

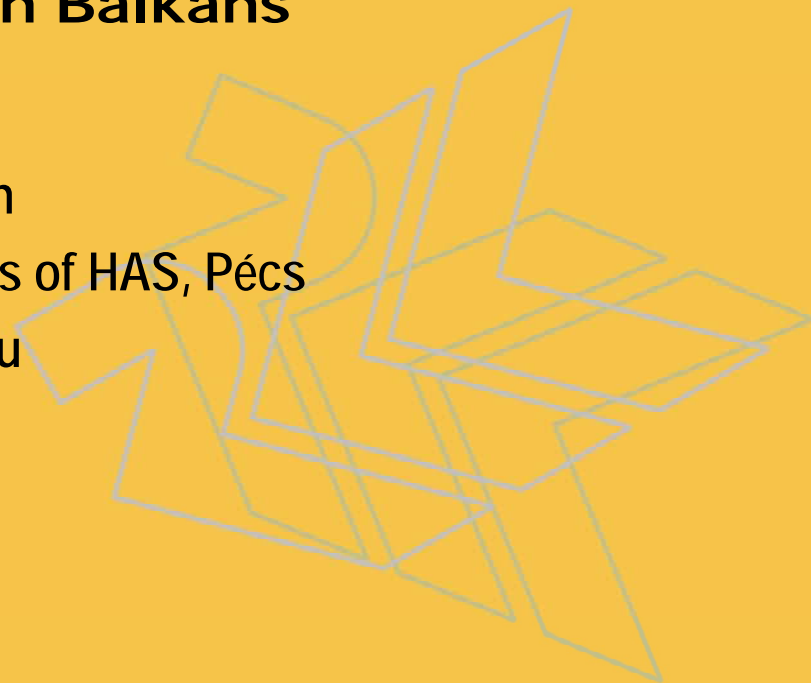


# **The formation of post-Yugoslav 'nation states' after 1991 and problems of inter-state co-operation within the Western Balkans**

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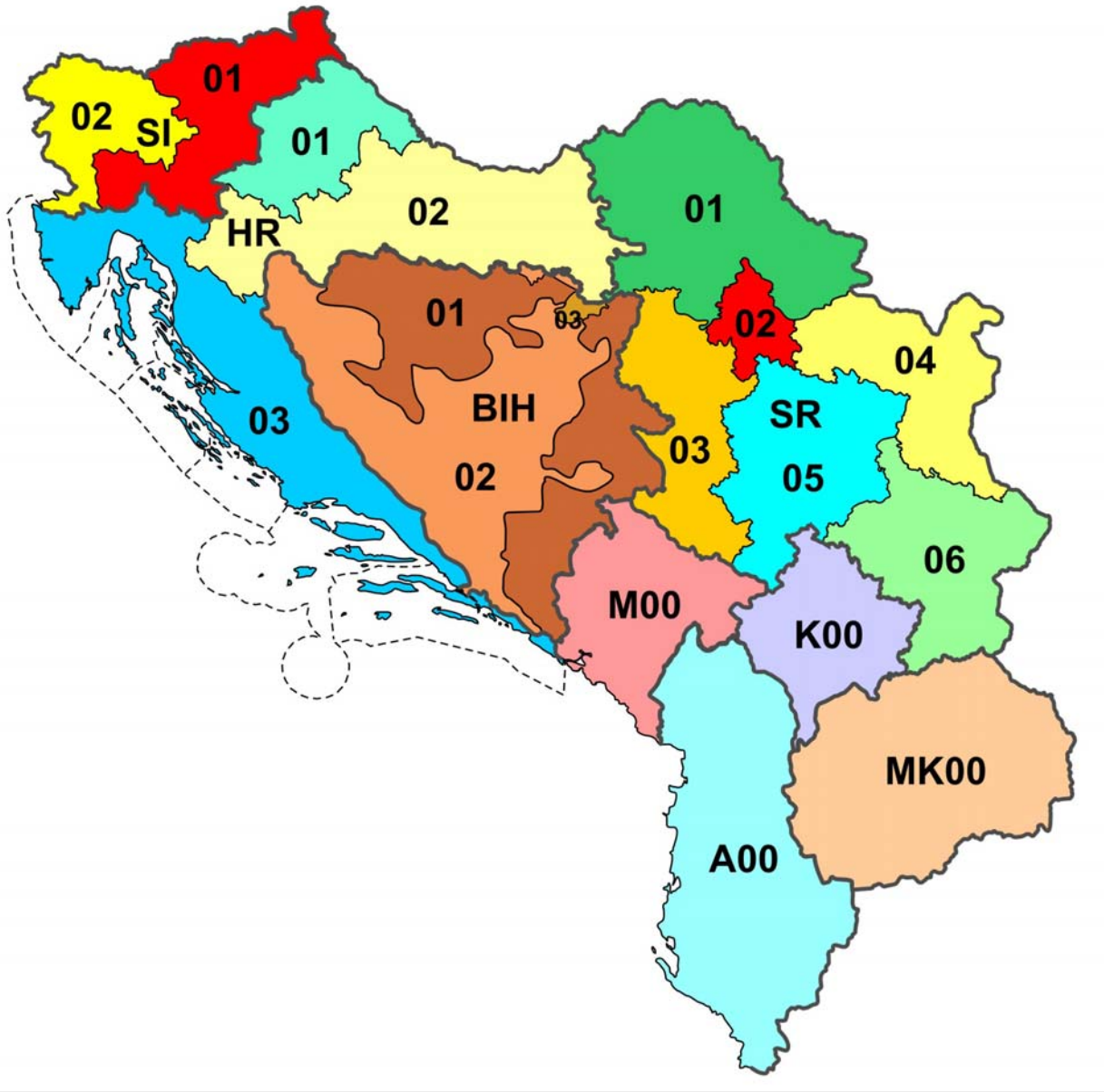


