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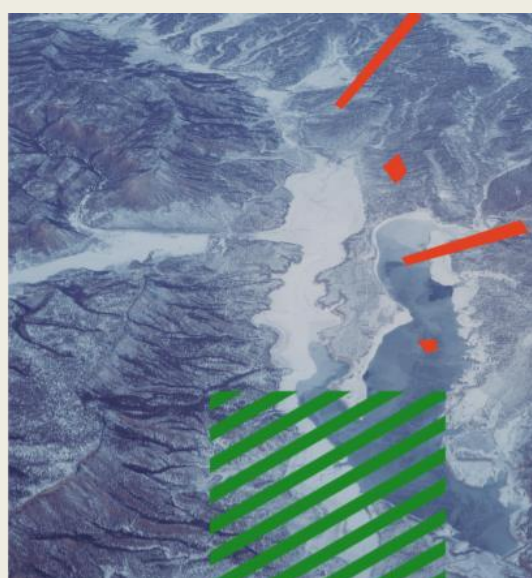
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The purpose of creation the information Newsletter	Formation of the information space for the development of civic diplomacy for territorial and cross-border cooperation "UKRAINE-EU" as AEBR project. Edition in Ukrainian and English and is posted on the AEBR website.
Directions of Information Support of the information newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Common spaces of civic diplomacy organization and cooperation development in various spheres of activity between Ukrainian border regions and Euroregions; - Presentation of regional development priorities of Ukrainian border regions and Euroregions, Ukraine and the EU; - Promoting the establishment of the structured Cross-Border Dialogue Ukraine-EU and the holding of the Assembly of Ukrainian Border Regions and Euroregions; - Informing about the work of the School of Civic Diplomacy of Eastern Ukraine; - Promotion of territorial and cross-border cooperation of Eastern Ukraine; - Creation of experts network in civil diplomacy; - Promotion of information on territorial and cross-border projects of Ukrainian border regions and Euroregions in the European information space in order to promote their investment attractiveness and development of international partnership.
About the priorities of AEBR activities in Ukraine	<p>The Association of European Border Regions (AEBR/ARFE) is an independent Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) which was established almost 50 years ago for the purposes of representing and engaging institutionally across Europe to promote the benefits of cross-border co-operation and the specific development needs of border regions, offering policy support and practical solutions.</p> <p>We are a membership-based organization with more than 90 border regions having membership, both within the EU and external to the EU. Our membership includes the Euroregions and constituent border regions of Ukraine.</p> <p>AEBR remains committed to supporting best practice in strategic regional development and cross-border co-operation for all our members, in recognition of the importance of this for citizens, and for economic and social stability across borders.</p> <p>As regards AEBR's support for work in Ukraine, our focus on a coordinated approach to identifying regional priorities and shared priorities for regions (also for cross-border co-operation) is firmly in consideration of the key opportunity that now exists for Ukraine to consider what support it can facilitate for the further development of its border regions and cross-border co-operation.</p> <p>This work is coordinated through the Information Center of the Association of European Border Regions in Kharkiv, which was established on November 12, 2013.</p> <p>January 13, 2020, in the framework of a working meeting with Association of European Border Regions Secretary-General Mr Martin Guillermo</p>



Ramirez and First Deputy Minister of Community and Territorial Development Dmytro Zhyvytskyi was proposed to consider harmonizing the priorities of regional development for Ukraine 2021-2027 with the development priorities of Ukrainian border regions and Euroregions.

The following issues were discussed during this meeting:

- holding the Assembly of Ukrainian Border Regions and Euroregions (Assembly) as a joint event to discuss the development of Ukrainian border regions and Euroregions, as well as the way to identify common priorities and focus of the Cross-Border Dialogue between the European Union and Ukraine on cross-border cooperation, border regions and the regional development agenda.

In February-March 2020, we in the Information Center of the Association of European Border Regions in Kharkiv with the support of the Association of European Border Regions Secretary-General Mr Martin Guillermo Ramirez, and AEBR Expert Ms Caitriona Mullan, have worked with Euro regions and border regions across Ukraine on two key areas:

- a) Continued work on preparations for the Assembly of Ukrainian Border Regions and Euroregions using online formats, namely Video-Internet Conferences. At present we have agreed on the Program's first version of Ukrainian Border Regions Assembly and Euroregions and this will be refined as our work with regions continues over the coming months;
- b) Structured dialogue and online seminars (School of Civic Diplomacy) focusing on key development themes for Ukrainian Euroregions and border regions, in consideration with the 2021-27 Cohesion Programme priorities and with the aim of identifying common themes for a robust set of proposals for support to Ukrainian Euroregions and border regions.

About the project "Civic diplomacy for territorial and cross-border cooperation" and expected results»

One of the priorities of the AEBR Information Centre in 2017-2019 was the expert discussion of directions for the development of civic diplomacy in cross-border and territorial cooperation, namely youth diplomacy of knowledge, para-diplomacy of border regions.

