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CROSS BORDER COOPERATION AND PERIPHERAL AREAS IN EUROPE**

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- The proposals for this special issue indicating the title, objective, methodological approach, data sources and expected results with a maximum of 500 words should be submitted by e-mail to: ejes@uaic.ro (with the mention: *Special Issue on CBC_Border regions*), by October 30th, 2019.
- The authors will be notified about the acceptance of their proposal by November 30th, 2019.
- The deadline for paper submission is February 28th, 2020; however, early submissions are welcome.
- The contributors are required to follow the authors' guidelines, available at: http://ejes.uaic.ro/author_guidelines.htm

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE TOPIC:

Cross border cooperation (CBC) is a key element at least for two EU' policies: Cohesion Policy and Neighbourhood Policy, but also having a wider spectrum of linkages with other sectors of the European integration: internal market, transport and communication, justice and home affairs, culture and education, environment and sustainable development.

By addressing these specific challenges of the border regions (internal or external), the CBC could transform the periphery into "new centre", offering more visibility for territories affected by peripheral conditions, the barriers could be shaped into new development

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opportunities in order to increase tolerance and strength democracy, CBC could also reduce the internal EU' territorial disparities, could promote the stability and the security at the external borders of the EU.

This special issue on **Cross border cooperation and peripheral areas in Europe** aims to collect a set of studies on:

- the CBC potential to respond to some of key challenges for border regions (frequently, most border regions are characterised by peripheral conditions: trade specialisation in low and medium tech industries, intensive in resources and labour force, low accessibility and connectivity, institutional fragility and poor governance, weak quality of social capital, reduced capacity to attract investments and human capital, to generate economies of scale or economic agglomeration advantages as sources of competitiveness, growth and sustainable development;
- the efficiency and the effectiveness of the EU' programs for cross-border cooperation;
- the CBC capacity to diminish the border effects at the external frontiers of the EU;
- the Euro-regions functionality;
- good practices in CBC programming or national policies related to the border regions and cross-border cooperation;
- the impact of the European integration process on the border barriers;
- territorial restructuring;
- CBC and cultural issues;
- the role of the cross-border cooperation on the core-periphery dynamics;
- CBC and the border regions' resilience;
- Cross border cooperation, economic integration, and regional convergence (theoretical and empirical studies).

By this special issue, we intend to contribute to a better understanding of the CBC programs, processes, activities, linkages with the various sectors and policies of the EU, with high relevance for evidence-based policymaking.

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