

**Proposition to the extraordinary General Assembly
of the Central European Service for Cross-border Initiatives
on 29 November 2021**

3. agenda: Any other business

Dear Assembly,

Within the framework of any other business, further two topics are presented for discussion:

a) Admission of a new member (this topic is presented under AOB agenda due to the uncertainties regarding the reception of requests for membership). Since the last GA meeting, two legal entities expressed their intention to join the CESCI as full members. The candidates were handed the necessary documents and information, and, based on the preliminary negotiations and in compliance with the Statutes, there are no obstacles of admission. In the meantime, due to the pandemic the GA of one of the candidates proved to be impossible to convene before the CESCI GA of 29 November 2021. Consequently, their request for membership cannot be discussed but by the GA meeting of CESCI to be held in next springtime. The GA meeting of the other candidate (**Fertő Landscape World Heritage Association** (seat: 2 Haydn str. Fertőd 9431, website: <http://www.fertotaj.hu>)) is designed to be held on 25 November. Accordingly, if the compulsory documents are handed in due time, their request for membership will be presented to the CESCI GA.

b) Accession to a network. With a view to better embedding CESCI's activities in the wider international institutional system, our last GA supported the accession of our association to several professional organisations, which have properly been carried out. At the present GA meeting, we ask our Honourable Members to support CESCI's joining the European Cross-Border Monitoring Network¹ set up in 2018 along the initiative taken by the BBSR².

The main reason of our accession is that since its establishment, CESCI has been performing an active planning and programming work along the Hungarian borders. The major challenge during these activities has been to extract proper data from statistical stocks of Hungary and the neighbouring countries. Accordingly, we have

¹ <https://www.bbsr.bund.de/BBSR/EN/research/specialist-articles/spatial-development/eu-council-presidency/network-crossborderdata/main.html>

² Bundesinstitut für Bau-, Stadt- und Raumforschung:
<https://www.bbsr.bund.de/BBSR/DE/startseite/node.html;jsessionid=679E68504DA2663FED90C7649065EE77.live11293>

several times and at several fora been urging the guarantees for conditions of cross-border territorial monitoring, first and foremost in the fields of data harmonisation and cross-border share of data. In this perspective, the pioneering role of our French partner, the MOT should be highlighted when, in 2013 they created the Cross-Border Strategic Committee (Comité Stratégique Transfrontalier) whose work is assisted by a working group including national statistical offices and territorial analytical institutions of France and neighbours.

Following the French example, CESCI organised the first international seminar dedicated to the topic in 2014; in 2015, within the framework of the Cross-Border Review project, we delivered a contribution paper³ to the European Commission drawing the attention to the significance of data harmonisation and we took this position at several professional conferences. In 2016 we published a comprehensive compilation of studies⁴ on border areas and cross-border cooperation within the Danube region.

By our accession to the network not only Hungary will be included in the European cooperation frames but we also become a member of a platform which is able to represent the position taken also by CESCI at EU level. Membership does not include a membership fee.

I respectfully request the Honourable General Assembly to decide according to the following proposals for decision – provided that the necessary membership procedure is completed and the accession of CESCI to the external organisation is seen justified.

Dr. Tamás Tóth PhD
President

Proposal for a General Assembly decision nr./2021 (29. XI)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-border Initiatives admits Fertő Landscape World Heritage Association as a full member.

Deadline: immediately

Person in charge: President

Proposal for a General Assembly decision nr./2021 (29. XI)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-border Initiatives approves the joining of CESCI to the European Cross-Border Monitoring Network.

Deadline: immediately or according to the timing of admission procedures

Person in charge: President (signing), secretary general (preparation)

³ <https://budapest.cesci-net.eu/en/contribution-paper-of-cesci-to-the-public-consultation-on-cross-border-obstacles-1-harmonisation-of-databases/>

⁴ <https://budapest.cesci-net.eu/en/crossing-the-borders-studies/>