



TRANS-BORDER DIALOGUES II.

Enhancing development of cross-border area between EU and Ukraine with regard to regional development, investment and developing of social capital in CBC region

(Sharing experience between Slovakia-Ukraine-Germany-Hungary-Poland)

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Organizer: SFPA Prešov

Partners: FES Bratislava & Prague

Venue: Evangelical College, Hlavná 137, Prešov, Slovakia

<u>Aim:</u> Main aim of international conference is to discuss possibilities for enhancement of joint cross-border cooperation (CBC) between regions that are sharing Eastern EU Schengen border with Ukraine. Discussion to be held within a conference should focus on external and internal factors to be challenged for enhancing the CBC with Ukraine and for sustainable development of the EU/Ukraine's CBC area that is currently one of poorest regions in the Europe. Discussants should address the possible ways how to overcome main challenges of regional, economic and social development of the CBC area neighbouring with Zakarpatya and Lviv (UA) regions.

<u>Target Group:</u> The local administrations, businesses and trade unions, regional development actors, CBC actors, policy makers from Slovakia, Ukraine, Poland, Hungary and Germany.

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Programme

9:00 - 9:10 **Welcome speech**

Mr. Vladimír Benč, Director, SFPA Prešov

Mr. Michael Petráš, Research Assistant, FES Bratislava

9:10 - 9:30 **Opening speech**

Mrs. Oľga Benč, Consul General of Ukraine in Prešov

Mr. František Barnáš, Director of the Regional Development

Department of the Presov Self-governing Region





9:30 - 11:30

1st panel: Exogenous factors influencing cross-border cooperation between EU and Ukraine (political, security, economic)

Mr. Juraj Marušiak, Researcher, The Institute of Political Science of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava

Mr. Kai-Olaf Lang, Researcher at the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin

Mrs. Myroslava Lendel, Director of the Research Institute of Central Europe, Uzhgorod National University, Uzhgorod

Dr. Michael Dauderstädt, Expert, FES Bonn

Mr. Ladislav Chabreček, Director, Border and Aliens Police, Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava

Mr. Juraj Beskid, Expert, Institute of security and defence studies, Bratislava

Discussion

11:30 - 12:00

Refreshment

12:00 - 14:00

2nd panel: Endogenous factors for development of CBC area: regional development, business environment, trade, R&D ...

Mr. Atle Staalesen, Adviser, Barents Secretariat, Kirkenes

Mr. Peter Ťapák, Expert, Regional Development Department of the Kosice Self-governing Region, Košice

Mrs. Svitlana Mytryayeva, Director, National Institute of Strategic Studies of Ukraine, Uzhgorod

Mrs. Majorné Brigitta László, Expert, EUROCLIP, NyíregyházaMrs. Anna Kolomycew, Researcher, Faculty of Sociology and

History, University of Rzeszow, Rzeszow

Mr. Jozef Jurčišin, Project manager, Carpathian Euroregion, Rzeszow

Discussion

14:00 - 15:00

Late Lunch

15:00 - 16:30

3rd panel: Strategies and initiatives for overcoming social, economic and other obstacles for enriching CBC

Mr. Adam Kamenský, Programme Manager, ENI CBC HU-RO-SK-UA, Budapest (not confirmed)

Ms. Katarína Minárová, Director, Carpathian Foundation Slovakia, Košice

Mrs. Nataliya Nosa, Expert, Slovak-Ukrainian Cross-Border Cooperation Center "Carpathians", Uzhgorod

Mr. Oleh Luksha, Director, International Institute of Man and Globalism "Noosfera", Uzhgorod

Discussion

16:30 - 16:45

Conclusions

Vladimír Benč, Director, SFPA Prešov