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**International  
Visegrad Fund  
2011: on the  
Threshold of New  
Challenges**

# Key points

- **A brief history of the Visegrad Group leading to the IVF establishment**
- **Establishment of the IVF**
- **Main tasks and aims, key programmes**
- **Year 2011: year of changes and new programmes**
- **Mutual exchange of opinions and experiences**

**Have you ever  
heard about the  
International  
Visegrad Fund?**

**What is your, if  
any, personal  
experience with the  
IVF?**

# The Roots of 'Visegrad'

- **Common Ground in History**  
(meeting of kings of Bohemia, Hungary and Poland in Visegrád in 1335, **interconnected histories** of V4 countries, common cultural experience)
- **Similar Historical Development after Second World War**  
(brothers in disaster, the same aims after 1989)
- **Geographical Closeness**  
(in the very exposed Central European region)

# 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; looking for common positions within EU;

- **New Goals (Kroměříž 2004)**

Forming the *EU Common Foreign and Security Policy* and the *European Neighbourhood Policy*, the Schengen Agreement, energy security, etc.

# Support of V4 Cooperation

- Established in 2000 with the seat in Bratislava (Secretariat of the Fund)
- The IVF as a concrete means of the V4 cooperation
- Support of the movement of people and ideas
- Instrument of V4 foreign policy



# Basic Facts about the Fund:

- The only organization of the Visegrad Group
- To date the Fund has supported more than  
**3,000 grant projects,**  
**1,000 scholarships** and over  
**100 artist residencies**
- Annual budget: **€6,000,000**  
(i.e. **€1.5 million** per member state)
- From 2012: **€7,000,000**

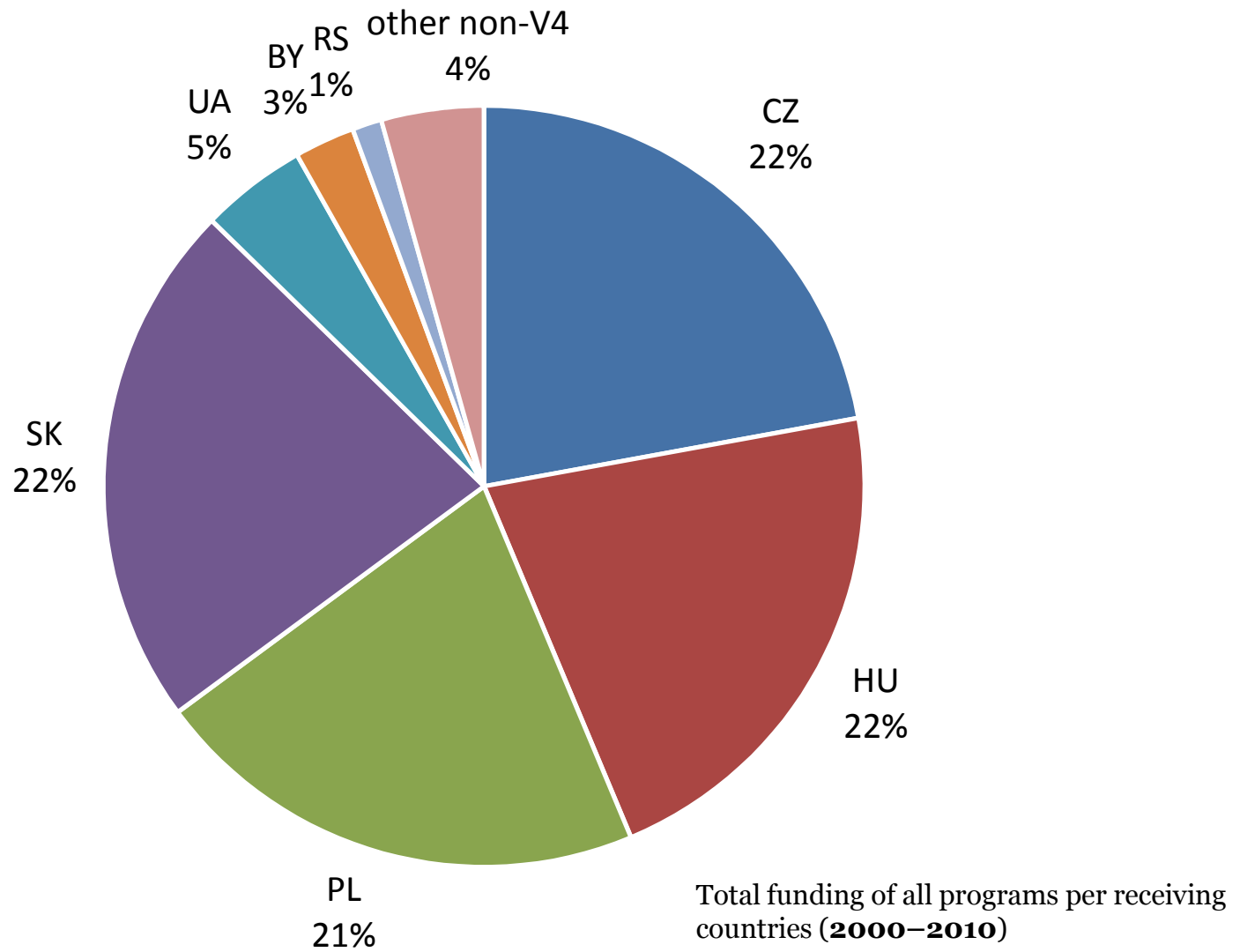
# Supported Fields of Project Activities\*

