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Final Conference

June 19, 2023

University of Prešov, Aula č. 103 (Hall No. 103), Ul. 17. novembra č. 1, Prešov

Organizers Bureau of Border and Foreign Police of the Presidium of the Police Force of

the Slovak Republic, Chop Border Detachment of the Western Regional Directorate of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, Research Center

of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association (Bratislava), Regional Risk Analytics Center (Uzhhorod), Åpenhet (Oslo) in cooperation with the

Uzhhorod National University and the University of Prešov

Support EEA Grants (project code: GGC01005) and co-financed from the Slovak

government funding

Aim The overall goal of the project was, first, to facilitate sharing of the best practices between the border police and customs services of Slovakia and

Ukraine as well as to explore prospects for the deepening of the

integrated border management; second, to increase public awareness and understanding of the work of border services in the bordering regions and

municipalities of Slovakia and Ukraine; and three, to transfer the

knowledge of the impact of the border on socio-economic development of border regions as well as opportunities for cross-border cooperation between local and regional policy and decision-makers on both sides of the

border. The project also focused on the provision of humanitarian aid.

Aim of the final conference:

- presentation of the results of the project;
- presentation of the results of the research carried out within the project with the participation of a broad research team including experts from the University of Prešov and the Uzhhorod National University;
- exchange of best practices on the introduction and teaching of the subject 'Border Studies' and related subjects related to cross-border cooperation between the Institute of Political Science of the Faculty of Arts of the University of Prešov and the Faculty of Social Sciences of Uzhhorod National University.























Languages Slovak and Ukrainian (with simultaneous translation)

Program

09:30-09:45 Welcome & Introductory remarks

Chair Alexander Duleba, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy

Association, University of Prešov

Speakers Marek Šafin, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic in Ukraine

Svitlana Mytryayeva, Director, Regional Risk Analytics Center (main project

partner from Ukraine)

09:45-10:45 Panel I. Safe and Inclusive Border between Slovakia and Ukraine

Chair **Peter Brezáni**, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association

Speakers *Svitlana Mytryayeva*, Director, Regional Risk Analytics Center (Uzhhorod)

Natalia Khoruzha, Chop Border Detachment of the Western Regional

Directorate of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine

Mykola Botosh, Head of the department for ensuring customs control and

clearance, Zakarpattia Customs

Ladislav Chabreček, Director, Department of Border Police, Bureau of Border and Foreign Police of the Presidium of the Police Force of the Slovak

Republic

Video message Kleng Bråtveit, Director, Åpenhet

Lena Geving, Researcher and National Expert, Apenhet

Thibault Rabussier, Project Manager, Apenhet

10:45 - 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:15 PANEL II. Research on factors influencing cross-border cooperation I.

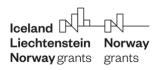
Presentation of the results of the public opinion surveys conducted from December 2021 to January 2022 on the Ukrainian and Slovak sides

of the border

Moderator *Martin Lačný*, University of Prešov

Speakers Olesia Benchak, Uzhhorod National University

Hanna Melehanych, Uzhhorod National University























Veronika Oravcová, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association (online)

Mykhaylo Shelemba, Uzhhorod National University (online)
Oksana Sviezhentseva, Uzhhorod National University
Q&A

12:20 - 13:30 Luncheon

13:30 – 14:45 PANEL III. Research on factors influencing cross-border cooperation II

Presentation of the book and the results of analytical work

Moderator *Michal Cirner*, University of Prešov

Speakers Alexander Duleba, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy

Association, University of Prešov

Myroslava Lendel, Uzhhorod National University

Q&A

14:15 – 15:00 Concluding remarks and next steps

Milada Bucseková, Department of Border Police, Bureau of Border and Foreign Police of the Presidium of the Police Force of the Slovak Republic



