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The Roots of Visegrad Cooperation

- **Common Ground in History, Culture and Religion**
royal meetings in Visegrád in 1335 and 1336
(John of Luxembourg, Charles I of Anjou and Casimir III),
interconnected histories of V4 countries,
common cultural experience
- **Geographical Closeness**
the crossroads between the East and the West
- **Similar Development**
struggles for freedom in 1956, 1968, 1980, 1989;
social and economic transformations,
similar development of infrastructure, etc.

CZ + HU + PL + SK = V4

- **V4 as a Consultation Platform**
regular meetings at all levels and in all sectors
- **Joint Achievements**
membership in the EU, NATO; common positions within EU (e.g. the EU budget); cooperation with other regional bodies, Visegrad 4 Eastern Partnership (V4EaP) Program, etc.
- **Goals**
forming the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy and the European Neighborhood Policy, the Schengen Agreement, energy security, etc.
- **Common Experience and Expertise**
similar levels of social and economic development and transformation experience, fight for freedom as a know-how

Basic Facts about the Fund

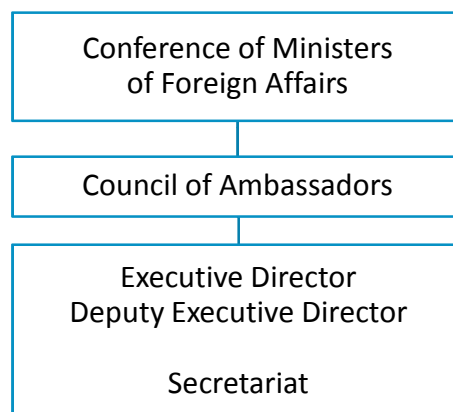
- established in **2000** as the **only solid organization** of the Visegrad Group with the seat in Bratislava
- instrument for **strengthening the regional cooperation** and awareness
- expression of **common priorities** of the Visegrad Group's foreign policy
- fostering people-to-people contact and supporting **common projects** and **individual mobility**



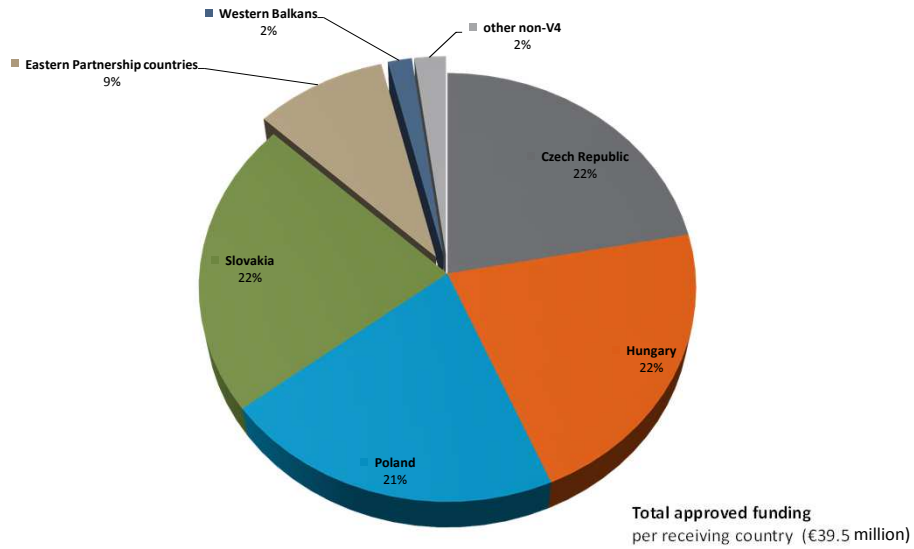
Basic Numbers about the Fund

- annual budget of **€7,000,000** (as of 2012)
(equal contributions of €1.75 million per member state)
- to date the Fund supported more than
 - **3,300** grant projects
 - **1,100** individual MA-/PhD-level scholarships
 - **150** individual artist residencies
- in total: nearly **€39.5 million**
- **5+ grant** programs, **3+ scholarship** programs,
3 artist-in-residence programs, **1 fellowship** program
- **10+ annual deadlines**
- staff of **13** (secretariat) + external trustees (PL, HU, UA)

