



The EU – Ukraine Association Agreement: Implications for the Slovak-Ukrainian Cross-Border Cooperation

Ten years of the Eastern Partnership: achievements and prospects

International conference

Venue	Hall of the Evangelical College (address: Hlavná 137, 080 01 Prešov)
Date	21-23 October 2019
Organizers the	Institute of Political Sciences, Faculty of Arts, University of Prešov (IPOL), and the Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association (RC SFPA)
Languages	English and Slovak (with simultaneous translation)
Support	This conference is supported by the Slovak Research and Development Agency within the research project (no. APVV-15-0369), the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of SR and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation
Aim	The main aim of the conference is to discuss findings of the research project entitled “Impact of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement on the Slovak-Ukrainian Cross-Border Cooperation” that has been implemented by the Institute of Political Sciences (IPOL - Faculty of Arts, University of Prešov) with the support of the Slovak Research and Development Agency (project no. APVV-15-0369). The project aimed at identifying impacts of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement (AA) on the Slovak-Ukrainian Cross-Border Cooperation (SK-UA CBC). It looked for opportunities and limits for SK-UA CBC brought on by, first, changing institutional framework for relations between the EU with Ukraine under the provisions of AA (supranational level); second, governmental policies and relations between Slovakia and Ukraine (national level); and third, existing practices of SK-UA CBC implemented by regional and local actors. Since the Eastern Partnership creates strategic supranational framework for further development of cross-border cooperation on external border of the EU, including on national and regional/local levels, the conference will pay special attention to evaluation of the current state of the Eastern Partnership ten years after its launch, including its up-to-date achievements and post-2020 scenarios.



Agenda

21 October 2019 (Monday)

Arrival and accommodation of foreign participants (Hotel Black Horse, address: Baštová 25, Prešov)

19:00 **Welcome dinner** (upon invitation; Restaurant Átrium, address: Floriánova 4, 080 01 Prešov)

22 October 2019 (Tuesday)

8:00 – 8:45 **Registration of participants**

8:45-9:00 **Welcome and introductory remarks**

Irina Dudinská, Docent and Director, IPOL

Alexander Duleba, Docent, IPOL; and Director, RC SFPA

9:00-11:00 **Panel I. The tenth anniversary of the Eastern Partnership: the current state and post-2020 scenarios**

Chair *Alexander Duleba*, Docent, IPOL; and Director, RC SFPA

Speakers *Victor Bojkov*, Policy Coordinator, DG NEAR, Dir C - Neighbourhood East and Institution Building, European Commission

Laure Delcour, Associate Professor, University Paris 3-Sorbonne Nouvelle; Visiting Professor, College of Europe

James Scott, Professor, Karelian Institute, University of Eastern Finland

Andriy Tyushka, Dr., European Neighbourhood Policy Chair, College of Europe, Natolin Campus, Warsaw

Q&A

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:30 **Panel II. Cross-border cooperation on the EU's border with Ukraine – national (and intergovernmental) framework: the case of Slovakia, Hungary and Poland**

Chair *Martin Lačný*, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Arts, University of Prešov, IPOL



Speakers **Alexander Duleba**, Docent, IPOL; and Director, RC SFPA
Gyula Ocskay, Secretary General, Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives (CESCI), Budapest
Andrzej Jakubowski, Assistant Professor, Institute of Socio-Economic Geography and Spatial Management, Maria Curie-Sklodowska University, Lublin
Michal Cirner, Assistant Professor, IPOL; and **Nataliya Maradyk**, Docent, IPOL
Q&A

13:30-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:30 **Panel III. Slovak-Ukrainian cross-border cooperation – regional and local actors: policies, practices and perceptions**

Chair **Myroslava Lendel**, Professor and Vice-Rector, Uzhhorod National University

Speakers **Jussi Laine**, Docent, Karelian Institute, University of Eastern Finland

Anna Polačková, Assistant Professor, IPOL

Martin Lačný, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Arts, University of Prešov, IPOL

Vladimír Benč, Regional Coordinator and Consultant, Catching-up Regions Initiative of the World Bank (tbc)

Q&A

16:30-16:40 **Concluding remarks**

Alexander Duleba, Docent, IPOL; and Director, RC SFPA

16:45 Glass of wine

23 October 2019 (Wednesday)

Departure of foreign participants