



Determinants of cross-border cooperation in the Polish–German borderland

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The German-Polish borderland belongs to new border regions in Europe. It was created after WWII as a result of the Potsdam Treaty. However, for over 40 years the cross-border contacts were limited to meetings of communist officials and strongly controlled exchanges of activities. Thus, border communities could hardly develop any transborder interactions until the fall of communism.

During the lecture I will trace the development of the bilateral cooperation between Germany and Poland in the borderland and address the following questions: Which factors particularly enhance and which inhibit the cross-border cooperation? What role do the EU and state actors play in the Polish–German bilateral relations in border regions? The talk is based on the evaluation of expert interviews and both Polish and German documents that was carried out within the research project "Poland and Germany in the European Union - new forms and models of bilateral relations in foreign policy and cross-border cooperation" funded by the Polish-German Science Foundation.

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