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Second edition

Models and Perspectives of Cross-Border Cooperation in Central-Eastern Europe

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About the conference

In an ever-changing Europe, where challenges such as political tensions and military conflicts test the foundations of peace and stability, it is more important than ever to reflect on the core values that have shaped the European project. As Andrew Linklater describes in *The European Civilizing Process*, peace, economic development, a commitment to progress, and mutual understanding have long been at the heart of Europe's collective vision.

How do these ideals hold up today, as Europe navigates complex global realities? What remains of the *European Dream* that Jeremy Rifkin so powerfully described?

Last year, we launched the conference *The World We Live In*, continuing a tradition of international academic events dedicated to exploring key issues in Central and Eastern Europe from an interdisciplinary perspective. This tradition includes six editions of *Disintegration and Integration in East-Central Europe*, organized by the Faculty of European Studies at Babeş-Bolyai University, and further developed through the European project **FRONTEM**.

This second edition of *The World We Live In* focuses on cross-border cooperation, marking the start of a series of annual international conferences inspired by the FRONTEM project.

The Jean Monnet Network Borders in Motion (FRONTEM), launched in 2019 under the leadership of Sciences Po Strasbourg, brings together a diverse consortium of partners: the University of Southern Denmark, the Euro-Institute in Kehl, the Centre for Cross-Border Studies in Armagh, Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca, the Catholic University of Louvain, and the University of Victoria in Canada.

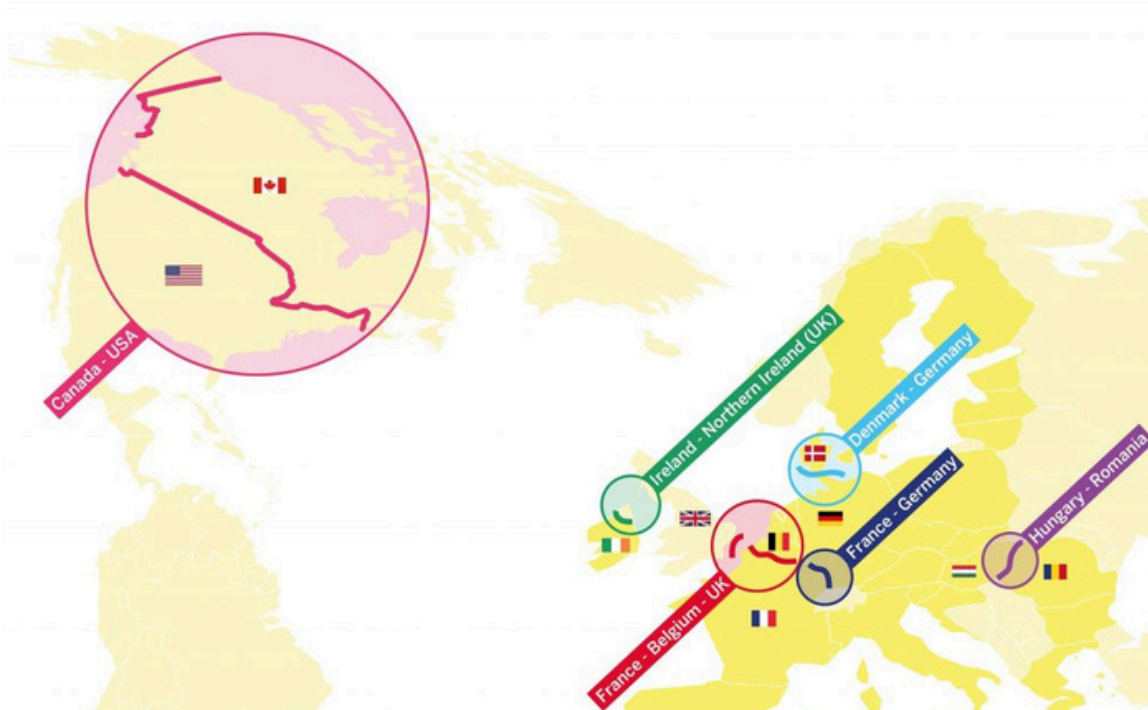
Looking ahead, this program is set to foster an ambitious and impactful academic debate in the coming years, focusing on best practices in cross-border cooperation across Europe, with a special emphasis on the Central and Eastern European region. Our goal is to build a comprehensive database that supports scientific, academic, economic, and business collaborations—bringing Central Europe closer to cutting-edge research and innovation in the European Union.

