



Venue

Jean Monnet Network – Borders in Motion  
Réseau Jean Monnet – Frontières en Mouvement

Research Seminar

***The German-Danish border regions: the best practice example for other European border regions***

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Sønderborg, Denmark

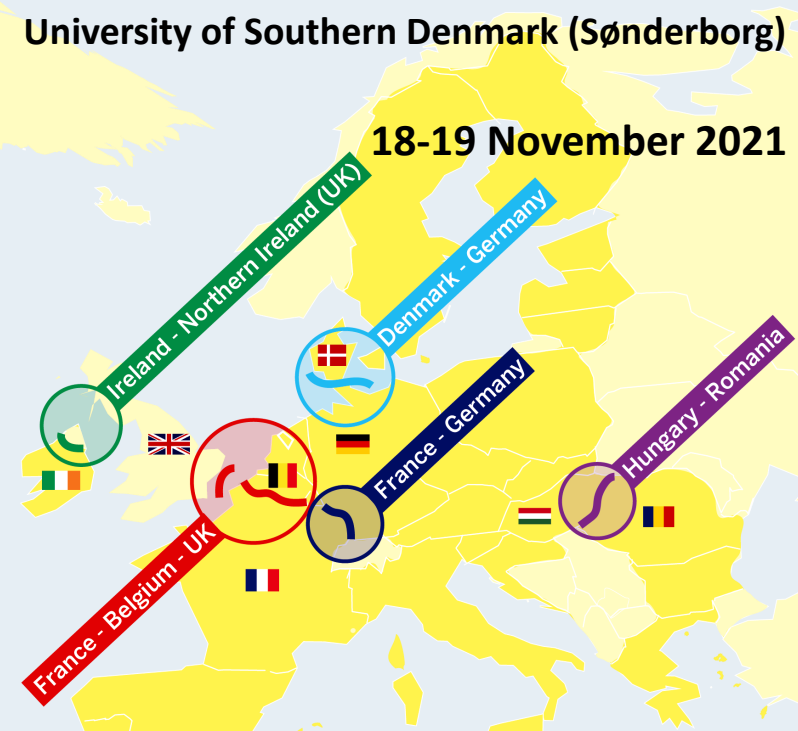
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## Seminar on the German-Danish border regions

FRONTEM is the first Jean Monnet network which has been obtained by France within the framework of the EU's Erasmus+ activity program. It brings together 3 Centres of excellence and 7 Jean Monnet Chairs both from Europe and Canada and its aim is to develop international and multidisciplinary research linking European Studies and Border Studies, i.e. two so far not much interconnected fields of study. Our network seeks to facilitate a new reading of the role of the borders in European integration by considering that there is not only one model of perception and management of borders in and around the European Union, but that these also depend on the specificity of each border region concerned.

During 4 years, our network carries out exchanges of knowledge and practice on five different models of management of EU borders by gathering young researchers, PhD students and citizen associations. A comparative analysis will also be conducted between the EU and Canada in order to evaluate if European border models could be transposed in other regions throughout the world. The network plans to organize a doctoral seminar, several research seminars and a number of focus-groups which will allow to give an overview also of the perception of borders by representatives of the civil society situated in cross-border territories. The objective is to develop a typology of models on perception and management of borders in the EU corresponding to political needs and to the expectations of European people.

# Programme

## Wednesday 17th November - Arrival of the project participants

## Thursday 18th November - Conference (part 1): Scholars in dialog

9.00: Coffee and welcoming (Alsion)

9.10-9.20: Opening of the conference

9.20-9.30: A short introduction to FRONTEM: Birte Wassenberg (Strasbourg)

9.30-10.15: Introduction to the history of the German-Danish border: Steen Bo Frandsen (Sønderborg)

10.15 – 11.00: German-Danish border region as the best practice example? Martin Klatt (Sønderborg)

11.00 – 11.45: Discussion

11.30-12.30: Lunch and break (Alsion)

### Panel I (Chair: Jaume Castan Pinos, Sønderborg)

12.30 – 13.00: Dorte Jagetic Andersen / Ingo Winkler (Sønderborg): 'Confessions of a Cross-border Commuter'

13.00 – 13.30: Katarzyna Stokłosa (Sønderborg): Polish migrants as a further element in the German-Danish Border Region

13.30-14.15: Discussion

14.15-14.30: Coffee and cake (Alsion)

### Panel II (Chair: Thomas Wegener Friis, Director of Center for Cold War Studies, Odense)

14.30-15.00: Caroline Weber (Sønderborg): The Minority and the Hill: Düppel and Knivsberg and their Master Narratives (in the German-Danish Borderland)

15.00-15.30: Vello Pettai (ECMI Flensburg): Developing a three dimensional view of the German-Danish minority borderscape

15.30-16.00: Peter Thaler (Odense): Prosperous Obscurity: The German Minority in Denmark and the Limitations of the Schleswig Model

16.00-16.30: Rejhan Bosnjak (Flensburg): "Loved to Death?": The Danish Minority and its Relationship with the German Majority – Consequences and Perspectives.

16.30-17.15: Discussion

19.00: Dinner

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## Friday 19th November - Conference (part II): Practitioners in the German-Danish border region in dialog

9.00: Coffee at Alsion

### 9.30 - 11.30: Focus group interviews (part 1)

Thede Boysen (Frisian minority, Desk officer at the Ministry of Economic Affairs SH)

Katrine Hoop (Danish minority, activist, candidate for Linkspartei at the federal elections)

Rasmus Andresen (MEP Grüne) Online participation

Jeppe Kirkegaard (Jaruplund Højskole)

Mats Rosenbaum (Næstformand i SSW-U)

Moderation: Martin Klatt

11.30-12.30: Lunch at Alsion

### 12.30 – 16.30: Focus group interviews (part 2)

Käthe Nissen (Deutscher Schul- und Sprachverein für Nordschleswig)

Thore Naujeck (Koordinator BDN)

Gunvor Vestergaard (Grænseforeningen)

Christian Pletzing (Akademie Sankelmark)

Oskar Drastrup-Fjordbak

Moderation: Katarzyna Stokłosa

### 17.00 – 18.00: Book presentation:

Katarzyna Stokłosa / Birte Wassenberg (eds.), *Studying in the Pandemic. University Student Experiences in the German-Danish and German-French border regions*

With participation of SDU students, authors of the essays.

### Saturday 20th November - Departure