- Cultural Cooperation (ca. 50%)
- Scientific Exchange and Research (ca. 18%)
- Education (ca. 13%)
- Youth Exchanges (ca. 11%)
- Cross-Border Cooperation (ca. 6%)
- Promotion of Tourism (ca. 2%)

\* Every project should be recognizable in one of the *fields* but can in fact fall in any category of activity (e.g. *environment, sports and leisure, social affairs, publishing, etc.*).

**Do you think the IVF  
has omitted any  
important field  
which should be  
also supported?**

# Target Countries:



# **First Challenge: New Changes**

- **to manage the involvement of changes made in March 2011**
- **to prepare second round of changes by the end of 2011** (letters of intent, strategic grants, biyearly grants)
- **to improve knowledge about Fund**
- **new programmes** (NSC Taiwan, V4EaP, CEPA, Visegrad review)

# Changes of the Grant programme

- grants cover up to **70% project costs/earlier 50%**
- **reimbursements in tranches** with **advance payments** (up to 80% of project costs)/**earlier payment after finishing of grants**
- **5% overhead costs / earlier did not exist**
- **copies of invoices and bills/ earlier originals**
- **new means of the interaction with grantees**
- **separate bank account** for the purposes of grant project
- **project website** for every project
- updating **press releases** regarding each project event
- updating **calendar of events**

**Any further idea,  
what to improve or  
change?**

# Small Grants

- 2011 Budget: **€540,000**
- Deadlines: **1 March, 1 June,  
1 September, 1 December**
- Contractual period: **6 months**
- Supported amounts: up to **€5,000**
- Approval period: up to **40 working days**  
(the project cannot start sooner)

More information:

[www.visegradfund.org/grants/small\\_grants/](http://www.visegradfund.org/grants/small_grants/)



# Standard Grants

- 2011 Budget: **€2,200,000**
- Deadlines: **15 March, 15 September**
- Contractual period: **12 months**
- Supported amounts: more than **€5,001**  
(on average ca. €9,000–10,000 per project)
- Approval period: up to **50 working days**  
(the project cannot start sooner)

More information:

[www.visegradfund.org/grants/standard\\_grants/](http://www.visegradfund.org/grants/standard_grants/)

# Visegrad Strategic Program

- 2011 Budget: **€400,000**
- Deadline: **16 May**
- Cooperation of **all V4 countries**
- Contractual period: **12–36 months**
- Supported amounts unlimited  
(on average ca. €30,000 per project)
- Approval period: up to **50 working days**  
(the project cannot start sooner)

More information:

[www.visegradfund.org/grants/strategic\\_grants/](http://www.visegradfund.org/grants/strategic_grants/)

