

## Introduction WP3 European borders, governance and political organisation

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### Description and objectives

WP3 will explore the evolving nature of frontiers in contemporary Europe and the roles it is called upon to fulfil, in terms of both the delimitation of political communities and the interchanges and relationships that, by necessity, are developed among them. In this context, the project particularly aims to explore the ways in which the EU's outermost regions and overseas territories imprint upon the Union frontiers beyond the European continent, from the North to the South Atlantic and extending as far as the Indian Ocean, the Caribbean and the Pacific. The object is to research the impact of these frontiers, and of the ensuing cross-border cooperation, upon the plurality of sectors of contemporary life: from the economy and the environment to security, democracy, good governance and human rights. This WP approach was developed along four major lines of research. Firstly, it explored the nature, meaning and impact of the frontier for community building: these communities may be economic, cultural, political or security-based, and amalgamated or pluralistic. Secondly, it determined the factors that enhance or hinder cross-border cooperation in the fields of environmental protection, health protection, justice and home affairs, poverty reduction, human rights, culture, education, research, good governance, etc. Thirdly, it aimed to identify new ways of mapping borders (from a physical, anthropological and psychological perspective) in addition to the geopolitical perspective. Finally, it tried to explore the spatial dimension of borders, including maritime spaces and borders and their impact on both European integration and the emerging new world order. This WP research activity should lead to a better understanding of the nature of Europe's borders and of the roles they play, both domestically, within the EU territory, and internationally, particularly within the framework of the urgent mechanisms for an enhanced global governance.

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