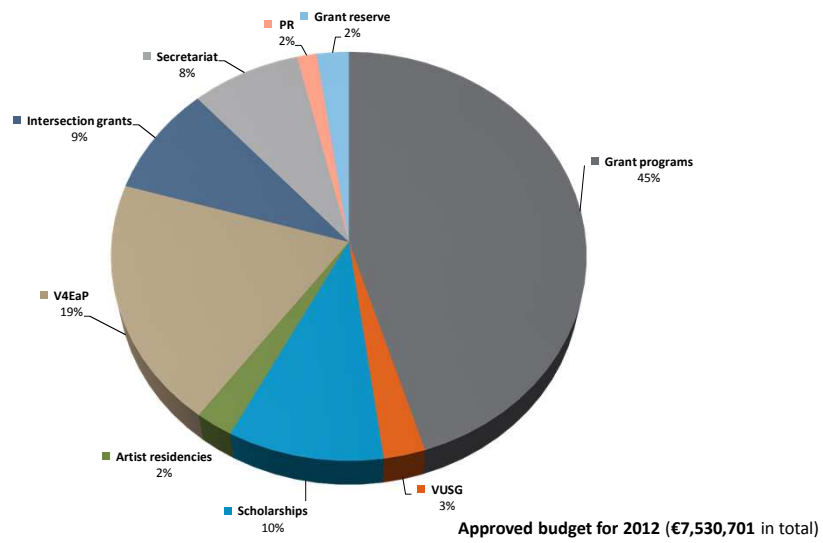
Structure



Target Countries 2000–2011



Budget Breakdown (2012)



Program Overview

Grant programs:

Small Grants (\leq €6,000; up to 6 months)

Standard Grants (\geq €6,001; up to 12 months)

Visegrad Strategic Program (ca. €40,000; 12–36 months)

Visegrad University Studies Grants (ca. €10,000/€40,000)

Visegrad+ (individual budgets)

Mobility programs:

Visegrad Scholarship Program (€2,300 + 1,500/semester)

Visegrad Scholarships at OSA (€2,000/2 months)

VARP—General Residencies (€2,250 + 2,250/3 months)

VARP in New York (€4,000/3 months)

VARP—Performing Arts (€4,000/€8,000/3 months)

Grant Categories

- **Cultural Cooperation (49%)**
- **Scientific Exchange and Research (19%)**
- **Education (14%)**
- **Youth Exchanges (10%)**
- **Cross-Border Cooperation (7%)**
- **Promotion of Tourism (2%)**



100% = 3,240 projects approved in 2000–2011

Basic Granting Principles

- involvement of at least **3 V4 countries**
- **Visegrad/Central European topic**
- grant covers **up to 70% of project costs**
- reimbursements in **tranches** with **advance payments** (up to 80% of project costs)
- **5% overhead costs**
- costs documented through **copies of invoices and bills**
- separate **bank account** for every grant project
- **project website** (with unique URL), **project calendar**, **press releases**

Non-Refundable Project Costs

- **capital investments**
(purchases of laptops, office equipment, etc.)
- **indirect costs**
(utilities, telephone bills, etc.)
- **internal costs and expences**
(with the exception of up to **5% overhead costs**)
- **employments ruled by labor code**
(including all other related costs, e.g. per diems)

Refundable Project Costs

- **printing and publishing** costs
- **rent** of premises and related technical services
- **fees for experts, fees for artists**
- **accommodation and board**
- **transportation** costs
- **translation/interpreting** costs
- **awards and prizes**
- office supplies
- advertising costs and promotional material
- website design and update, etc.

Frequent Mistakes

- **copies of the letters of intent** (original documents necessary)
- **wrong ID documents** (official registries of the statistical offices, district courts or interior ministries are eligible—simple copies are enough)
- **unclear V4 feature** (missing “Visegrad added value”)
- **unclear role of project partners**
- **dates of project events too close** to the announcement of the grant selection results
- absence of proper **acknowledgement of the Fund’s support** (missing logo, website links, etc.)

Visegrad Scholarship Program

- **Master's (MA)/Post-Master's (PhD) levels**
- **1 or 2 semesters** (MA up to 4 semesters)
- **Funding both the scholar and host university**
(€2,300/sem. + €1,500/sem. + a possibility of one-time €200 travel grant)

