders Behind Bars: Immigration, Incarceration, and Institutional Trust in Iceland**
- **Adriana Oliwia Drózdź**, University of Siedlce, Poland: **Green Rehabilitation Behind Bars: How Polish Prisons Are Embracing Environmental Initiatives**
- **Francesca Torlone***, University of Florence, Italy and **Stefania Basilisco**, University of Macerata, Italy: **The induction process to prevent suicides and self-harm of inmates and related *learning consequences***
- **Joseph Giormaina**, University of Malta, Correctional Services Agency, Malta: **Goals for Change: The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as a Framework for Prison Reform and Persons' Well-being**
- **Christopher Siegersma**, Correctional Services Agency, Malta: **Persons in Prison, Rights in Practice: Ensuring Health and Well-being within Malta's Prison System through Sustainable Development Goal 3**

* Speaker presenting the paper

16:20 – 16:45 Coffee break - Community Hall (2nd floor)

16:45 – 18:15 Parallel sessions

Panel 5 – Re-charging Borderless Europe: EU policies and local examples

Ludovika University of Public Service, Ludovika Main Building, 2nd floor, Lőrincz Lajos Room 234

In this panel, the focus will be given to EU policies and local initiatives challenging re-bordering phenomena and facilitating cross-border integration in its physical, governance and legal aspects.

Moderator: Fabienne Leloup, UCLouvain / IFD, Belgium

- **Anne Thevenet**, Euro-Institut Kehl, Germany: **Cross-border expert groups: an informal governance tool to facilitate cross-border integration?**
- **Myroslava Lendel**, Uzhhorod National University, Ukraine: **EU policies' impact on cross-border cooperation's institutional frameworks in the Zakarpattia region (Ukraine)**



- **Joanna Kurowska-Pysz**, WSB University, Poland: **The EGTC Polish-Lithuanian Cross-Border Functional Area as a driver of cross-border relations in the shadow of military tensions surrounding the Suwalki Gap**
- **Jean-François Clouzet***, Institut d'Étude des Crises de l'Intelligence Économique et Stratégique, France - **Tamara Espiñeira – Guirao**, Galician Institute of International Analysis and Documentation, Spain: **Navigating the Multidimensional Space of EU Multilevel Governance: A Sociological Exploration of Local Governments' Strategic Engagement with EU Policy Instruments**
- **Pim Mertens and Martin Unfried***, ITEM Maastricht University, The Netherlands: **Horizontal instruments for EU cross-border regions: a critical review**

* Speaker presenting the paper

Panel 6 – Counter-terrorism and borders

Ludovika University of Public Service, Ludovika Main Building, 2nd floor, Eged István Room 226

The panel's topic is the most recent phenomena of international terrorism, its contemporary formats, the role of international cooperation in combatting terrorism and the impact on border regimes and the Schengen area.

Moderator: Dániel Rémai, Ludovika University of Public Service, Hungary

- **Anželika Banevičienė**, Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania: **Secret Detention and Rendition of Terrorist Suspects in ECHR Case Practice**
- **Dorota Niewiarowska**, Police Academy in Szczytno, Poland: **Special solutions in criminal law and criminal procedural law to combat terrorist crimes**
- **Krunoslav Antoliš**, University of Applied Sciences in Criminal Investigation, Public Security Police Academy "First Croatian Police Officer" Ministry of Internal Affairs Zagreb, Republic of Croatia: **Current and Future Challenges of Terrorism**
- **Violeta Vasiliauskienė**, Public Security Academy, Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania: **Foreign Fighters: Dual Nature and Response**
- **Paulo Vaz**, CEPOL CT Training Officer, Portugal: **Building Resilience Through Training, Cooperation and Global Partnerships**

18.15. Closing remarks

Eduardo José Rocha Medeiros, University Institute of Lisbon, Portugal

20.00-22.00 Gala Dinner



14 May 2025

Open University Lecture

Ludovika University of Public Service, Ludovika Main Building, Ceremonial Hall (Díszterem) (1082. Budapest, Ludovika tér 2., 1st floor)

9.00-9.30 Registration

9.30-10.30

Welcome speech: Péter Krisztián Zachar, Vice-Dean for International Affairs, Faculty of Public Governance and International Studies, Ludovika University of Public Service, Hungary

