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ANNUAL REPORT
2018

GRANTS

Visegrad Grants | Visegrad+ Grants | Visegrad Strategic Grants

28.97%
Success rate

Submitted/Approved—Grants 2018		
Deadline	Submitted	Approved
February	335	134
June	191	59
October	223	81
Total	749	274

Grants 2018							
Country/€	Visegrad Grants	Visegrad+ Grants		Strategic Grants	Total	% 2018 (grants)	% 2000–2018 (all)
		EaP	WB				
CZ	890,564	71,431	58,667	131,804	1,152,466	19.86%	20.48%
HU	1,028,992	99,926	30,000	117,650	1,276,568	22.00%	20.02%
PL	847,726	129,762	0	19,610	997,098	17.18%	20.39%
SK	775,609	109,307	0	162,900	1,047,816	18.05%	20.47%
non-V4	173,158	763,111	350,029	43,400	1,329,698	22.91%	18.09%
Total					5,803,646	100.00%	100.00%

MOBILITY

Scholarships

24.83%

Success rate

Submitted/Approved—Scholarships 2019		
Country	Submitted	Approved
Czechia	13	6
Hungary	8	4
Poland	40	18
Slovakia	30	22
Albania	10	1
Armenia	28	6
Azerbaijan	233	13
Belarus	20	9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8	0
Georgia	32	5
Kosovo	16	1
North Macedonia	10	3
Moldova	9	3
Montenegro	2	1
Serbia	14	5
Ukraine	127	52
Total	600	149

MOBILITY

Individual mobility		
CC	Semesters	Scholarship (€)
CZ	16	36,800
HU	18	41,600
PL	28	64,800
SK	23	53,100
AL	4	9,200
AM	14	33,200
AZ	38	89,200
BA	2	4,600
BY	3	6,900
GE	19	35,500
XK	4	9,200
MK	8	18,400
MD	6	13,800
ME	6	14,000
RS	3	6,900
UA	115	164,700
Total	307	625,200

Host institutions		
CC	Semesters	Lump sums (€)
CZ	102	153,000
PL	98	147,000
SK	53	79,500
HU	25	37,500
BA	7	10,500
GE	7	10,500
MD	6	9,000
UA	5	7,500
RS	3	4,500
AM	1	1,500
Total	307	460,500

Scholarships total	1,085,700
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MOBILITY

Residencies



Program/support	Submitted	Supported
Visegrad Artist Residency—Performing Arts	30	8
Visegrad Artist Residencies—Visual & Sound Arts	34	16
Visegrad Artist Residencies in New York	123	4
Visegrad Literary Residencies	126	32

Country/support	Support (€)		
	Artists	Hosts	Total
Czechia	34,500	22,000	56,500
Hungary	34,500	8,500	43,000
Poland	34,500	6,250	40,750
Slovakia	34,500	15,250	49,750
Total (€)	138,000	52,000	190,000

OTHER PROJECTS

Visegrad Strategic Conferences

The budget of the Strategic Conferences program continued with its **€500,000** annual allocation in 2018 but also leftovers from 2017 which were **€10,000** for Czechia and Slovakia. There was no strategic conference in Poland in 2018:

ID code	Grantee	Project title	Budget (€)
VSC18CZ1	EUROPEUM	The Prague European Summit 2017	70,000.00
VSC18CZ2	Forum 2000 Foundation	22 nd Forum 2000 Conference	40,000.00
VSC18CZ3	EUROPEUM	Transatlantic Policy Forum	25,000.00
CZ Subtotal			135,000.00
BDPST18	Antall József Knowledge Centre	think.BDPST 2018	100,000.00
HU Subtotal			100,000.00
VSC18SK1	Globsec, Bratislava	GLOBSEC 2018 Bratislava Forum	100,000.00
VSC18SK2	Slovak Foreign Policy Association	Central European Energy Conference 2018	20,000.00
VSC18SK3	VSC18SK1	Globsec, Bratislava	15,000.00
SK Subtotal			135,000.00
Total:			370,000.00

Think Visegrad Think-Tank Network + the Mid-Term Conference

The Think Visegrad think-tank platform concluded its sixth year of successful operations in December 2018 with the total output of 12 short-term analyses, 4 long-term analyses and with 8 visiting fellows from non-V4 countries. The leftover budget of **€6,131.50** was utilized in the form of a deduction from the awarded budget for 2019. The fourth "mid-term conference" took place in Tata and Budapest on February 13–15, 2018. The total award to the event amounted to **€12,000** and was duly accounted for by the organizer, the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary.

Think Visegrad in Brussels

Coordinated by EUROPEUM Prague, the joint representation of V4 think tanks in Brussels under the brand Think Visegrad in Brussels concluded the third year of its operations having fully utilized its €50,500 budget¹. The following public events were organized with various partner organizations in Brussels: "Echoes of the EU – Western Balkans Summit: New beginning?", "New Transatlanticism in Central Europe: The V4 and NATO in Question", "Chinese investments in Europe: Comparing perceptions across Western and Central Europe", "Regional cooperation and EU decision-making: impact of the Benelux, Nordic Council and V4" (lunch time seminar) and "A New Deal for Emerging Technologies Where will the money come from in the new MFF?" (working breakfast). On top of that, two private roundtable debates were organized on the topics of strategic autonomy and the adoption of EURO—"PESCO: What role for the V4 in developing European Strategic Autonomy" "Path to EURO: The Future of the non-Eurozone Countries".

