

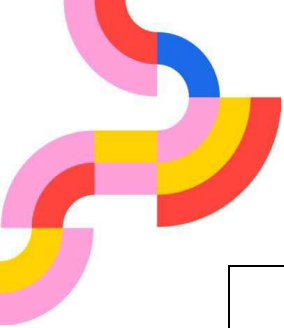
**ACROSS BORDER THINK TANK WORKSHOP  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PERPIGNAN VIA DOMITIA  
CO-ORGANIZED WITH BIALYSTOK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY  
1-5 JUNE 2026**

**Managing Transboundary Natural Resources Under Global  
Change: Hotspots and Way Forward**

<b>Morning 1</b>	
<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> 8:30 – 9:00	Introduction of the Across Border Think Tank (ABTT), its members, working groups, and research-based actions.
<b>Topic 1</b> 9:00 – 10:00	<b>Tackling Global Change Challenges: Sustainable Development and Universities</b> This first session will elaborate on the Joint Strategy for Sustainability and Climate Actions elaborated by the Across Alliance and its main targets, and the transformation among the universities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Prof. Dorota A. Krawczyk, Bialystok University of Technology, BUT</li><li>- Prof. Sophie Masson, Vice-President of the University of Perpignan Via Domitia Transformative Strategy, UPVD</li><li>- Dr PhD. Eng. Constantin Sulea-Iorgulescu, University of Craiova, UCV on "Sustainable development: training and research in the Danube cross-border region"</li></ul>
<b>Questions &amp; Answers</b> 10:00 – 11:00	

<b>Morning 2</b>	
<b>Topic 2</b> 9:00 – 10:30	<b>Tackling Global Change Challenges: Sustainable Agriculture / Smart Rural Development</b> This second session will highlight joint research into innovative sustainable agricultural practices to improve food systems and include them more systematically in climate policies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ass. Prof. DSc, PhD. Katarzyna Czerewacz-Filipowicz, Bialystok University of Technology, BUT on "Smart village for rural Poland and Europe"</li><li>- Ass. Prof. PhD. Jan Reščič, Wine Research Center, University of Nova Gorica, UNG on "Grapevine responses to water stress:</li></ul>





	<p>Insights for Climate-Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. PhD. Alina Vladut, on “Challenges in the agriculture sector in the Romania-Bulgaria cross-border region”, University of Craiova, UCV</li> </ul>
<b>Questions &amp; Answers</b> 10:30 – 11:30	

<b>Morning 3</b>	
<p><b>Topic 3</b> 9:30 – 11:00</p>	<p><b>Tackling Global Change Challenges: Transboundary Water Governance</b></p> <p>This third session will focus on how neighbouring countries, with different water laws and varying levels of resources can cooperate to ensure equitable access and sustainable water management practices on transboundary rivers, lakes, aquifers, and seas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Ludwig, CEFREM Director - UMR 5110, University of Perpignan Via Domitia, UPVD</li> <li>- Mgr. Aniela Staszewska, Bialystok University of Technology, BUT</li> </ul>
<b>Questions &amp; Answers</b> 11:00 – 12:00	

<b>Morning 4</b>	
<p><b>Topic 4</b> 9:30 – 11:00</p>	<p><b>Tackling Global Change Challenges: Managing Biodiversity and Forestry in Europe (Past, Present and Future)</b></p> <p>This fourth session will look into the importance of cross-border vegetation management (e.g. wetlands, forests) to enhance biodiversity and maintain ecosystems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prof. Piotr Banaszuk, Bialystok University of Technology, BUT on “Managing Biodiversity and Forestry in Europe”</li> <li>- Prof. Vladimir Petković, University of Banja Luka, UBL</li> <li>- Junior Chair Prof. Ronaldo de Carvalho Augusto, University of Perpignan Via Domitia, UPVD on “Evolution of cross-border diseases transmission in Europe in a context of Global Change”</li> </ul>
<b>Questions &amp; Answers</b> 11:00 – 12:00	

<b>Morning 5</b>
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<b>Topic 5</b> 9:00 – 10:30	<b>Energy transition: Building Efficiency and Sustainability</b> In this fifth and last session, investigations of renewable energy opportunities in cross-border regions will be presented, to participate in a just transition towards renewable energy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Dr. PhD Piotr Rynkowski, Bialystok University of Technology, BUT on “Energy transition and more...”</li><li>- Dr Adrien Toutant, PROMES-CNRS (UPR 8521), University of Perpignan Via Domitia, UPVD on “Concentrated Solar Panel: Research and Industrial Applications”</li><li>- Dr PhD. Eng. Cristian Bratu and Dr PhD. Eng. Constantin Sulea-Iorgulescu, University of Craiova, UCV on "Approaches to an efficient energy transition in Oltenia Region, Romania"</li></ul>
<b>Questions &amp; Answers</b> 10:30 – 11:30	
<b>Closing Remarks</b> 11:30	Building on the research work on transboundary natural resources management currently undergoing at the Across Alliance Universities, this workshop attempts to unpack several cross-border challenges to improve further transboundary natural resources management.

**Notes:**

- This workshop is jointly planned by the working group 4 of the Across Border Think Tank - ABTT (Bialystok University of Technology and University of Perpignan Via Domitia).
- All sessions will be entirely accessible online and recorded.

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