Open University Lecture: Eduardo José Rocha Medeiros, University Institute of Lisbon, Portugal: **Past, present and future perspectives of European Territorial Cooperation**

10.30-11.00 – Coffee break - Community Hall (2nd floor)

11.00-13.00. PhD Session

Ludovika University of Public Service, Ludovika Main Building, 2nd floor, Lőrincz Lajos Room 234

Moderator: Edit Soós, LUPS-CESCO Research Group on CBC, University of Szeged, Hungary

Keynote presentation: Susanne Sivonen, ITEM, Maastricht University, The Netherlands:
Inhabitants of border regions: bridging legal gaps on geographical proximity on reimbursement of cross-border healthcare costs

Part 1 – Research on the future perspectives of a borderless Europe - EU Cohesion and border security

- **Kristóf Nagy**, University of Public Service, Hungary: **Reimagining Borders: The Future of EU Cohesion Policy and Cross-Border Cooperation in the Context of Hungary's 2024 Presidency**
- **Barnabás Cseh**, University of Public Service, Hungary: **The concept of “cross-border region” in the amended SBC and cohesion policy**
- **János Gyula Pulics**, Ludovika University of Public Service, Hungary: **Issues related to the security of the external borders of the European Union (Schengen)**
- **Cemre Erdal-Vigh**, University of Szeged, Hungary: **Migration Policy of Hungary in the Context of EU Migration Policies Through the Eyes of Small State Theory**
- **Aadi Rajesh**, Ludovika University of Public Service, Hungary: **Migratory pressure due to Legal and Illegal Migration due to climate change**

Part 2 – Research on the perspectives of securitisation and CBC in an age of multiple crises

- **Balázs Szilágyi**, Ludovika University of Public Service, Hungary: **Constraints of a Three Seas Electricity Region**



- **Ali Kılıçarslan Topuz**, Ludovika University of Public Service, Hungary: **Energy Cooperation Between Hungary and the Organization of Turkic States**
- **Peter Igesha**, Ludovika University of Public Service, Hungary: **Assessing the Role of Interagency Collaboration in Enhancing Border Security and Reducing Illicit Trade at Kenya's One-Stop Border Posts (OSBPs)**
- **Omuria J. Nyandoro**, Ludovika University of Public Service, Hungary: **Exploring the Impact of Kenya's Peace and Diplomacy Policy on Its Border Security and Control Measures**

11.00-13.00 Strategic workshop of TEIN on training and research (part 1) – TEIN Members only

Ludovika University of Public Service, Ludovika Main Building, St. Ladislaus Chapel

Organisers: Anne Thevenet, Fabienne Schimek, TEIN

Participants:

- Caesar, Beate, RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, Germany
- Clouzet, Jean-François, Institut d'Étude des Crises de l'Intelligence Économique et Stratégique, France
- Durnik, Mitja, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Fejes, Zsuzsanna, LUPS-CESCO Research Group on CBC, Hungary
- Feliu, Jaume, University of Girona, Spain
- Fetko, Yuliia, Uzhhorod National University, Ukraine
- Guillermo-Ramírez, Martin, Association of European Border Regions
- Kurowska-Pysz, Joanna, WSB University, Poland
- Larrandaburu, Iban, Euro-Institut Pyrene, France
- Leloup, Fabienne, UCLouvain / IFD, Belgium
- Lendel, Myroslava, Uzhhorod National University, Ukraine
- Mendzhul, Marija, Uzhhorod National University, Ukraine
- Ocskay, Gyula, LUPS-CESCO Research Group on CBC, Hungary
- Rakar, Iztok, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Soares, Anthony, Centre for Cross Border Studies, Northern-Ireland, UK
- Unfried, Martin, ITEM Maastricht University, The Netherlands
- Wassenberg, Birte, University of Strasbourg, France
- Zili, Anna, University of Udine, Italy

13.00-14.00 Lunch - Community Hall (2nd floor)

14.00-15.30 Strategic workshop of TEIN on training and research (part 2) – TEIN Members only

Ludovika University of Public Service, Ludovika Main Building, St. Ladislaus Chapel

15.30-16.00 Coffee break - Community Hall (2nd floor)

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