

THE POHRANIČÍ (BORDERLANDS) WORKING GROUP  
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Since 1989, the Pohraničí (Borderlands) working group in Ústí nad Labem, a branch of the Sociological Institute of the Prague Academy of Sciences, has been working on developments in the border regions between the Czech Republic and Germany. It is an interdisciplinary body, and it cooperates with numerous research institutions in the Federal Republic of Germany and in other countries as well. The research efforts being undertaken by the group's staff deal on one hand with the outlook on history of those living in the border regions, and with possible consequences for Czech-German relations and the Czech assessment of the German neighbour. On the other hand, political, social, economic, and structural developments in the border region are being watched and analysed and compared to developments in neighbouring regions in Saxonia and Bavaria. The working group also advises politicians and seeks to communicate its findings to a broader public.