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The third online session within the Visegrad + Project

***Ukrainian refugees in Central Europe and the
Balkans - lessons learned and policy
recommendations***

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The main points of the agenda

1. The report and its structure
2. The special issue in the Eastern Journal of European Studies

The timeline of the project – 6 steps (implementation period: 01/06/2023-31/05/2024)

Step 1: early June 2023 - online kick off session on organization, methodology and outputs of the project



Step 2: early September 2023 - online session aimed at reporting about progress in research and methodological problems faced



Step 3: October 2023 - **conference in Skopje** when preliminary country studies will be presented



Step 4: November 2023 till -February 2024 - preparing **the report on the basis of the country studies**



Step 5: March-April 2024 - dissemination of the report among stakeholders and **the online debate over the report** organized by the University of Opole

Step 6: July – September - publishing a special issue in the Eastern Journal of European Studies

The main output: the research report with the policy recommendations

published till the end of February 2024 – possible extension to the end March

Originally max 50 pages in the electronic version, however it will be much longer

comparative synthesis of individual country studies and recommendations from the conference in Skopje

dissemination of the report – the online debate in April 2024 over the report organized by the University of Opole together with partners

each partner will publish the report on its website and in the social media

each partner will disseminate information about the online debate among their own students by using their contacts during the classes – including at least 5 students from each partner

each partner will invite for the online debate representatives of at least: 1 organization from ngo sector, 1 organization form governmental sector, 1 organization representing Ukrainian refugees

The preliminary structure of the report

1. Introduction – brief description of the nature of the project (including its phases) as a general base of the report
2. Theoretical and methodological bases of the report (already prepared, but shortened as much as possible - the method of focused structured comparison)
3. Immigration policies in the studied countries – comparative view (strategic approach or not/general patterns of evolution/refugees before 2022)
4. Ukrainian diaspora characteristics in the studied countries – comparative view (size, the legal position, attitudes towards receiving country)
5. Political institutions reaction (the government, the local government and the role of international organizations) – comparative view
6. Receiving society's reaction (the role of civil society and changing patterns of public opinion) – comparative view
7. Conclusions
8. Recommendations
9. Reference list
10. Short biographical notes of the authors

Work on the report

- each chapter is synthetic comparative picture based on specific dimensions of the 7 country studies – so for example a general picture of immigration policies in 7 countries would be presented on the basis of the main characteristics provided in each country study in the Introduction
- each consecutive part of the report would be commented, double-checked and modified by all of us (the material will be on the google drive)
- some schemes and graphs from the country studies would be included to illustrate phenomena described in the report (as a general patterns for all countries or country-specific characteristics)
- where possible the data from the 7 country studies will be compiled into one table in order to have better visualisation of comparison
- the report content might be improved/changed a little bit after the feedback from the online debate to be held in April

<https://ejes.uaic.ro/index.htm>

Ukraine in the XXI century: the multidimensional challenges for the country and international community

The deadline for paper submission is **February 28th, 2024;**

The planned period of publication in online format: **July-September 2024**

This must be some modified version of the country study that follows the EJES guidelines (see: https://ejes.uaic.ro/author_guidelines.htm) and meet criteria of an article as more problem oriented (article must go through two reviews). Two options appear:

the country study is preceded by short theoretical introduction and methodological subchapter with research problem-question-hypothesis formula

using only some fragments/aspects of the country study embedded in more specific research problem (ability to use our material for more than one paper)

Thank you for your attention

