CESCI Capacity Building programmes, LAP for CBC in Serbia

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Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives Balkans CESCI Balkans
• Think-and-do-tank of cross-border cooperation
• Mission: to reduce the separating effects of the borders
• Target area: Central EU and the Balkans, Danube Region
• Fields of activity:

- Strategic planning and programming
- Mediation between different levels
- Research in border studies
- Institution and project development
Introduction – Border areas in the Danube Region

Border areas of the Danube Region

- Capital city
- Population, 2011:
  - 200,000 <
  - 50,000 - 200,000
  - 20,000 - 50,000

Own editing.
1. Stakeholder workshops

2. Sectoral interviews

3. European outlook

4. Legislation review

5. Set of recommendations

6. Final report

Identification of obstacles

Exploration of background of obstacles

Making of recommendations

Summarization

- 10 stakeholder workshops: 57 obstacles
- 52 European good examples (EDEN, MOT, AEBR)
- 68 interviews in total
- Analysis of nearly 250 legislations
- 41 concrete policy or legal recommendations

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Legal accessibility 2.0

- Cross-border movement of ambulance cars
- Cross-border trade of local products
- **Legal harmonization in Serbia**
- Integration of information facilitating border-crossing life

Legal accessibility 3.0

- Cross-border movement of ambulance cars – with the neighbours
- Cross-border health care service provision
- Study on daily experiences of EGTCs (new Cohesion Policy package)

Legal accessibility V4

- 3 level legal accessibility mechanism: interministerial working group, bilateral joint committees, V4 platform
MAIN OUTPUTS:


• International **conference** on the ECG/EGTC in Serbia;

• Elaboration of a **legislative proposal** for applicability of the Regulation in Serbia;

• **Consultation** with the competent Serbian authorities on the implementing legislation
Legal Harmonization in Serbia

Madrid Outline Convention and the Additional Protocols
Serbia and the neighboring countries

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EUSDR and EUSAIR Youth for cross-border partnership and cohesion

**Overall objective:** to strengthen the cohesion of the two macro-regions through easing border permeability and mutual understanding of the nations – with a special focus on next generations.

**Main outputs:**

- Macro-regional on-line platform for CBC
- CBC tool-kit
- Improving youth involvement in CBC (Youth Leadership Forum)

Danube Strategic Project Fund (DSPF)
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOR CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION IN SERBIA

- Trilateral border of Serbia, Croatia and Hungary
- Stage 1 – 12-14 September 2018 (Sombor)
- Stage 2 – 14-16 November 2018

Croatia:
Osijek, Vinkovci, Beli Manastir, Erdut, Valpovo, Belišće

Hungary:
Mohács, Baja, Kiskunhalas, Bács-kiskun county, Kecskemét

Serbia:
Sombor, Apatin, Kanjiza, Odžaci, Bačka Palanka, Bačka Topola, Sremska Mitrovica
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOR CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION IN SERBIA

Objective/Focus:

- To increase participants’ leadership skills in a CBC process perspective
- To support participants in choosing, designing and establishing a “formal” CBC structure across borders
- To increase organisations/institutions leadership skills

Output

- Plan of Action for the establishment of a CBC governance structure.
The complexity of obstacles to cross-border cooperation

- **Competitiveness**: Exploitation of territorial capital
- **Integrated cross-border spatial planning**
- **Cross-border (multi-level) governance**

**Barriers**
- Hindered by the mentally and physically separating effect of border
- Cohesion based territorial planning & development methodology
- Lack of harmonized data
- Cross-border territorial observation (statistics)
- Need for cross-border territorial governance
- ECG, EGTC
- Lack of human capacity
- Training of cross-border managers
- Legal/administrative obstacles

**Frameworks**
- Cross-Border Review / European Cross-Border Convention / Legal Accessibility
1) The more intensive the cooperation is the more obstacles you face.

2) The national authorities have a lots of problems with national legislations. They need cross-border legal harmonisation like a hole in the head. However, they are not inconvincible! ☺

3) One-sided solutions do not exist. You do need your neighbours.

4) Sometimes, you cannot move without an EU level intervention.

5) Very often, there are no obstacles but lack of information, knowledge, capacities and inertia of the routine.

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Thank you for your kind attention!

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