

Visegrad Democracy Platform: Workshop II

Ukrainian Case Study: The V4's Past and Future Involvement in a Transitioning Country

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This talk focused on how the Visegrad Four can most effectively address the current situation in Ukraine.

Although the V4 could take further action in Ukraine, the Visegrad countries have had a greater impact than is reflected in political rhetoric.

Ukraine has the potential to benefit the European economy and to bring new insight to the EU. Certain sectors of civil society and of the media are capable of enacting change, but the country requires time, guidance, and advice in order to mature.

The Visegrad countries have interests in Ukraine, partially due to geographic proximity. Polls indicate that Visegrad support for the Ukraine is rising.

There is no Russian imperialism without Ukraine. There needs to be more strategic planning focusing on this fundamental issue.

Ukraine will not receive substantive help from external actors until it solves its security issues. Solutions to these problems will need to be sought outside of traditional government solutions.