Poland Border Dialogues. Developing a CBC Index for Europe

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In the study, the project of developing a Cross-Border Co-operation (CBC) Index for Europe has been presented. The idea was developed by the Barents Secretariat together with organizations in the European Border Dialogues network in order to enhance the level of knowledge and understanding of cross-border processes with other European border regions. With social and economic differences across border, the lack of cross-border contact, as well as interaction and infrastructure between people, authorities and companies, the CBC Index general objective will be to deliver an objective and independent evaluation of borderland developments, and the status of cross-border co-operation in Europe.

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