

DILEMMAS OF THE HUNGARIAN-SERBIAN CROSSBORDER AREA FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE LABOUR MARKET

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Abstract: The social-economic problems of the Serbian-Hungarian border region are very complex and critical in many respects. The effects of unfavourable processes on our everyday life have become quite perceivable even in the labour market, due to which there have been accumulated serious tensions of employment in these areas of fundamentally provincial character.

The main conceptual starting point of our research (LOLAMAR HU-SRB IPA; www.lolamar.eu) was that the local labour-market situation in the affected areas could be improved significantly over conscious planning of cross-border opportunities, the revival of labour-exchange partnerships, adapting the best international practices and creating some new forms of social co-operations. With our results, we also want to draw attention to the excluded and inactive groups that should be observed as local resources, whose reintegration into the labour market may strengthen local economy and society as well.