We will continue this academic and scientific endeavor dedicated to cross-border cooperation, driven by the desire to develop, through databases, conferences, and representative works, the heritage of cooperation in Central and Eastern Europe, by integrating best practices from Western Europe as showcased through the FRONTEM program.

In this spirit, we express our gratitude to the academic institutions participating in the FRONTEM program, initiated by the University of Strasbourg and coordinated by Professor Birte Wassenberg. We also emphasize that we are associating this generous project with other actors from the academic and business environments, again Babeş Bolyai University. Also we express our gratitude for participating to the programmes about Eastern-Center Europe, to the Romanian Academy, University of Arts and Design Cluj-Napoca, King Michael I University of Life Sciences in Timișoara, Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-Napoca, the University of Alba Iulia, the University of Oradea, the University of Pécs, Debrecen, and other business stakeholders involved in the development of cross-border exchanges. Romania's accession to the Schengen Area will certainly generate a new dynamic in cross-border cooperation.

We wish great success to the proceedings of our conference.

The Scientific Committee



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All aspects related to the arrival of guests, logistical arrangements, the publication of the conference volume, and so on, are managed by two of our devoted collaborators from the organizing committee — Vasile Rițiu and Cristian Morar.

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We thank everyone — the scientific committee and the organizing committee — for ensuring the high scientific standard of our conference.



Professor and Vice-Chairperson, University of Strasbourg; Coordinator of the FRONTEM Project

Friday, 14 November 2025

OPENING SESSION

 Aula Magna, Babeş-Bolyai University
Mihail Kogălniceanu Street 1, Cluj-Napoca

9.00-09.15

Registration

9.15-9.30

Welcome speeches

Horia **POENAR**, Ph.D., Professor and Vice-Rector, Babeş-Bolyai University

Mohammad **JARADAT**, Ph.D., Professor and Rector, Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-Napoca

9.30-12.30

Keynote speeches

Birte **WASSENBERG**, Ph. D., Professor and Vice-Chairperson, University of Strasbourg; Coordinator of the FRONTEM Network,
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Acad. Ioan-Aurel **POP**, Ph.D., Professor and President, Romanian Academy,
Democracy as a Historical Experience/ Democrația ca experiență istorică

Ioan **SBÂRCIU**, Ph.D., Professor, University of Art and Design Cluj-Napoca,
European Cultural and Artistic Interferences. Ioan Sbârciu. Self-Portrait /Interferențe culturale-artistice europene. Ioan Sbârciu. Autoportret

Daniel **DEJICA**, Ph.D. Habil, Professor, Politehnica University Timișoara, Dean of Faculty of Communication Sciences, Director, PoliCAT – Politehnica Center for Advanced Translation Studies

Lexical Bridges Across Borders: The Role of Intelligence Terminology in Enhancing Cross-Border Cooperation/ Puncte lexicale peste granițe: rolul terminologiei din domeniul informațiilor în consolidarea cooperării transfrontaliere

Curtis **CORDON**, Ph.D. candidate, Lt. Col, USAF, Military Delegation to NATO, NATO HQ, Brussels, Belgium

Eastern Sentry - o nouă provocare pentru Alianța Nord Atlantică/ Eastern Sentry – a new challenge for the North Atlantic Alliance

Discussion

12.30-14.00

Lunch

 Casa Universitarilor Restaurant
Emmanuel de Martonnel Street, Cluj-Napoca

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14.30-19.00

Panel: The Schengen Area – Challenges, Opportunities, and Integrated Perspectives in Central-Eastern Europe