# Forming States and development of bilateral interstate relationship, 1991-2010

- Post-Yugoslav state formation process: from SFRY seven independent states?
- Croatia, Slovenia, BiH, Macedonia, 1991 - 1992,
- Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, 1992-2003, after State Union of Serbia and Montenegro, 2003-2006
- Montenegro and Serbia are independent states, 2006
- Kosovo 17 February, 2008?
- 20 March 2010, Incomplete Brdo Western Balkans Summit, state policy domination of bilateral and multilateral territorial co-operations



# The Western Balkans





# EU Connections: every post\_Yugoslav state would like to be an EU member

Vienna European Council meeting, December 1998, forming Western Balkans, as new political space category

- Zagreb 2000, Thessaloniki Summits 2003
- March 2003 'Western Balkan Five' – Albania, BiH, Croatia, Macedonia, and Serbia-Montenegro - modified political space
- 2004 EU membership of Slovenia - New possibilities and EU influences
- 2008: Western Balkan Seven





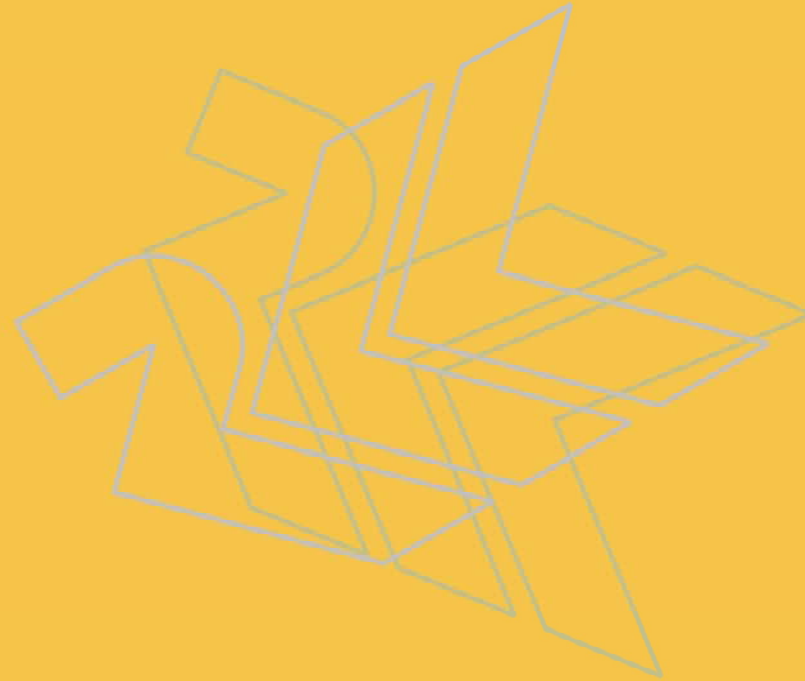
# Co-operations in regional development, and physical planning

- EU influence and pressure on:
- National development plans – national level connections
- Regional (NUTS 2) development plans and programmes – ‘Regional level connections’
- Inter-county (NUTS 3) connections, co-operations, projects
- Inter-settlement connections, co-operations, projects





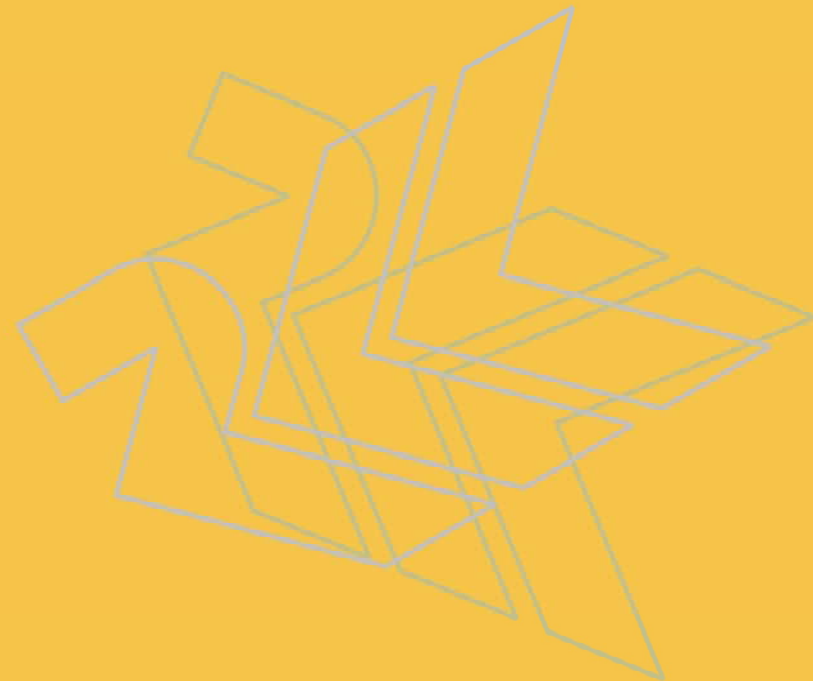
- Historical experiences of open borders in SFRY
- Raising of new state borders, new division of space
- Double and triple border corners
- Different types of state borders: open, traditional bilateral, Schengen, military
- EU influence fo cross-border co-operation





# Main difficulties of inter-state co-operations

- 'State exist' discussion: Kosovo
- Territorial (open and first of all hidden) discussions
- Border (open and hidden) discussions
- Rights of minorities (territorial or cultural authonomy)
- Rights of refugees to return
- Personal and collective mental gaps
- Facing for EU and not for each other





- Many thanks for Your attentions!