As a result of this expert discussion, the project initiative "Civic Diplomacy for Territorial and Border Cooperation" was created and presented at the AEBR General Assembly on October 24-26, 2019 in Dresden.

Caitriona Mullan, AEBR expert on spatial development and strategic change, gave a presentation on the Strategic Review and Outline Proposal of the Civic Diplomacy for Territorial and Border Cooperation project within the AEBR General Assembly.

The aim of this project is to promote strategic cooperation between Ukrainian border regions and EU Euroregions to develop and build the capacity of civil diplomacy as an instrument of territorial and cross-border cooperation, economic growth and stability in the context of European integration and good relations and practical cooperation across EU borders.



Expected results of the project, namely:

- Work on a permanent basis of Civil Diplomacy School of Eastern Ukraine,
- Promotion of the Structured Dialogue Organization in the format of the Assembly of Ukrainian Border Regions and Euroregions and the Ukraine-EU Cross-Border Dialogue»;
- Development of priorities for regional development and civil diplomacy of Ukrainian border regions, including "Eastern Ukraine in the field of cross-border cooperation", "Agrotourism", "Education", "Alternative Energy", "Culture", "Public Health";
- Support for territorial and cross-border cooperation projects in Eastern Ukraine, including the «Seversky Donets» Agro-Tourist Cluster and the Border Association for Interterritorial Cooperation «Slobozhanshchyna»;
- Creation of spaces for interregional cooperation and civic diplomacy development of Eastern Ukraine on the one hand and the Carpathian region, the Dniester Euroregion, Danube Bessarabia on the other hand;
- Experts network creation of the Civic Diplomacy project for territorial and cross-border cooperation;
- Creation of databases on regional development, cross-border cooperation of Ukraine.

About the School of Civic Diplomacy of "Eastern Ukraine".

The School of Civic diplomacy in Eastern Ukraine is an initiative of Information Centre of AEBR which was established, in order to discuss and agree on the development of Ukrainian border regions and European regions with the priorities of the new budget and program period of 2021-2027 years.

The School of Civic diplomacy in Eastern Ukraine is based on the model of the Association of European Border Regions and designed to build the capacity of regional cross-border cooperation of Border regions and European regions and is a tool of the "Civic diplomacy for the development of regional and cross-border cooperation" which was launched as a part of the General Assembly of European Border regions, held in the city Dresden, Euroregion Yelba /Labe 24-26 October 2019, where Ms. Caitriona Mullan an expert of the Association of European Border Regions made a presentation.

The School of Civic Diplomacy, as a model of the AEBR, can operate in any region and is considered to be of a particular importance in regions dealing with the economic and social problems of post-conflict transformation.

The purpose of the School of Civic Diplomacy of Eastern Ukraine is to collect information and data on:

- Border regions and Euroregions of Ukraine;
- Priorities in the field of civil diplomacy;



- Projects between territorial development and the Assembly of Ukrainian border regions and Euroregions;
- Topical issues on the cross-border cooperation development and the activity of border regions and Euroregions, with the purpose of their consideration within the framework of Cross-border Dialogue "Ukraine - EU".

The Information Center AEBR with the support of Ukrainian partners of the Centre held 7 on-line thematic meetings of "School of Civic Diplomacy in Eastern Ukraine" in April - July 2020 with the participation of experts on regional development from all over Ukraine and some key industry experts on the key topics in civil diplomacy, namely:

- About the project "School of Civic Diplomacy", April 17, 2020;
- About the priority of "East of Ukraine in the context of cross-border cooperation", April 29, 2020;
- About the priority of "Agrotourism", May 15, 2020;
- About the priority of "Alternative energy", 29 May 2020;
- About the priority of "Education", 12 June 2020;
- About the priority of "Culture", June 26, 2020;
- About the priority of "Public Health", July 10, 2020.



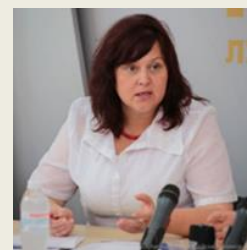
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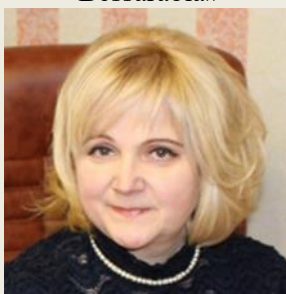
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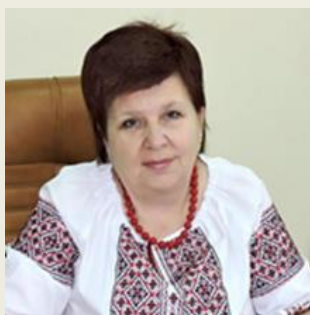


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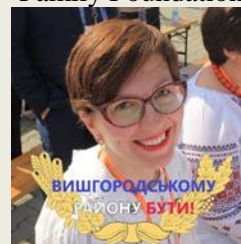
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