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CALL FOR PAPERS

Cross-Border Cooperation in Crisis: to what extent does the institutionalized CBC contribute to resilience and innovation of the border regions?

20-22 October 2022

Andrassy University Budapest, Hungary

The cross-border cooperation (CBC) has been flourishing in Europe since the establishment of INTERREG in 1990. After 30 years, the Corona pandemic has been the first true testing for the established cross-border cooperation.

With this call, we invite scholars as well as practitioners to submit papers for a Workshop on *Cross-Border Cooperation in Crisis: to what extent does the institutionalized CBC contribute to resilience and innovation of the border regions?* held on 20-22 October 2022 at Andrassy University Budapest, Hungary.

The Corona crisis revealed how fragile the cross-border cooperation in Europe actually is. The closing of borders challenged every form of cross-border cooperation, be it loose-knit networks or formalized legal entities like European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC). Actors involved in CBC had to adapt to a fundamentally novel situation and to find innovative ways to maintain the cooperation, if possible. While regional innovation systems are the main focus of regional economic development, questions arise on their contribution to cross-border cooperation in times of crisis. Did regions with well-established cross-border networks benefit from stronger regional innovation systems? How did regions with rather weak cross-border innovation linkages cope with the challenges? Did the crisis boost their strengths and result in novel approaches? Or, quite to the contrary, did it further weaken the already fragile cooperation across borders? What resources are the most relevant and had been experienced to be most scarce? Are there strategies in the follow-up to learn from these experiences?

CBC is a research field that requires a multi-disciplinary approach. With this workshop we aim to bring together scholars from various disciplines such as, for example, public administration and management, regional studies, economic geography, innovation studies, evolutionary economics, urban studies, economics, public policy, etc. who address the challenges for as well as potential solutions to interregional and cross-border cooperation during and in the aftermath of the pandemic.

We particularly welcome submissions on the following topics:

- Inter-regional and cross-border cooperation during the pandemic: adaptation or innovation?
- EGTCs during the pandemic: is its formalized organization a help or a hindrance?
- Cross-border public service provision across closed borders?
- Capabilities and capacities to be built on in the future for increasing resilience in CBC
- Success stories and best practices of cross-border service provision in time of crisis
- Lessons (to be) learnt to ensure cross-border cooperation in times of crisis
- Cross-border Regional Innovation Systems



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We invite papers that address one or several of the above mentioned issues and have both theoretical and practical relevance. Papers which are highly innovative, collaborative, international or multi-disciplinary are especially welcome.

Contributions will be considered by the coordinators against the criteria of originality, subject balance and geographical spread. The extended abstract should be a maximum of 500 words, while full papers should be a maximum of 7.500 words (about 15 pages), single spaced, excluding references, consisting of the following:

- The names of the author(s) and their affiliation,
- Relevance of the paper to the topic
- Significance of the research – why it is distinctive and its contribution to the field
- Policy implications and recommendations for practitioners

Scientific Committee of the Workshop

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Deadlines

Submission of extended abstract: **May 15, 2022** (500 words per paper)

Notification of acceptance by **May 30, 2022**

Registration until **July 15, 2022**

Submission of full paper until **September 16, 2022** (max. 7.500 words, about 15 pages)

Please submit your paper through: **CBC2022@andrassyuni.hu**

Publication of submitted papers in an edited volume is possible. Further information will be given at the conference.

No conference fee will have to be paid. Participants of the workshop are expected to cover their travel and accommodation costs.

The conference language will be English.

Presentations should be about 20 min.

Detailed information on the preliminary program as well as on accommodation and travel will be provided on the conference website (<https://www.andrassyuni.eu/veranstaltungen/cross-border-cooperation-in-crisis-does-institutionalized-cbc-contribute-to-resilience-and-innovation.html>)

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