❖ **Intra-Visegrad Scholarships**

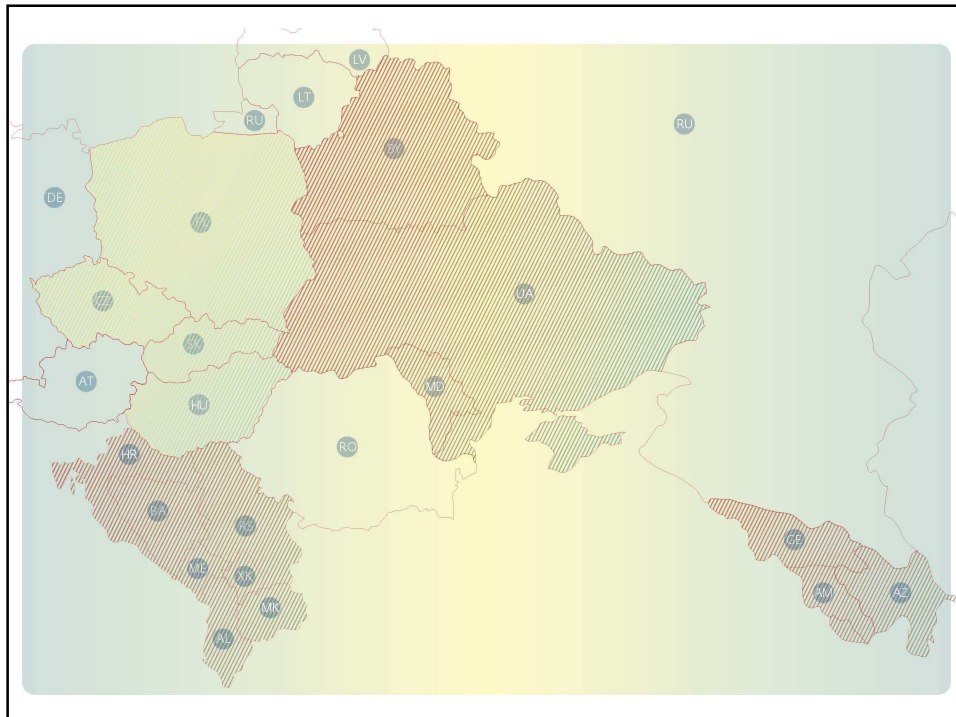
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❖ **Out-Going Scholarships**

V4 → AL, AM, AZ, BA, BY, GE, HR, MD, MK, ME, RS, UA and XK

❖ **In-Coming Scholarships (+ Scholarships for EaP)**

AL, BA, HR, MD, MK, ME, RU, RS, XK (+ AM, AZ, BY, GE, MD and UA) → V4



Visegrad Scholarships at OSA

- joint project with the **Open Society Archives** at CEU Budapest (archives of the Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty)
- **10 annual fellowships** (8 x V4, 2 x non-V4)
- max. research periods of **2 months**
- **€2,000/project**
- **no regular deadline** (continuous submissions)

Visegrad University Studies Grant

- annual budget: **€200,000** (2012)
- deadline: **10 November**
- grant for **the development and launching of Visegrad-related university courses or degree programs**
- all accredited public and private universities worldwide are eligible
- support of ca. **€10,000/course/€40,000/degree program**

