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Our interest in Ukrainian migration has different roots, but there are some common traits as well, particularly curiosity about mobility within Europe beyond the EU border zone. Additionally, both editors have experienced migration to the EU and overseas and have written doctoral theses, one at the Central European University and the other at the European University Viadrina, about Ukrainian women migrating to the domestic work sectors in Italy and in Poland.

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