The Politics of Research and Development in Border Security

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Programme Formulation

SECURITY ACTORS (Commission DG Home, Frontex, National Border Guards)
- Formulate Security Policies and Objectives
- Express specific security interests to be implemented through security research

RESEARCH ACTORS (Commission DG Research, National Security Research Funds)
- Long-term Programme formulation and short-term call formulation
- Providing the funding, thus decisions of which projects to fund: power of shaping security through funding

INDUSTRY ACTORS (Commission DG Home, Frontex), National Border Guards
- Large Share of funding received for specific projects
- Lobbying organizations in order to strengthen the interests of the industry

How is the border constructed and enacted through Research and Development?

Projects as site of investigation: Materialization of interactions between actors, security policies and imaginaries

Defining objectives of Border Security

Funding schemes and project funding

Theoretically interlinking political sociology (Bourdieu, Deleuze), critical security studies, critical border studies and Science & Technology Studies