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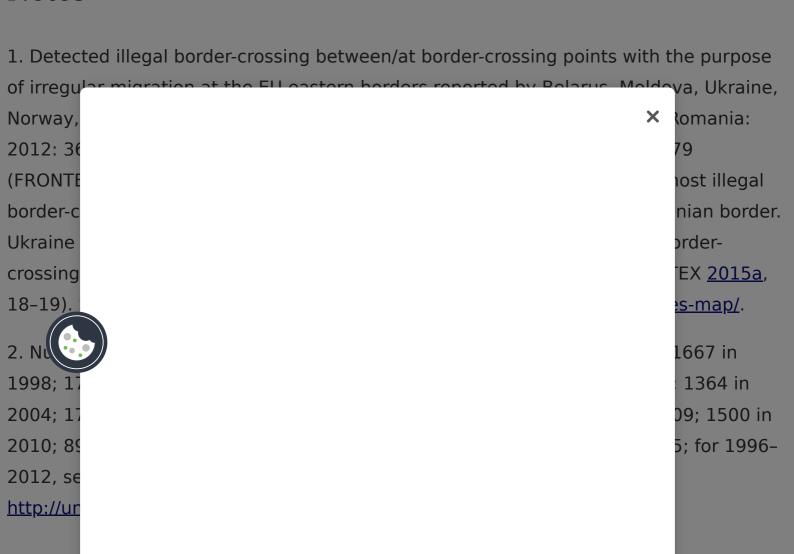
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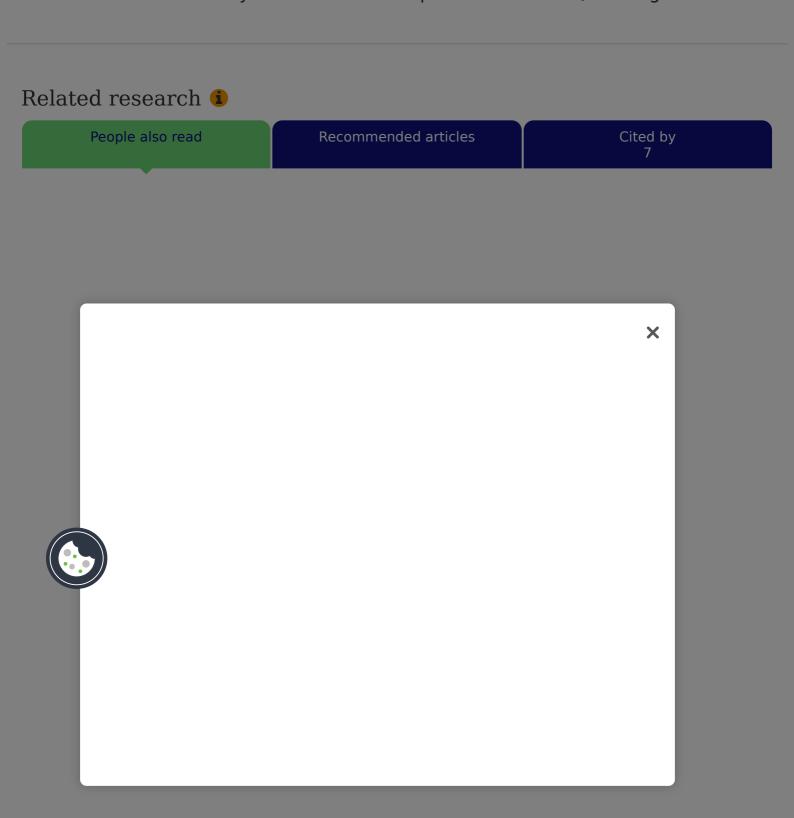
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- 3. Personal interview with EU official in the then-European Commission Delegation. Kyiv, March 5, 2008.
- 4. Personal interview, State Committee for Nationalities and Religion, Kyiv, February 28, 2008.
- 5. In general, (initial) gaps between rule adoption and implementation are no exception in the field of migration and asylum (see for instance Freyburg et al. <u>2015</u>). 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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