



INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLE

“Eastern EU Borders in time of Pandemic

Consolidating the academic-civil society-policy-making triangle”

27-28th May 2021, University of Oradea, Oradea, Romania

GENERAL PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 26 of May, 2021

18.00, Romanian participants arrival and accommodation, *Continental Hotel*

19.00, Dinner, *Continental Hotel*

Thursday, 27 of May, 2021– *Continental Hotel*

10.00 -10.30, Official opening

10.30-13.00, Plenary session – online ZOOM meeting

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Meeting ID: 853 9130 0033, Passcode: 446024, Bucharest Time)

13.00-14.30, Lunch

15.00-17.30, Workshop – onsite meeting

19.30, Dinner

Friday, 28 of May, 2021 - *Continental Hotel*

10.00 – 12.30, Workshop

12.30-13.30, Conclusions

14.00, Lunch

16.00, Participant’s departure





DETAILED PROGRAMME

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Accommodation – Continental Hotel

19.00, Dinner, Continental Hotel

Thursday, 27 of May, 2021 - Continental Hotel

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Professor **Gabriel MOISA**, PhD., Dean of the Faculty of History, International Relations, Political Science and Communication Sciences

Alina Maria BALAJ, the President of the Bihor County Council Cabinet

Professor **Gabriela PASCARIU**, PhD., "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași, ENACTED Project Coordinator

Professor **Ioan HORGA**, PhD., University of Oradea, ENACTED Team manager

Lecturer **Florentina CHIRODEA**, PhD., Director of International Relations and European Studies Department

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Ewelina SZCZECH-PIETKIEWICZ, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland, **Concept of proximity: changes caused by isolation**

Khrystyna PRYTULA, Institute of Regional Researches named after M.I. Dolishniy of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Ukraine, **Competitive advantages of Ukrainian border regions under the conditions of European Integration processes**

Klára CZIMRE, University of Debrecen, Hungary, **Constantin-Vasile ȚOCA**, University of Oradea, Romania, **Florentina CHIRODEA**, University of Oradea, Romania, **Challenges creating opportunities: responsive cross-border regions**

Anna MAKSYMENKO, Institute of Regional Researches named after M.I. Dolishniy of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Ukraine, **Opportunities for Ukrainian garment industry development in Covid-19 crisis**

Debates

13.00-14.30, Lunch – Continental Hotel





15.00-17.30, Workshop – onsite meeting

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Marcela ŞLUSARCIUC, ”Ştefancel Mare” University, Suceava, Romania, **Cross-border projects – labs for new cooperation tools. Case of Romania -Ukraine border**

Luminița ŞOPRONI, University of Oradea, Romania, **Romania facing the challenges of European integration and globalization**

Alina STOICA, University of Oradea, **Aspects of the role of religion on the international arena**

Edina Lilla MESZAROS, University of Oradea, **The impact of the global pandemic on the EU’s borders and on the principle of free movement**

Mariana BOCOI, Phd Student, ”Babes-Bolyai” University, Cluj-Napoca, **The Foreign Investment at the Romanian-Hungarian Border during the Pandemic Time. Case Study – Bihor County**

Debates

19.30, Dinner

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10.00 – 12.30, Workshop - onsite meeting

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Ioan HORGA, University of Oradea, Romania, **Eastern European Border as Resource and Asymmetric Integration Tool**

Gabriela PASCARIU, ”A.I. Cuza” University of Iași, Romania, **Loredana SIMIONOV**, ”A.I. Cuza” University of Iași, Romania, **Lucia CIUBOTARU**, ”A. I. Cuza” University of Iași, Romania, **Comparative study on the societal perceptions in Ukraine and Republic of Moldova regarding ‘EU as a transformative power in its eastern neighbourhood**

Carina BRÂNZILĂ, ”A.I. Cuza” University of Iași, Romania, **Gabriela PASCARIU**, ”A.I. Cuza” University of Iași, Romania, **Pandemic and conspiracy, a new cleavage between citizens, a new border in human relations**

Mirela MARCUT, University of Oradea, **New challenges, old concepts. The EU's pursuit of digital sovereignty in the pandemic age**

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**EUROPEAN UNION and its NEIGHBOURHOOD. NETWORK for ENHANCING
EU'S ACTORNESS in the EASTERN BORDERLANDS
ENACTED Jean Monnet Network | ERASMUS+ Project 2017-2625 | 2017 – 2020**

ENACTED associates research, teaching, debate and dissemination activities in the area of European Studies, in the framework of a network of 12 partners (8 universities and 4 NGOs) from 6 countries (Romania, Hungary, Poland, Belarus, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine).

