Visegrad Fund

The Fund is an international donor organization, established in 2000 by the governments of the Visegrad Group countries—Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia—to promote regional cooperation in the Visegrad region (V4) as well as between the V4 region and other countries, especially in the Western Balkans and Eastern Partnership regions.

3 PROJECT EXAMPLES

Regional development, entrepreneurship and tourism
In the Strengthening Capacities of Dairy Farmers from Northern Moldova project, an internship program at dairy farms in Visegrad countries helped small and medium dairy farmers from Northern Moldova to learn sustainable techniques for increasing production, improving products’ quality and for raising farming profitability.

Education, and Capacity Building
The Avalanche Prevention in the Ukrainian Carpathians was the main focus of the training conducted by the V4 avalanche experts for their counterparts in Ukraine. Thanks to the project, the voluntary rescuers and other participants from Ukrainian rescue organizations improved their skills for avalanche rescue and obtained equipment for monitoring and publishing avalanche warnings in Ukrainian mountains.

Social Development
During the 5-day meeting in Poland and Slovakia, the experts participating in the project discussed the state of audio description in their countries, shared best practices related to it and prepared a recording of audio described tours of collections exhibited by Poznań Archeological Museum, Stará Ľubovňa Castle Museum and Lviv Historical Museum, thus creating new opportunities for blind and partially sighted persons to enjoy art and heritage.

Visegrad 4 Eastern Partnership

Launched in 2011 by the Visegrad Group (V4) countries, the Visegrad 4 Eastern Partnership (V4 EaP) program supports European Union’s Eastern Partnership (EaP), a joint policy initiative to deepen and strengthen relations between the European Union, its Member States and its six Eastern neighbours: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. In 2019, the initiative marks its 10th anniversary.
About the program

The Visegrad 4 Eastern Partnership (V4EaP) program was initiated in 2011 by the governments of the Visegrad Group countries to enhance the cooperation between the Visegrad region and the countries of the Eastern Partnership (EaP) and to facilitate the unique know-how of the Visegrad countries with challenges of democratic transition and with establishing sustainable regional cooperation.

Since the inception of the V4EaP program, the Visegrad Fund has supported projects and academic scholarships for graduate students from EaP region in total worth exceeding €16.2 million. The program has also received funding from external donors, namely from the governments of Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland and the USA.

The V4EaP project and academic mobility grants contribute to the development of cooperation, exchange of knowledge and good practice among NGOs, public institutions and nonprofit organizations as well as educational and research institutions in Eastern Partnership countries.

“We are strongly determined to continue our commitment to the Eastern Partnership as a strategic dimension of the European Neighborhood Policy and a key and active factor of stability and economic progress in Eastern Europe. The International Visegrad Fund, through its Visegrad 4 Eastern Partnership program, will remain to offer project-based assistance facilitating the efforts of transformation, modernization, economic development, social progress and supporting civil society in all countries of the Eastern Partnership.”

Visegrad+ Grants

Visegrad+ Grants support NGOs, civil society organizations, educational institutions and the public and private sector actors that aim at sharing knowledge, enhancing innovation and engaging communities in Eastern and Southeast Europe. In EaP countries, Visegrad+ projects contribute to the goals of the EaP policies of the European Union.