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WP4 Description and objectives

The research focus of WP4 covers EU security and defence policy issues as well as political and civil players. The challenge lies in how to deal with changing borders as compared to the political, strategic, economic and cultural place of the EU in the world. Research results will have three dimensions. First of all, they will determine the implications of border problems for key EU policy areas: future enlargements, security, external policy, migration, social policy and other areas. Secondly, research outputs will clarify new emerging borders in terms of the territorial, geopolitical and economic definition of state or regional integration entities, as some long-standing conflicts over borders remain unsolved while other ones continue to erupt. Finally, this WP analysed practices and perceptions related to the political and legal function of borders in delimiting state sovereignty and their role in surveillance via a controlled access to and movements across borders.

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