The general aim of the project is the consolidation and promotion of excellence in research and teaching of European Studies, particularly with regards to the topic of the EU actorness, by integrating partners of the network, as well as increasing their role in the society, through the following specific objectives: 1. the creation of a favourable context (multinational and pluri-disciplinary) for strengthening the cooperation between universities and NGOs in the study of the role of the EU actorness in the eastern border regions; 2. the better understanding of the specific realities that the societies of the countries located on both sides of the EU's eastern border are confronted with; 3. the promotion of excellence in teaching and research at the network level and the increase of visibility and relevance of the resources and the results of the partners at local, regional and national levels by providing new research directions and novel research methods, up-to-date didactic competences, increased normative relevance of academic research, new practices for cooperation, enhanced transfer of knowledge between the partners of the network in particular towards the institutions with limited experience and/or understanding in the field of European Studies, chiefly with respect to relevance of the EU's actorness in the eastern neighbourhood of the EU; 4. the formation and the development of competences for the young academics, through knowledge transfer to the new generation of academics; 5. the stronger role of universities in fostering dialogue and partnership with civil society by integrating in the network NGOs, by organising training programmes, debates on topics relevant to the study of the EU's eastern neighbourhood regions and by a wider dissemination of the results of the project; 6. the increased cooperation between universities and policy-makers/professionals dealing with EU-related matters by providing trainings, joint events, publication and dissemination of the research results; 7. strengthening the European dimension of the academic offer available within the network, increasing the attractiveness of European Studies as a field of research and study and a wider dissemination of knowledge about the EU's actorness in its Eastern neighbourhood to the younger generations by producing new courses and programmes.

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The borders have acquired new roles and functions, contributing to the emergence of new forms of cooperation and partnerships that respond to the need to generate opportunities for the development and increasing of the competitiveness of regions and states in the present international interconnected landscape. The role and functions of borders have continually changed, under the influence of several factors: the economic orientation that governed international relations, the interests of the actors of the world economy, especially of the strong ones, the inability of states to exercise their role of stabilizing and maintaining economic and trade policies in the face of pressures exerted by supranational or multinational corporations, or the need for states and regions to integrate into the global system to access resources to achieve development and growth. In the last year, a new challenge has been added, generated by the global pandemic, which greatly influences and modifies the modalities and forms of regional or international cooperation.

The European identity, with its complex system of norms and values, ensures regional cohesion, but at the same time determines the fragility of the links between its members and the functional imbalances. However, the ensemble of the European principles and policies express the idea that the frontiers of Europe, whether internal or external, are limits of cooperation rather than of separation, being open borders, with important implications for the nature of the EU as a socio-political community.

The definition and analysis of EU frontiers are based on a complex and multidisciplinary approach, given that frontiers influence economic development, security, freedom and justice in the European space and integrate aspects tied to European diversity, intercultural dialogue, deepening or enlargement processes.

In this context, the workshops seek to evaluate the role of the academic-civil society-policy-making triangle in redefining the European borderland formulating new strategies and ways of cooperation to solve the problems created by the pandemic crisis in all areas: political, social, economic and cultural.

Some of the key issues to be addressed include:

- Borders and Security in Time of Pandemic
- Borders of isolation
- Isolation: a new rebordering or another type of debordering?
- Isolation: resurrected or dying borders? (If we are still in isolation, what is the point of borders? Are borders still useful if/as long as the world stands still?)
- Europe and the world: united in isolation (The borders genuinely reappeared or rather disappeared, because they were no longer needed? Isolation brought the world together through technology and the effects of the pandemic, which were felt equally)
- European Union and its member states in time of pandemic
- Rebordered states, debordered people: the use of technology in time of pandemics
- Migrants in time of pandemic: the borders of home (migrants in the hosting states migrants rejected by their origin states)
- Pandemic and conspiracy: a new cleavage between citizens, a new border in human relations?

