



Annual Policy Seminar

Strengthening the Partnership Principle in Border Regions: For greater cross-border cooperation

Wednesday 10th October 2018
Northern Ireland Executive Brussels Office



Agenda

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| 9.30am | Registration and refreshments |
| 9.40am | Welcome
Andrew Elliott, Director, Office of the Northern Ireland Executive Brussels |
| 9.50am | Introductory remarks
Dr Anthony Soares, Deputy Director, Centre for Cross Border Studies |
| 10.00am | “The implementation of the Partnership Principle in the Upper Rhine region”
Anne Hofmann, Training Manager, Euro-Institut |
| 10.10am | “A Nordic cross-border region: The daily work with obstacles, opportunities and partnerships”
Annika Daisley, Project Manager, Svinesundskommittén |
| 10.20am | “Local Government partnerships in Northern Ireland: Brexit readiness”
Lisa O’Kane, Programmes Manager, Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) |

- 10.30am** **“Local Authority-led cross-border networks: Vital partnerships across the Ireland-Northern Ireland border”**
Pamela Arthurs, Chief Executive, East Border Region (EBR), and Shane Campbell,
Chief Executive, Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN)
- 10.50am** **“A New Common Chapter: Citizens shaping cross-border partnerships”**
Dr Anthony Soares, Deputy Director, Centre for Cross Border Studies
- 11.00am** **“Implementing the EU Partnership Principle in ETCs”**
Ruth Taillon, Director, Centre for Cross Border Studies
- 11.10am** **Question and answer session**
- 11.50am** **Concluding remarks**
Ruth Taillon, Director, Centre for Cross Border Studies
- 12.00pm** **Close**



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Speakers Profiles



**Anne Hofmann, Training manager,
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Anne Hofmann is working at the Euro-Institut – a German-French institute facilitating cross-border cooperation through training, project support and consulting with regard to public policy. As a training manager, her main focus lies on trainings in the field of project management and intercultural communication. She is also in charge of the coordination of the Transfrontier Euro-Institut Network (TEIN), which brings together training centres, universities and research institutes dedicated to cross-border cooperation in Europe.

Annika Daisley works as a Project manager at the Svinesund Committee, Sweden, specialised on border obstacles and cross-border trade issues between Sweden and Norway. Annika's job remit also involves monitoring the work on border obstacles, eliminating obstacles that affect companies in the region and progress the solution process in the Nordic networks. Annika has over 8 years working on border obstacles in the Nordic region and over 12 years of being involved in projects and assignments within governmental organizations. She is an expert member of the EU network for Cross-border obstacles.



**Annika Daisley, Project Manager,
Svinesund Committee**



**Lisa o'Kane, Programme
Manager, NIGLA**

Lisa took up the role of Programmes Manager (Partnerships & Investment) in May 2017 and is responsible for the development of policy and initiatives on Brexit, the local economy, EU issues and broadband. Lisa manages the iEER Interreg project and the work of the Northern Ireland Strategic Migration Partnership. Lisa has 15 years' experience in local government in the economic development, regeneration, tourism and large scale events fields. A graduate in European Business Studies, she spent seven years in Brussels as a public affairs consultant, lobbying on behalf of the financial services industry.

Shane Campbell has been Chief Executive of the Irish Central Border Area Network Ltd. (ICBAN) since 2009. ICBAN is the cross-border group for the Central Border Region of Ireland / Northern Ireland, covering the local authority areas of Armagh City Banbridge & Craigavon, Cavan, Donegal, Fermanagh & Omagh, Leitrim, Mid Ulster, Monaghan and Sligo. He has been working in economic development in and around the border region for the past 25 years: in rural development, urban regeneration and SME development through local enterprise agencies in Mid Ulster and Fermanagh areas. He holds a Masters Degree in Executive Leadership from Ulster University.



**Shane Campbell, Chief
Executive, ICBAN**

Pamela Arthurs is Chief Executive of the East Border Region, a local authority led cross border organisation which covers six local authorities along the East Coast of Ireland. Formed in 1976, EBR aims to promote cross border economic development which benefits the people of the region. Ms Arthurs was appointed in 1996. Under her leadership East Border Region has successfully managed a substantial amount of INTERREG Programme monies on behalf of Local Authorities and a wide range of stakeholders. As an Executive member of the Association of European Border Regions, Ms Arthurs contributes to European Union policy on borders across Europe.



Pamela Arthurs, Chief Executive, EBR



Dr Anthony Soares, Deputy Director, CCBS

Dr Anthony Soares is the Deputy Director at the Centre for Cross Border Studies, leading the Centre's Research & Policy team. His role includes the development and advocacy of policies at regional, national and European levels that support sustainable cross-border and transnational cooperation. He represents CCBS on the Transfrontier Euro-Institut Network (TEIN). He has also coordinated CCBS's responses to several consultations and inquiries related to the UK and Northern Ireland's relationship with the EU.

Ruth Taillon is Director of the Centre for Cross Border Studies. Ruth has many years' experience working with a range of public and community-based organisations in both jurisdictions. Prior to joining the Centre, Ruth was Research Coordinator for Border Action.. She was Director of the West Belfast Economic Forum and involved with the management of a number of community-based initiatives throughout the 1990s. She has also worked as an independent research and evaluation consultant, specialising in gender, equality, and peace and conflict issues. She is currently a member of the Irish Government's Oversight Group for the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security and an expert advisory group for a EU Commission study on obstacles to cross-border cooperation.



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