Room 119, Babeş-Bolyai University, Faculty of Business
Horea Street 7, Cluj-Napoca

Chair: Georgiana **CICEO**, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Babeş-Bolyai University; Member of the Scientific Committee, Babeş-Bolyai University
Sergiu **CĂRLAN**, Ph.D., Lecturer, Bogdan Vodă University, Cluj-Napoca, Vice-President Cluj Tribunal

Elzbieta **OPILOWSKA**, Ph.D. Habil, Professor, University of Wrocław,
The dynamics of cross-border cooperation in the German-Polish borderlands in the context of recent reborderings/ Dinamica cooperării transfrontaliere în regiunile de frontieră germano-polone, în contextul recentelor reconfigurări ale granițelor

Anamaria **IANOȘI**, Ph.D., University Assistant, Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-Napoca, Alida **PAL**, Ph.D. candidate, Babeş Bolyai University
Schengen Area and the Criteria for Accession: Challenges and Perspectives of Romania's Membership/ Spațiul Schengen și criteriile de aderare: provocări și perspective ale apartenenței României

Peter **ULRICH**, Ph.D., Professor, University of Potsdam,
Resilience and public service provision across borders in the German-Polish borderlands. The role and functions of local and euroregional actors/ Reziliența și furnizarea serviciilor publice peste granițe în regiunile de frontieră germano-polone. Rolul și funcțiile actorilor locali și euroregionali

Mircea **BRIE**, Ph.D., Professor, University of Oradea,
István József **POLGÁR**, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Oradea,
Legitimacy of regional cooperation initiatives and the factor of inclusivity in the South East European Area/ Legitimitatea inițiativelor de cooperare regională și factorul incluziunii în spațiul Europei de Sud-Est

Ionuț **BORLAN**, Ph.D., judge Court of Appeal Cluj,
The enforcement of judgments resulting from a European Arrest Warrant/Executarea hotărârilor ca urmare a unui mandat european de arestare

Enya **UJVARI-TAMAȘ**, Ph.D., Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-Napoca
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Melinda **BENCZI**, Ph.D., Service for Cross-border Initiatives (CESCI)
Legal accessibility as crisis mitigation: lessons from Central Europe/ Accesibilitatea juridică ca mijloc de atenuare a crizelor: lecții din Europa Centrală

Discussion

16.45-17.00

Tea/Coffee Break

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17.00-19.00

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 Dragoș **PĂUN**, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Jean Monnet Module,
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Georgiana **CICEO**, Ph.D., Associate Professor – Babeș-Bolyai University; Member of the Scientific Committee, Babeș-Bolyai University,
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Ciprian-Adrian **PĂUN**, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Babeș Bolyai University, Debates about introducing progressive taxation in romanian tax legislation/ Dezbateri privind introducerea impozitării progresive în legislația fiscală română

Gabriel **CAIAN**, Ph.D., judge, Liaison magistrate in France, seconded to the Ministry of Justice,
Refusal to surrender persons subject to a European arrest warrant. Reasons, controversies, perspectives CJEU/ Refuzul predării persoanelor vizate de un mandat european de arestare. Motive, controverse, perspective ale CJUE

Hynek **BÖHM**, Ph.D., Professor, University of Liberec,
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Monica **ȘORTAN**, judge Court of Appeal Cluj
International criminal cooperation at shifting borders: between security and human right/ Cooperare penală internațională la frontierele mobile: între securitate și drepturile omului

Sergiu **CÂRLAN**, Ph.D., Lecturer, Bogdan Vodă University, Cluj-Napoca, Vice-President Cluj Tribunal
International child abduction: procedural aspects/ Răpirea internațională de copii. Aspecte procedurale

Mihai **BUFAN**, Ph.D. candidate, Babeș-Bolyai University,
EU Infringement: A Numerical Analysis of Cases from 2019–2023/ EU Infringement - o analiză pe cifre a cazurilor din perioada 2019-2023

