



## Challenges and perspectives of cross-border cooperation in the context of the implementation of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement

International conference

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Aim	The main aim of the conference is to discuss findings of current research aimed at identifying opportunities and barriers to the development of cross-border cooperation (CBC) at the EU-Ukrainian border arising from the impact of EU policies and its relations with Ukraine, including the impact of the Association Agreement (AA), governmental policies and relations between Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Ukraine. The scope of interest includes the capacities of regional and local CBC actors and their ability to utilize existing and anticipated opportunities, as well as the impact of CBC on development of border regions and regional societies. The practical aim is to formulate policy considerations relevant for further development of CBC, applicable in practice to the actors of cross-border cooperation at the regional, national and transnational (EU) levels.
<b>Agenda</b>	
8:45-9:00	<b>Online registration of participants</b>
9:00-9:15	<b>Welcome and introductory remarks</b> <b>Irina Dudinská</b> , Associate Professor and Director, IPOL



- 9:15-10:45     **Panel I. The impact of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement on CBC at the Schengen border**
- Chair            **Alexander Duleba**, Professor, IPOL
- Speakers       **James W. Scott**, Professor, Karelian Institute, University of Eastern Finland
- Hynek Böhm**, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, Technical University of Liberec
- Alevtyna Sanchenko**, Ph.D. in Law and Leading Researcher of the V. Mamutov Institute of Economic and Legal Research of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
- Anastasiia Tokunova**, Ph.D. in Law, expert of the Centre for Advanced Studies and Cooperation on Human Rights in Economics, Senior Research Officer of the V. Mamutov Institute of Economic and Legal Research of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
- Myroslava Lendel**, Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Uzhhorod National University
- Q&A
- 10:45-11:00     Coffee break
- 11:00-12:30     **Panel II. The impact of CBC on development of border regions and regional societies**
- Chair            **Martin Lačný**, Assistant Professor, IPOL
- Speakers       **Gyula Ocskay**, Secretary General, Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives
- Bianca Mitrică**, Senior Researcher at Institute of Geography, Romanian Academy, Head of Human Geography and Regional Development Department
- Jerzy Bański**, Head of Department of Rural Geography and Local Development, Polish Academy of Sciences
- Wojciech Gizicki**, Associate Professor, Institute of Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences, The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin
- Q&A
- 12:30-12:45     **Concluding remarks**
- Alexander Duleba**, Professor, IPOL
- Martin Lačný**, Assistant Professor, IPOL

Papers presented at the conference will be published in a special proceedings issue of the peer-reviewed scientific journal *Annales Scientia Politica*, guest edited by professor James W. Scott.