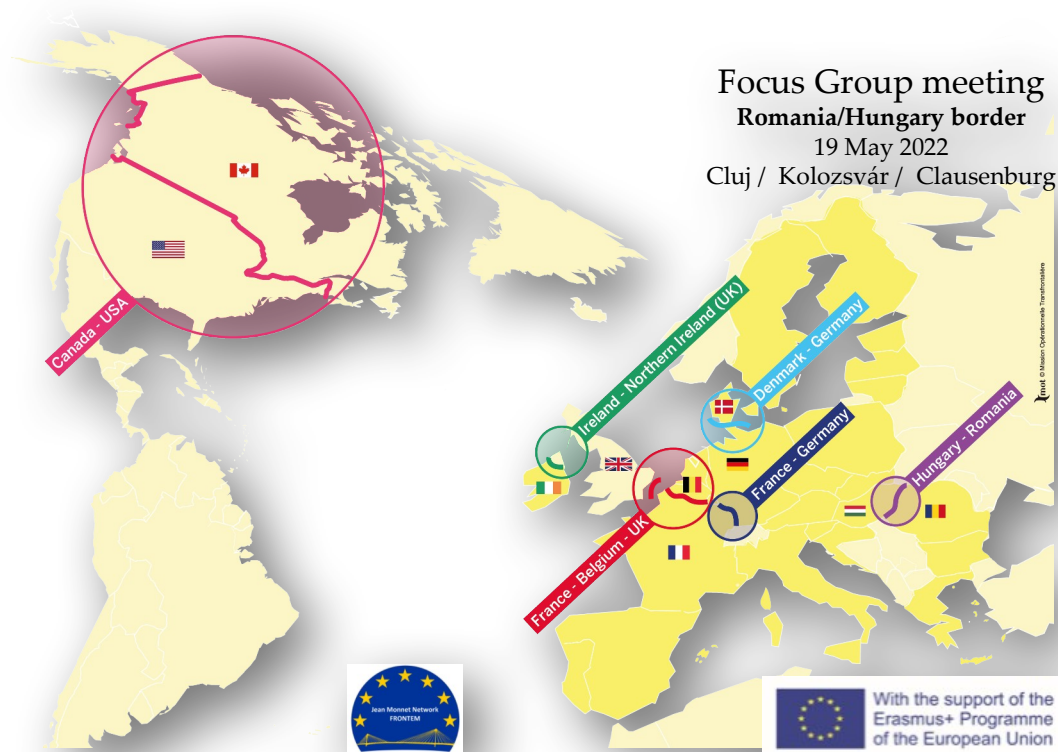


FOCUS GROUP MEETING

Romania – Hungary border 19 May 2022



The Jean Monnet network « Borders in motion » (Frontem) was officially launched on 18 November 2019 and will last 3 years. Under the leadership of Sciences Po Strasbourg, the network brings together six other partners: the University of Southern Denmark, the Euro-Institute in Kehl, the Centre for Cross-Border Studies in Armagh, the Babes-Bolyai Cluj University and the Catholic University of Louvain and the University of Victoria in Canada.

As indicated by the EU, the purpose of the Jean Monnet networks is to «promote the development or foster the creation and development of consortia of international players in the area of European Union studies in order to gather information, exchange practices, build knowledge and promote the European integration process across the world.».



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Program

10.00 (EEST) Greetings

Ms Alexandra Muțiu PhD, Vice-Rector of Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj

10.10 Opening speech

Ms Birte Wassenberg PhD, Professor of Contemporary History, Science Po, University of Strasbourg

10.20 First Focus Group discussion – Border management

Moderator: **Mr Gyula Ocskay**, Secretary General of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives (CESCI), Budapest

13.00 Lunch Break in Hotel Victoria

15.00 Second Focus Group discussion – Border perception

Moderator: **Mr Ovidiu Pecican** PhD, Professor at the Faculty of European Studies at the Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj

17.50 Closing remarks

Mr Nicolae Păun PhD, Professor of European Studies at the Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj

Participants

Greetings, opening speech, moderators



Alexandra Muțiu, PhD, is Vice-Rector and Associate Professor at Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Her research fields are: accounting, accounting education, management.



Birte Wassenberg, PhD, is Professor in Contemporary History at Sciences Po at the University of Strasbourg. Her research fields are: border regions, Euro-scepticism and the history of European organizations, especially the Council of Europe.



Gyula Ocskay is the Secretary General of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives (CESCI). His main research field is cross-border governance.



Ovidiu Pecican, PhD, is Professor at the Faculty of European Studies at the Babeș-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca. The main fields of his scientific interest are in European culture and civilization, medieval history, and multicultural ties in the contemporary world.

First Focus Group discussion – Border management



Adelhaida Kerekes, PhD, is Deputy Chief School Inspector at the Cluj County School Inspectorate. Her fields of interest are: biology, education, educational policies and curricula.



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Ioana Bordeianu, PhD, is a lecturer at the University of Oradea, Border Police School of Training Agents.



István Szabó is the vice-president of the Regional Municipality of Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg County.



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Second Focus Group discussion – Border perception



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Ferenc Barabás is the former mayor of Biharkeresztes.

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Tudományos Osztálya).



György Kozma is the president of the National Self-Government of Romanians in Hungary.



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