The following nine fellows took part in week-long research/study trips in Brussels and were hosted by the Think Visegrad in Brussels: **Edit Inotai** (CEID), **Tomáš Madleňák** (SFPA), Sejla Almadi (IFAT), **Kamil Frymark** (OSW), **Vladislava Gubalova** (GLOBSEC), **Daniel Šitera** (IIR), **Melchior Szczepanik** (PISM), **Botond Feledy** (CEID) and **Jana Jůzová** (EUROPEUM).

Civil Servants Mobility Program

The fifth annual edition of the civil servant mobility program was another project carried out by the Think Visegrad consortium coordinated by the Slovak Foreign Policy Association. The program took place with two focus countries targeting for the second time already both the EaP region and the Western Balkans—Ukraine and Montenegro. In total, 22 people participated from Ukraine and 20 from Montenegro—yielding altogether 145 participants from 4 focus countries.

V4 Energy Think Tank Platform—Pilot project

A pilot edition of a think tank platform focusing on energy and energy security was successfully concluded in 2018 having utilized fully its **€50,000** budget. Submitted by REKK Foundation for Regional Policy Co-operation in Energy and Infrastructure, the project comprised a consortium of the following think tanks: **Association for International Affairs** (CZ), **Instytut Jagielloński** (PL) and the **Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association** (SK). Overall, 2 workshops were held one in Budapest (September 2018) and the other in Warsaw (January 2019), 4 internal position papers were released on RES transportation targets, capacity mechanisms in the region, mandatory solidarity in the region and the future of transit through Ukraine and a "flagship study" was published under the title "State of the V4 Energy Sector".

V4 Startup Force

The other big pilot project implemented in 2018 dealt with startups in the region and was implemented by Tatabánya-based Design Terminál, Kft., and the following partners in the other respective countries: **UP21** (CZ), **Foundation for Technology Entrepreneurship** (PL) and **Campus** (SK). The envisaged budget was scaled down to **€60,000** and the grantee managed to implement a single pilot edition of startup capacity building.

Visegrad Bicycle Race

The sixth edition of the four bicycle races took place under a lower overall budget of **€60,000** but in the same locations as in 2017—Valtice, Pannonhalma, Sobótka and Bratislava. The Budaörs-based Movement Health Recreation Sport Club utilized 50% of the total budget while the remaining three associations (Czech Cycling Federation, The Lower Silesian Cycling association and the Slovak Cycling Association) used **€10,000** each.

V4 innovators in Israel Training Program

Drawing from the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the V4 countries and the State of Israel in Jerusalem in June 2018, a pilot project of a training program for representatives of V4 startups, incubators and accelerators in Israel was initiated in cooperation with the Golda Meir MASHAV Carmel International Training Center and the Economic and European Divisions of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The V4 side was represented by the fund as the donor, the Slovak Innovation and Energy Association who had taken over the project coordination with the start of the Slovak V4 PRES and their respective partners in the other V4 countries.

In total 7 participants were selected by each government and 28 in total participated in the 3-week trainings in December 2018 in Israel.² The program was deemed a success by all parties and the budget was well utilized with a total leftover of **€8,322**.

¹ In reporting, the €49,500 approved budget was 100% utilized; moreover, the spending also included €1,000 spent in Q1 2018 (as part of a fellowship of Edit Inotai postponed for health reasons from 2017).

² As one selected applicant from Czechia had to cancel in the last minute, only 27 "startupper" participated joined by a representative of SIEA who served as a chaperone throughout the entire program.

INSTITUTION BUILDING

The management of the fund:

<i>Beata Jaczewska</i>	Executive Director (until July 31, 2018)
<i>Andor F. Dávid</i>	Executive Director (since August 1, 2018)
<i>Marek Pavlík</i>	Deputy Executive Director

The staff was as follows:

(in alphabetical order)

<i>Anna Adamczyk</i>	Project Manager (since October 2, 2017)
<i>Andrea Babčanová</i>	Chief of Staff (until Aug. 15, 2018)
<i>Zsófia Bajnay</i>	Project Manager (as of July 23, 2018)
<i>Lilla Kakuk</i>	Public Relations Officer (until July 31)
<i>Darina Lendvorská</i>	Project Manager
<i>Martin Marciňa</i>	Executive Assistant
<i>Tanja Marković</i>	Project Manager
<i>Romana Mjartanová</i>	Project Manager
<i>Michal Pavlík</i>	Public Relations Manager
<i>Dániel Péter</i>	Project Manager
<i>Denisa Pussová</i>	Project Manager (until July 31)
<i>Beáta Regecová</i>	Accountant
<i>Jiří Sýkora</i>	Strategic Relations Coordinator/Chief of Staff (as of Aug. 1, 2018)
<i>Paulina Woźniak</i>	Project Manager (as of Nov. 5, 2018)