



**Speaking Note for Mr. Michel  
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Launch of the Jean Monnet Network « Borders in motion »  
of Sciences Po Strasbourg

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## **1. Presentation of the Jean Monnet Network « Borders in motion »**

- The Jean Monnet network "Frontiers in motion" has been obtained in July 2019 and is managed by Mrs Birte Wassenberg, Professor at Sciences Po Strasbourg
- First network obtained by a French Institution from the European Union's Jean Monnet activities, the network is part of Sciences Po Strasbourg's tradition of excellent research on European questions. Sciences Po Strasbourg already has a Centre of Excellence, a Project and several Jean Monnet Chairs.
- The "Frontem" network brings together 3 centres of excellence and 7 Jean Monnet Chairs from different scientific disciplines in Europe and Canada.
- It will last 3 years.

## **2. Aim(s) of the Network**

- 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* ».
- The Frontem network aims at a critical assessment of the model of a Europe without borders.
- The Jean Monnet network aims to create a multidisciplinary and international research centre that combines two fields of research that have been poorly connected so far: European Studies and Border Studies.
- Thus the network aims to take a new look at the role of the border in European integration, considering that there is not a single model for the perception and management of the EU's borders, but that they depend on the specific context of each specific border area.

## **3. Work plan**

- For 3 years, the network will exchange knowledge and good practices on five different models of EU border management, involving young researchers, doctoral candidates and citizen associations. A comparative analysis will then be conducted with the Canada/US border to assess whether the European models can be transposed to other regions in the world
- The program foresees the organization of 1 doctoral seminar, 5 research/focus-group seminars, 1 comparative seminar and 1 final conference linked to a summer school, which will also associate Master students and secondary school classes