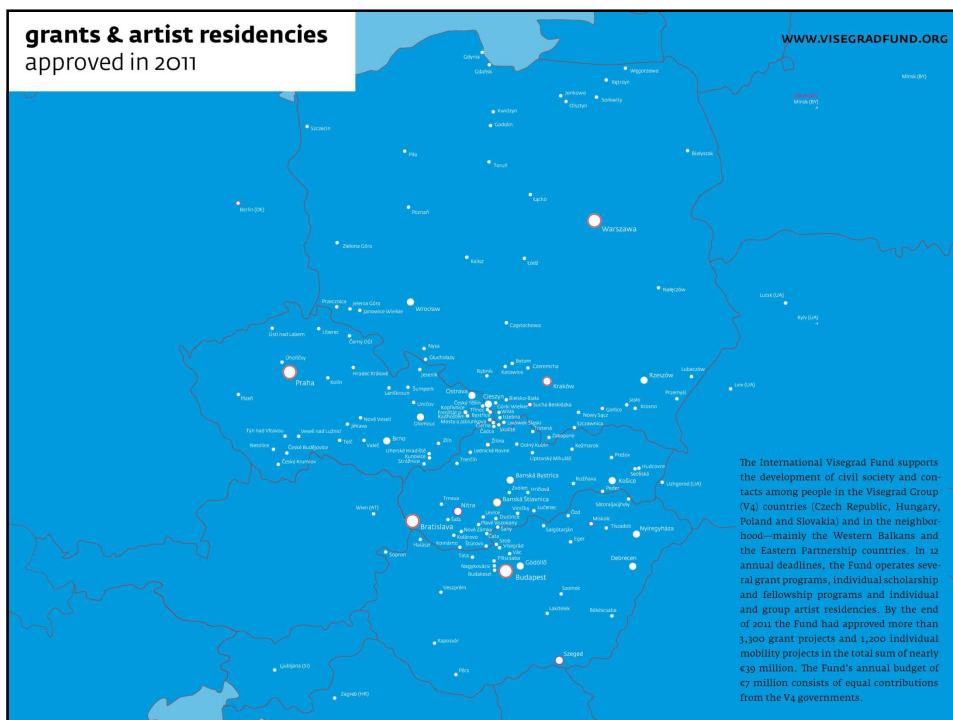
Visegrad Artist Residency Program



- **Visegrad Artist Residency Program—General Residencies**
(€2,250 + €2,250 per project, 4x4 3-month residencies)
- **Visegrad Artist Residency Program—Performing Arts**
(€4,000/€8,000 for individual/group residency, 3-month residencies)
- **Visegrad Artist Residencies in New York (4 stipends annually)**
(€4,000 per project, 3-month residencies in Brooklyn, NY)

www.visegradfund.org/residencies

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Visegrad 4 Eastern Partnership Program (V4EaP)

- Total budget in 2012: **€1,456,000**
+ co-financing from **other sources** (NL, US)
- Focus on **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova** and **Ukraine**
- Programs have **similar structure** to the other programs (grants/mobility programs)

V4EaP Programs

- **Flagship Projects**
long-term projects of **strategic character**; transfer of V4 know-how on **democratic transformation** and **regional cooperation**
- **Standard Grants—EaP**
medium-length projects linking the EaP and V4 regions
- **Visegrad University Studies Grants—EaP**
development of college/university courses and degree programs
- **Visegrad Scholarships for EaP**
individual academic mobility between V4 and EaP universities and colleges

www.visegradfund.org/east






Deadlines in 2012

31 January	Visegrad Scholarship Program
1 March	Small Grants
15 March	Standard Grants
30 March	Visegrad Strategic Program
1 June	Small Grants
1 September	Small Grants
10 September	Visegrad Artist Residency Program
15 September	Standard Grants/Standard Grants—EaP
10 November	VUSG/VUSG—EaP
1 December	Small Grants

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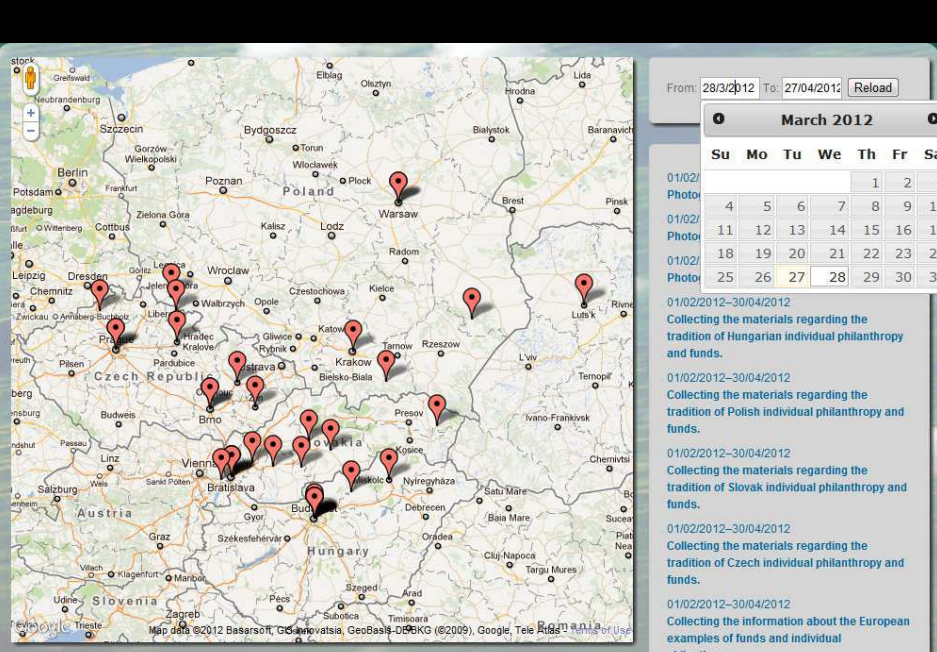
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Useful links

- 
Visegrad Find on-line notice board for **project partner search** and database of selected grantees
- 
Visegrad Books on-line **library catalogue** of the International Visegrad Fund
- 
Visegrad Group official portal of the Visegrad Group

www.visegradfind.visegradfund.org
www.library.visegradfund.org
www.visegradgroup.eu

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Collecting the materials regarding the tradition of Hungarian individual philanthropy and funds.

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www.projects.visegradfund.org/events

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Thank you.

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