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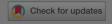
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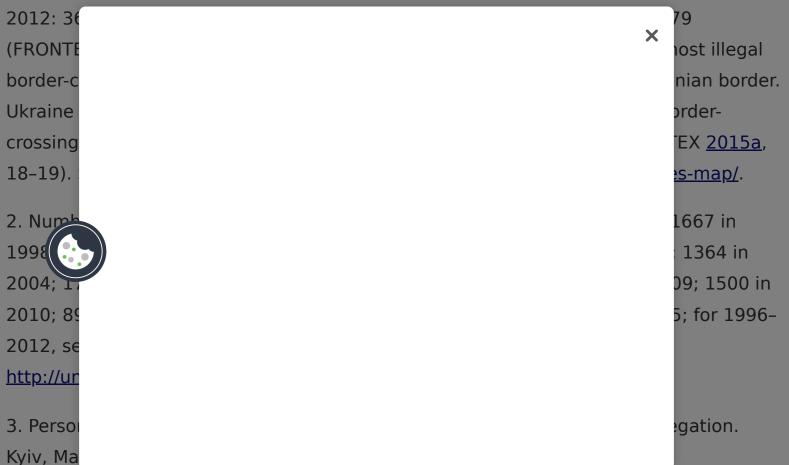
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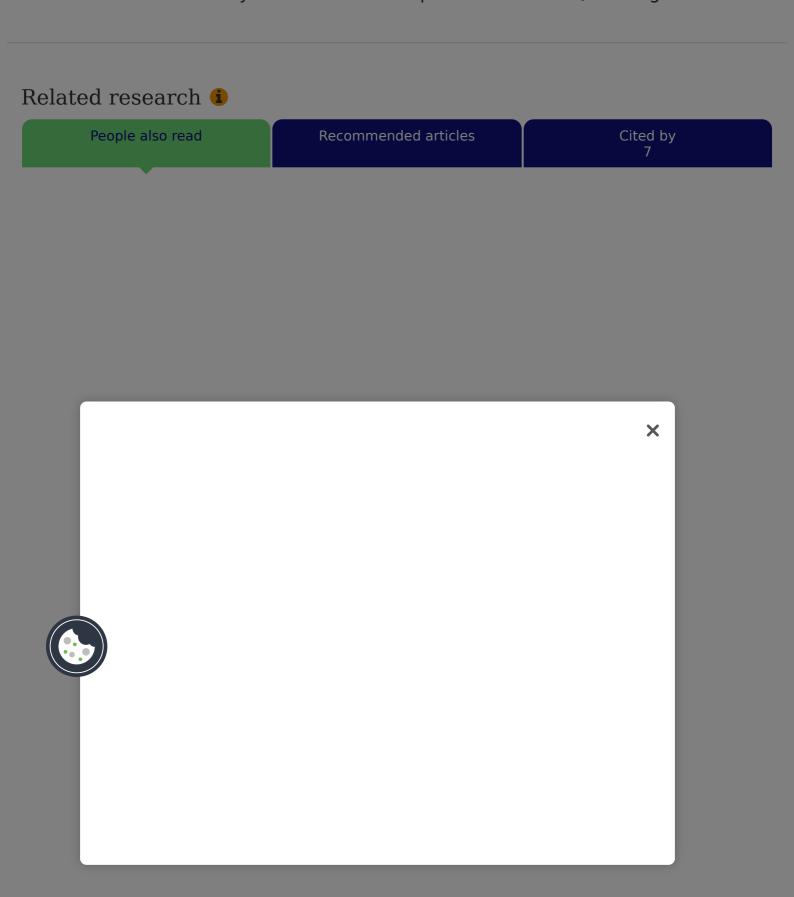
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Notes

1. Detected illegal border-crossing between/at border-crossing points with the purpose of irregular migration at the EU eastern borders reported by Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine, Norway, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary and Romania:



- 4. Personal interview, State Committee for Nationalities and Religion, Kyiv, February 28, 2008.
- 5. In general, (initial) gaps between rule adoption and implementation are no exception in the field of migration and asylum (see for instance Freyburg et al. 2015). Among the identified reasons are decoupling strategies used by the authorities or a lack of implementation capacity. In the given case, implementation has been addressed during the meanwhile successfully concluded second phase of the VLAP, starting in 2014.



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