

Call for Papers

UniGR-CBS „*Border in Perspective*“, Thematic Issue Vol. 8

STRATEGIES AND CONCEPTS OF CROSS-BORDER SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

As part of the Interreg project VA Greater Region UniGR-Center for Border Studies, a thematic issue of the series UniGR-CBS "Borders in Perspective" will be published in summer 2021 on the topic "Strategies and concepts of cross-border spatial development and spatial planning". We cordially invite you to contribute an article to this issue.

In the cross-border context, spatial development and planning are of particular importance. Due to the great dynamics of the economic, ecological and social framework conditions, as well as due to divergent spatial developments, there is a special need for coordination of spatially relevant concerns, especially in border areas. Spatial challenges, such as demographic change and services of general interest, climate change and the energy transition, do not "stop" at borders and require cross-border strategies, concepts and projects for their implementation (Caesar/Pallagst 2018a).

The (theoretical) added value of cross-border cooperation for the development of border regions and their populations is widely undisputed. The establishment of networks and partnerships in cross-border regions, thus the promotion of cross-border knowledge exchange and mutual understanding, as well as the development of new, tailor-made projects and strategies to address common spatial challenges are exemplary opportunities and starting points for planning in cross-border spaces (Caesar/Pallagst 2018b). At the same time, however, there are also obstacles that hamper cross-border cooperation in the field of spatial development and planning, first and foremost the different planning traditions and cultures, administrative systems and responsibilities that collide at the borders (Pallagst/Hartz 2018). In addition, there is often a lack of knowledge about planning instruments in the cross-border context as well as a lack of expertise of the actors of cross-border spatial development (6th Forum Greater Region of UniGR-CBS 2020).

With the aim of promoting cross-border cooperation, the European Framework Convention on Cross-border Cooperation between regional authorities was concluded in 1980. In 2006, the introduction of European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation (EGTCs) enabled cross-border cooperation networks capable of acting, thus further contributing to the facilitation of cross-border cooperation. Today, cross-border cooperation is institutionalized and organized in different ways and at different spatial levels. In most cases, formerly informal cross-border initiatives develop into more formalized collaborations, which can make use of a wide range of cross-border cooperation and organizational forms (Pallagst 2018).

Against this background, we ask for examples from the current practice of cross-border spatial planning and development and thus focus on their implementation.

Papers can be submitted

- on the organizational and institutional consolidation and further development of cross-border cooperation at various levels,
- on intersectoral and sectoral strategies and concepts as well as their project-based implementation and management, and
- on process design including participation procedures for the development of cross-border strategies, concepts and projects.

We hope to get an overview of the cross-border spatial planning and development practice, to learn about their current handling of existing challenges and obstacles and ultimately to contribute to the documentation of the development process of cross-border spatial planning and development.

We invite you to submit papers to this Thematic Issue and welcome a brief expression of interest, including an abstract (max. 250 words) by **March 12, 2021 to daniela.briegel@ru.uni-kl.de**.

Papers can be written in German, French or English and should have a length of 10 to 15 pages (equivalent to approx. 35,000 to 60,000 characters with spaces). Full papers are due by 04/30/2021. They are reviewed in a review process. The publication of the Thematic Issue is planned for late summer 2021 and will be available as an open access publication on the UniGR-Center for Border Studies website.

We are pleased about your interest and look forward to your suggestions.

Yours faithfully

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- 6. Forum Großregion des UniGR-CBS am 21. Oktober 2020: „Aktuelle Herausforderungen der Raumentwicklung in der Großregion: die Grenzüberschreitende Zukunftsvision als Antwort?“