Laura **PURDEA**, Ph.D., Lecturer, Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-Napoca,
Integrare europeană și constituționalism contemporan/ European Integration and Contemporary Constitutionalism

Maria-Augusta **BÂRSAN-MOIGRĂDEAN**, student, Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-Napoca,
Legal Aspects of the Lisbon Treaty on the European Single Market and Implications for Cross-Border Cooperation/ Aspecte juridice ale Tratatului de la Lisabona privind Piața Unică Europeană și implicații pentru cooperarea transfrontalieră

Discussion

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17.00-19.00

**Roundtable: Frontieres en mouvement (FRONTEM).
Results and perspectives**

 Room 120 - Google Media, Babeş-Bolyai University, Faculty of
Bussines, Horea Street 7, Cluj-Napoca

Chairs: Birte **WASSENBERG**, Ph.D., Professor and Vice-
Chairperson, University of Strasbourg; Coordinator of the
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Presentation from an actor's perspective: Focus groups and toolkit:
Simon **VANLICHTERVELDE**, PhD candidate, University of
Strasbourg,
Anthony **SOARES**, Ph.D., Director, Centre for Cross Border
Cooperation, Armagh, Northern Ireland
Melinda **BENCZI**, Ph.D., Service for Cross-border Initiatives
(CESCI)

Discussion from a Euro-Atlantic comparative perspective

FRONTEM members from other border regions (online)

Oliver **SCHMIDTKE**, Professor, University of Victoria
Emmanuel **BRUNET-JAILLY**, Professor, University of Victoria
Bernard **REITEL**, Professor, University of Artois
Fabienne **LELOUP**, Professor, University of Louvain
Katarzyna **STOKLOSA**, Professor, University of Southern
Denmark
Anne **THEVENET**, Deputy Director, Euroinstitute Kehl

19.30

Cocktail

 Opus Society Restaurant
Octavian Petrovici 1 Street, Cluj-Napoca

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9.00-11.15

Panel: Juridical approach. Models. Best Practices and Success Stories in Central-Eastern EuropeRoom Reduta, Ethnographic Museum of Transylvania
Memorandumului Street 21, Cluj-Napoca**Chairs:** Gheorghe **BUTA**, Ph.D., Professor, Institute of Magistracy
Gheorghe **BUNEA**, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Dean of Faculty of Law, Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-NapocaPatricia-Oana **VANCA**, Ph.D., Lecturer, Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-Napoca,*Legal issues regarding the hearing of the civil party in the civil aspect of the criminal trial/ Probleme de drept în legătură cu audierea părții civile în latura civilă a procesului penal*Gheorghe **BUNEA**, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Dean of Faculty of Law, Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-Napoca, Ioana **GALBEN**,
*Women and Emotional Management in Public Institutions: Leadership through Empathy, Balance, and Efficiency/ Femeia și managementul emoțional în instituțiile publice: leadership prin empatie, echilibru și eficiență*Codruța Violeta **ALB**, Ph.D., Lecturer, Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-Napoca,*Instruments and Practices of Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters in Europe: The Role of States in Combating Cross-Border Crime/ Instrumente și practici ale cooperării judiciare în materie penală în Europa, rolul statelor în combaterea criminalității transfrontaliere*Gheorghe **BUNEA**, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Dean of Faculty of Law, Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-Napoca,*A Multidimensional Analysis of the Causes of Criminal Behavior/ Analiza multidimensională a cauzelor comportamentului criminal*Ion-Tudor **FELEZEU**, Ph.D., Lecturer, Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-Napoca,*Romania in the current geopolitical context, on NATO's border with Russia/ România în contextul geopolitic actual, la granița NATO cu Rusia*

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Nicolae **ROȘ**, Ph.D., Lecturer, Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-Napoca,
Individual Employment Contract versus Sports Activity Contract/ Contractul individual de muncă versus contractul de activitate sportivă

