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**Transformations of the Czech Borderland in the 20th Century**

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Borders are traditionally defined as transition zones between differing but mutually adjacent regions. Usually, these areas are distant from their centers and peripheries but also problematic areas. They are places that still attract attention; they arouse interest due to the relationship between individual states and nations, including their contemporary global context. Borders are also usually located at the intersection of two or more cultures, the mutual coherence of which has been reflected in the development of these areas over the long term. The transformations of the borders and border areas affected territories on both sides of the borders. They are far more traditional interests and discussed by the people living there, their environment, and the specific character, which is no exception. It has led to transitional nature as a cross-border area mainly as a result of the changes that took place after the end of 1989, when the era along the border. The other part of Central Europe was affected by the relocation of millions of people and by the advent of the Communist regime (which occurred in Czechoslovakia in 1948). Although the borderlands or at least some parts of it, has undergone undergone multiple transformations, the aforementioned events resulted in significant social, cultural, economic, and environmental changes and to many they were associated with losing or acquiring an identity and a home. In the transformation period after the fall of Communism in 1989, which affected the area bordering with Germany, the changes have been manifested in many ways: political, social, and cultural. The main aim of this study was to analyze the changes in the border area and its role in the EU accession and the Schengen Area. The removal of border controls within the Schengen Area in 2007 further intensified the transformation of the Czech borderland into an area with a barrier character to a space for mediation.

![Map of the Czech Borderland](image)

**1918 - World War II - Communist regime - Velvet revolution - access to the EU**

*Settlements decreased on the border of Czechia after 1945*

*Various identities of the Křivoklát fortress / Ergologie transboundary area on the border of Bohemia/JI and Saxony/GZ*

*Planes of deserted settlements are either overlooked or maintained, Zuhř. Hradisko locality (2005)*

*An example of the cultural heritage and of the relationship of the land to the border.*

*Photograph of the exhibition (2020)*

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