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THE ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN BORDER REGIONS AS AN
ECOSYSTEM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN BORDER AREAS

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The urgent issue of the renewed regional policy of Ukraine is the development of new policies for the development of territorial cooperation for Ukrainian regions in the context of the European integration course of Ukraine and the fulfillment of the European integration pre-accession obligations of Ukraine as a candidate state for EU membership.

The trends in modern processes of strategic planning for the development of territories of communities and regions of Ukraine are shaped by modern challenges and actions to reform the regional development management system through approximation to European standards for the functioning of territories and achieving effective management of territorial cooperation based on the principles of multilateralism and good governance.

One of the features of the history of the formation of the European territorial cooperation policy is the functioning in the historical retrospective of European organizations whose activity is to support the development of various types of territories through the European integration mechanism of interstate management of European integration, which functions to overcome obstacles and imbalances in the development of territorial and cross-border cooperation and contributes to the development of multi-level governance and multilateral partnership with the direct participation of European communities and regions.

Among the areas of regional cooperation between Ukraine and the EU defined in accordance with the provisions of Article 27 of the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU "Cross-border and regional cooperation" is the involvement of Ukrainian regions in the activities of leading European regional associations, among which the Association of European Border Regions is defined, which has partnership relations with other specified European regional associations, namely: Assembly of European Regions, Council of European municipalities and regions, Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions, Conference of President of Regions with legislative power, European Association of elected representatives from Mountain Areas and EUROCITIES [1].

The Association of European Border Regions has a history of direct participation in the formation of modern European territorial cooperation policy [2] and cooperation with Ukrainian border regions [3].

In our opinion, this experience will be useful for the development of international territorial cooperation of Ukrainian border regions, taking into account the provisions of the new Law of Ukraine on "International Territorial Cooperation of Ukraine" [4]. which, in our opinion, is a relevant European integration process for the synchronization and harmonization of modern regional development policies of Ukraine and territorial cohesion of the EU.

The Association of European Border Regions, which has a long history of cooperation in Ukraine at the national, interregional and local levels, can become one

of the leaders of European integration for Ukrainian border regions by spreading the best practices of the functioning of Euroregions, European groupings of territorial cooperation, the formation of multilateral cooperation and multilevel governance within the framework of the implementation of the European policy of territorial cohesion, project management, the functioning and strategic planning of the Association's activities, the holding of thematic events [5]. etc. which, in our opinion, can be considered as ecosystem systems of the Association of European Border Regions

The consideration of the ecosystem of the Association of European Border Regions is proposed in the context of research by Syromolot E. [6], [7] on the formation of an ecosystem of public management of territorial development at the institutional level of the functioning of organizations, active policies whose sphere of activity is the management of territorial development, taking into account the sustainable European practice of forming political ecosystems.

In our opinion, further research into the ecosystem of the Association of European Border Regions will allow us to intensify cooperation with Ukrainian border regions in the context of disseminating the experience of the multifaceted activities of the Association of European Border Regions in shaping the European policy of territorial cohesion.

Regarding the European experience of applying the ecosystem approach, it should be noted that policy ecosystems in the European Union are being formed as a factor of science influence through the use of scientific evidence to strengthen policy through various approaches to building institutional capacity, mapping best practices in the EU and its Member States, sharing knowledge and mutual learning experiences to improve current EU policies and public administration to strengthen the values of evidence-based policies, and promoting the development of a European and global community of knowledge mobilizers and science for policy practitioners [8].

One example of the implementation of the EU territorial cohesion policy is the political ecosystem of the modern European project “New European Bauhaus”, which offers important potential and opportunities for rooting in the ecosystems of urban

and regional development and further support from national, regional and local authorities [9].

Therefore, further consideration of the activities of the Association of European Border Regions as a political ecosystem of public management of the development of border regions is an important component of the development of regional cooperation between Ukraine and the EU, establishing cooperation between Ukrainian border regions and the Association of European Border Regions on the basis of collecting scientific data to ensure the European integration process of synchronizing and harmonizing the policies of regional development of Ukraine and territorial cohesion of the EU.

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