Tiberiu **BAN**, Ph.D. candidate, University Assistant, Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-Napoca
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Adrian **MARIAN**, Ph.D, Lecturer, Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-Napoca,
Risks and Opportunities in Cryptocurrency Trading/ Riscuri și oportunități în tranzacționarea criptomonedelor

Adriana **BUIA**, student, Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-Napoca,
Prevention of juvenile delinquency/Prevenirea delicvenței juvenile

Discussion

11.15-11.30

Tea/Coffee Break

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Panel: Economical approach. Models. Best Practices and Success Stories in Central-Eastern Europe

 Room Reduta, Ethnographic Museum of Transylvania
Memorandumului Street 21, Cluj-Napoca

Chairs: Mihaela LUTAȘ, Ph.D., Professor, Babeș-Bolyai University
Delia-Beatrice OPREAN, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Dean of Faculty of
Economic Sciences, Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-Napoca

Mohammad JARADAT, Ph.D., Professor, Rector of Bogdan Vodă
University of Cluj-Napoca,
*Circular Labour Mobility after COVID-19: Workforce Management
Challenges and Policy Responses in Central and Eastern Europe*

Iulia PARA, Ph.D., Associate Professor, West University of Timișoara,
Ionut RITES, Ph.D., West University of Timișoara,
Daniel DEJICA, Ph.D. Habil, Professor, Politehnica University Timișoara,
Dean of Faculty of Communication Sciences, Director, PoliCAT –
Politehnica Center for Advanced Translation Studies,
*Terminological Convergence in Intelligence: A Collaborative Approach to
Cross-Border Understanding/ Convergență terminologică în domeniul
informațiilor: o abordare colaborativă pentru înțelegerea transfrontalieră*

Delia-Beatrice OPREAN, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Dean of Faculty of
Economic Sciences Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-Napoca,
*Human Capital and Leadership Skills as Drivers of Successful Regional
Investments and Cross-Border Cooperation/ Capitalul uman și competențele
de leadership – factori cheie pentru succesul investițiilor regionale și al
cooperării transfrontaliere*

Dragoș PĂUN, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Babeș-Bolyai University;
Faculty of Business
*Impact of AI on support services for SMEs and small e-commerce companies
in Eastern-Central Europe/ Impactul inteligenței artificiale asupra serviciilor
de suport pentru IMM-uri și companii mici de comerț electronic în Europa
Central-Estică*

Carmina Mihaela GORGAN, Ph.D, Lecturer, Bogdan Vodă University of
Cluj-Napoca
*Education, sport and social inclusion: the perception of young people from
Central and Eastern Europe on the personality of physical activity specialists/
Educație, sport și incluziune socială: percepția tinerilor din europa centrală și
de est asupra personalității specialiștilor în activități fizice*

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Alexandra Gabriela **MILON**, Ph.D, Lecturer, Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-Napoca

The impact of economic investments in sports performance and social inclusion in Central and Eastern Europe/ Impactul investițiilor economice asupra performanței sportive și incluziunii sociale în europa central-estică

Corina **PĂCURAR**, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-Napoca,

Oana Eleonora **GLOGOVETAN**, Ph.D., Lecturer, Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-Napoca,

The labor force in Romania - Eastern-European country - current realities/ Forța de muncă din România - țară est-europeană - realitățile momentului

Vlad Daniel **VALERIUS**, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Bogdan Vodă University of Cluj-Napoca,

Cultivating a Culture of Service Excellence in Organizations in Romania/ Cultivarea unei culturi a excelenței serviciilor în organizațiile din România

Sergiu-Vlad **STAN**, Ph.D, Lecturer, Bogdan Vodă University,

Reshaping Global Value Chains: Nearshoring to Central and Eastern Europe in the Post-COVID Era/ Reconfigurarea lanțurilor valorice globale: nearshoring în Europa Centrală și de Est în era post-COVID

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Closing remarks

Birte **WASSENBERG**, Ph.D., Professor and Vice-Chairperson, University of Strasbourg; Coordinator of the FRONTEM Project

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