



JEAN MONNET NETWORK FRONTEM

*The Northern Ireland-Ireland border
region: Policies and practices*

Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th March 2022



The Centre for
Cross Border Studies



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PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 13 MARCH

Arrival of participants

MONDAY 14 MARCH - RESEARCH SEMINAR

Canada Room, Queen's University Belfast

09:30 Coffee

10:00 Welcome to Queen's University Belfast

10:05 Overview of FRONTEM: Prof Birte Wassenberg,
University of Strasbourg

10:15 Plenary address: Prof Katy Hayward, *Queen's University Belfast*

10:45 Discussion

11:15 Coffee break

11:30 Session on policies of (cross) border management on the island of Ireland:

- Dr Billy Melo Araújo, *Queen's University Belfast*
- Prof Deidre Heenan, *Ulster University*
- Dr Jonathan Evershed, *University College Dublin*

12:30 Discussion

13:00 Lunch

14:15 Plenary address: Mark Hanniffy and Tim Losty, *Joint Secretaries, North South Ministerial Council*

14:45 Discussion

15:15 Coffee break

15:30 Session on practices of cross-border mobility:

- Dr Milena Komarova, *Queen's University Belfast*
- Prof Jennifer Todd, *University College Dublin*
- Prof Kathy Hall, *University College Cork*

16:30 Discussion

17:00 Close

19:30 Dinner at Molly's Yard, Belfast

TUESDAY 15 MARCH - FIELD VISIT

Trip to Armagh, Dundalk and Carlingford

09:00 Departure from Belfast

10:30 Arrival at North South Ministerial Council, Armagh

11:00 Focus Group Discussion with key stakeholders:

- Denise Tully, Deputy Joint Secretary (South) and Richard Hill, Deputy Joint Secretary (North), North South Ministerial Council Joint Secretariat
- Pamela Arthurs, Chief Executive, East Border Region (EBR)

- Joe Lavery and Declan Doherty, EURES Cross Border
- Paula Keon, Assistant National Director, EU & North/South Health Unit, Health Service Executive (HSE)
- Shane Campbell, Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN)
- Kerry Curran, Acting Director Strategy & Policy, InterTradelreland

12:30 Departure from Armagh

13:00 Arrival at Creative Spark, Dundalk

13:15 Lunch with representatives from civic society organisations

14:30 Focus Group Discussion with civic society representatives:

- Bernhard Gaul/Una Curley, Arts as Exchange (AAEX)
- Úna Boyd, Immigration Project Solicitor and Coordinator, Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ)
- Sarah Daley, Chief Executive, Creative Spark
- Tara Farrell, Chief Executive, Longford Women's Link

16:00 Departure from Dundalk

16:30 Arrival in Carlingford

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18:30 Arrival in Belfast

20:00 Dinner at Holohan's Pantry, Belfast

WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH

Departure of participants

ABOUT FRONTM

FRONTM is the first Jean Monnet network which has been obtained by France within the framework of the EU's Erasmus+ activity program. It brings together 3 Centres of excellence and 7 Jean Monnet Chairs both from Europe and Canada and its aim is to develop international and multidisciplinary research linking European Studies and Border Studies, i.e. two so far not much interconnected fields of study. Our network seeks to facilitate a new reading of the role of the borders in European integration by considering that there is not only one model of perception and management of borders in and around the European Union, but that these also depend on the specificity of each border region concerned.

During 4 years, our network carries out exchanges of knowledge and practice on five different models of management of EU borders by gathering young researchers, PhD students and citizen associations. A comparative analysis will also be conducted between the EU and Canada in order to evaluate if European border models could be transposed in other regions throughout the world. The network plans to organize a doctoral seminar, several research seminars and a number of focus-groups which will allow to give an overview also of the perception of borders by representatives of the civil society situated in cross-border territories. The objective is to develop a typology of models on perception and management of borders in the EU corresponding to political needs and to the expectations of European people.



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