

Introduction – About Cesci and its network

- 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

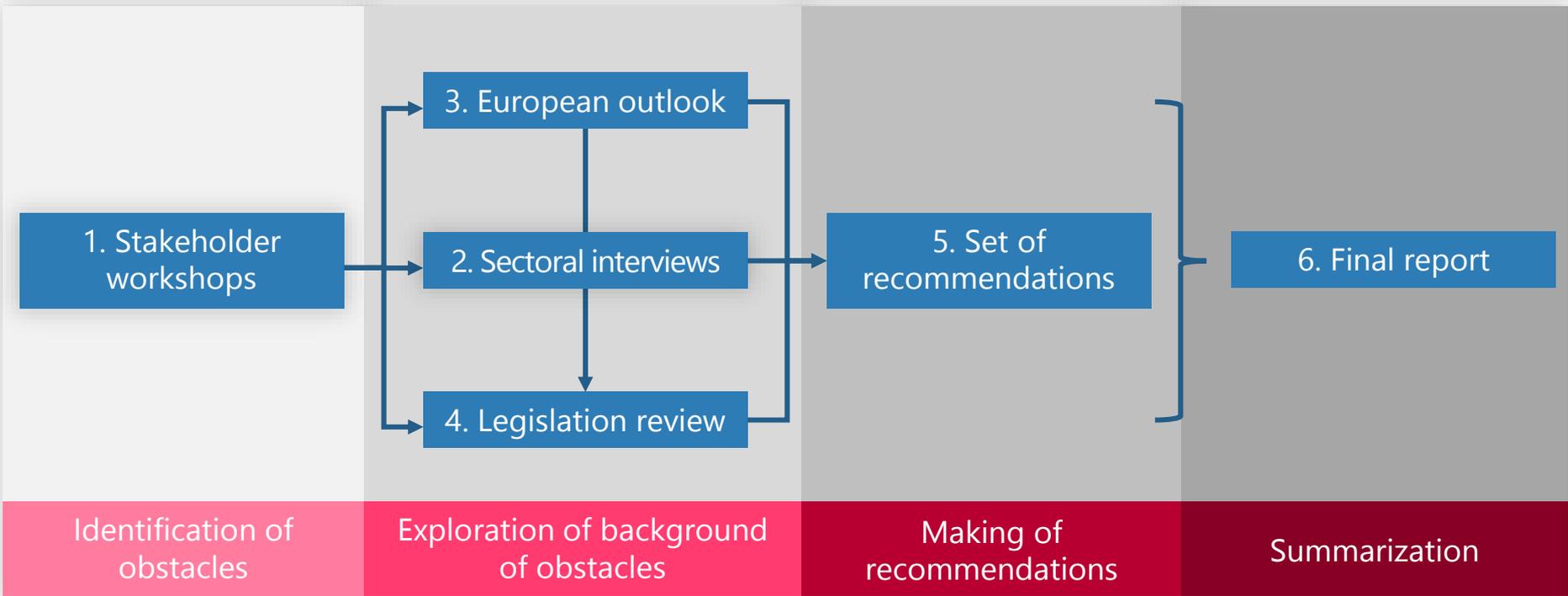
Research in
border studies

Institution and
project
development





Legal Accessibility 1.0



- 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

<http://legalaccess.cesci-net.eu>

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:

- Exploratory **study** about the Serbian legislation ratifying the Madrid Convention;
http://legalaccess.cesci-net.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/JOGa2_1a_EGTC_CESCI.pdf
- 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





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

	Convention	First Protocol	Second Protocol	Third Protocol
Albania	✓	✓	✓	-
Bosnia & Herzegovina	✓	✓	✓	-
Bulgaria	✓	✓	✓	-
Croatia	✓	-	-	-
Hungary	✓	-	-	-
Montenegro	✓	✓	✓	-
Romania	✓	✓	✓	-
Serbia	✓	-	-	-
Slovenia	✓	✓	✓	✓



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)

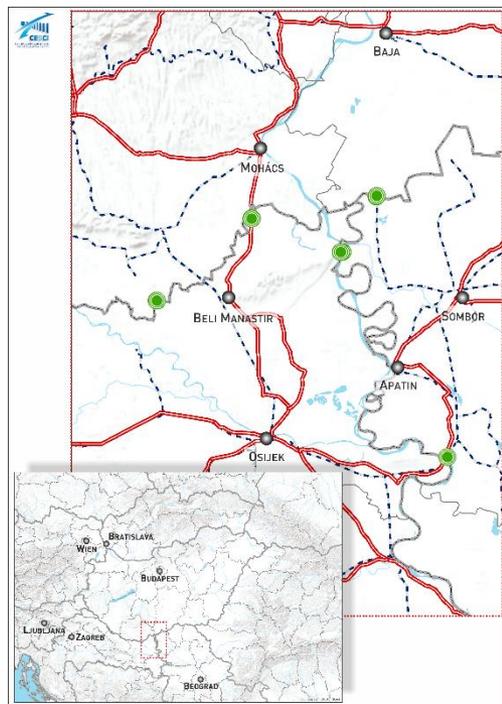


City of Vienna





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**

Hindered by the mentally and physically separating effect of border

Cohesion based territorial planning & development methodology

Lack of harmonized data

Integrated cross-border spatial planning

Cross-border territorial observation (statistics)

Need for cross-border territorial governance

ECG, EGTC

Cross-border (multi-level) governance

Lack of human capacity

Training of cross-border managers

Legal /administrative obstacles

Cross-Border Review / European Cross-Border Convention / Legal Accessibility

barriers

solutions

frameworks

- 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.

*Legal Accessibility Initiative