# Visegrad Scholarship Program

2011 Budget:

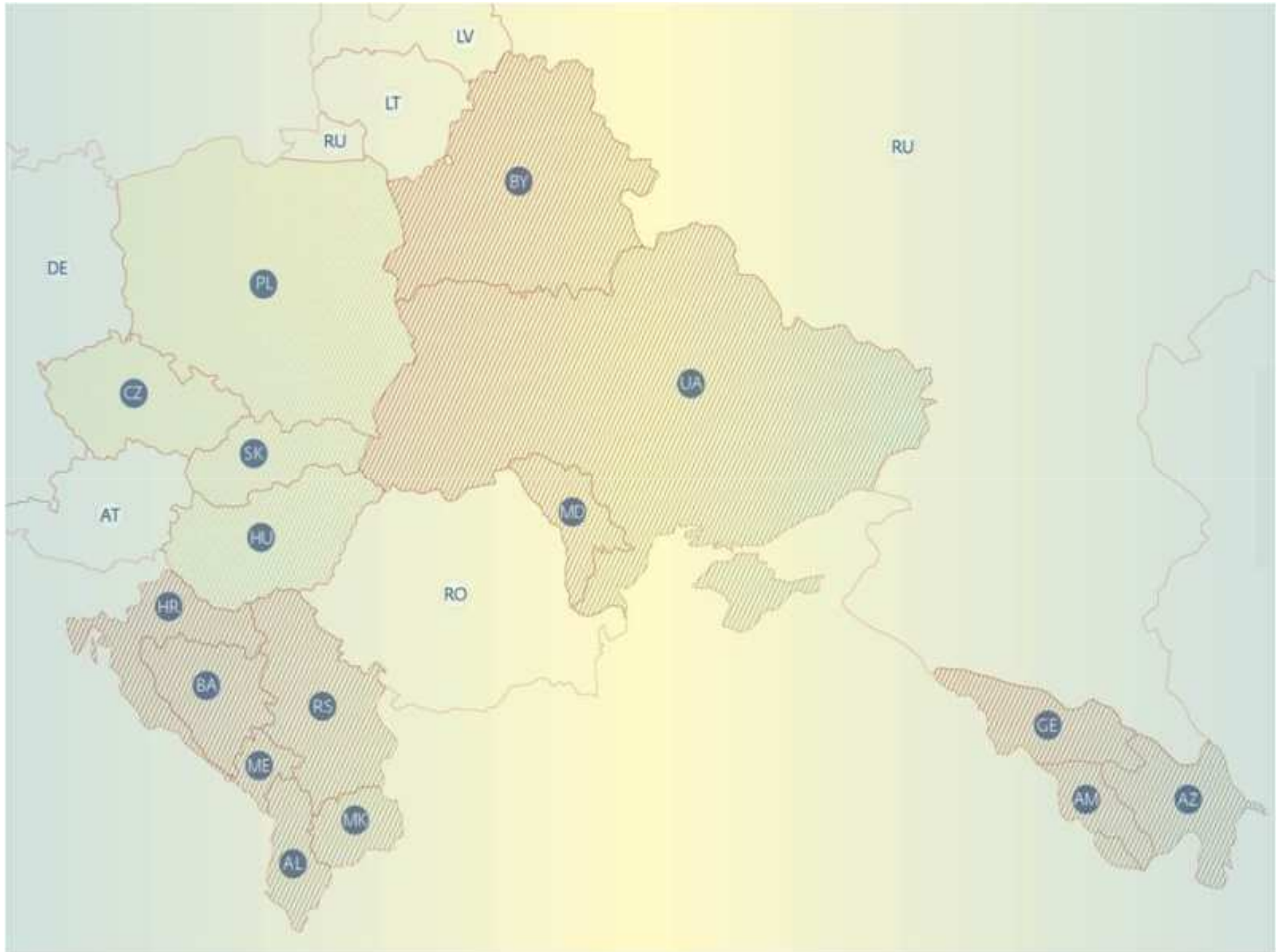
**€1,448,000**

**380 semesters**

Deadline:

**31 January**

- **Master's and Post-Master's levels**
- **Study/research periods for 1 or 2 semesters**  
(Except for the Master's level within the *In-Coming* scheme in which it is possible to apply for 1- to 4-semester scholarships.)
- **Financial support for both scholars and host universities + possibility of travel grants**  
(Scholarships: **€2,300**/sem./scholar, **€1,500**/sem./host university.)
- Applications evaluated by **independent experts** from V4 countries



# Types of Scholarships:

- **OUT-GOING SCHOLARSHIPS**

(for V4 scholars to study in ALB, ARM, AZE, BIH, BLR, GEO, HRV, MDA, MKD, MNE, SRB and UKR; the same rules are applicable to **Kosovar universities**)

- **INTRA-VISEGRAD SCHOLARSHIPS**

(for V4 scholars to study at universities in a V4 country other than that of residence)

- **IN-COMING SCHOLARSHIPS**

(for scholars from ALB, ARM, AZE, BIH, GEO, HRV, MDA, MKD, MNE, RUS and SRB to study at V4 universities; the same rules are applicable to **Kosovar scholars**)

- **Ukrainian Scholarships** (60 semesters annually for scholars from Ukraine to study at V4 universities)

- **Belarusian Scholarships** (60 semesters annually for scholars from Belarus to study at V4 universities)

More: [www.visegradfund.org/scholarships/](http://www.visegradfund.org/scholarships/)

# Visegrad Scholarships at OSA

**Launched in 2010 as a joint project between the Fund and the OSA Archivum Budapest (Open Society Archives).**

- **10 fellowships** annually (8 x V4, 2 x non-V4)
- max. research periods of **2 months**
- **€2,000/project**
- **no regular deadline** (continuous submissions)

More: <http://visegradfund.org/scholarships/osa/>

**Where should we look  
for reason that Czech  
students have not used  
Intra-Visegrad  
Scholarships more?**

# Visegrad University Studies Grant

2011 Budget: **€280,000**

Deadline: **10 November**

- **Grant for the development and launching of outstanding Visegrad-related university courses or degree programs**
- **Lump-sum, one-time support**  
(€15,000/course, €50,000/degree program)

More/contact:

<http://www.visegradfund.org/grants/VUSG/>



# Second Challenge: Go East

- **special IVF programme for EaP**
  - **to find appropriate methods and topics**
  - **what can be useful for EaP countries?**
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- sharing of V4 countries experience
  - support of civil society
  - European perspective
  - mutual cooperation
  - new methods of cooperation

**Is the idea to  
establish similar  
fund like the IVF in  
South Caucasus or  
Western Balkans  
too surreal?**

# 2010 in numbers:

## Grant programs:

- **133** Small Grants
- **253** Standard Grants
- **8** Strategic Grants
- **10** VUSG grants
- **4** Visegrad+ grants

## Individual programs:

- **23** VARP residencies
- **187** scholarships

In total: **€4,980,290**



**How to awaken  
bigger interest in  
the IVF grants in  
Hungary and  
Poland?**

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### 10/08/2010—CALL FOR PROPOSALS

On the occasion of the **20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Visegrad Group** (see more on the first Visegrad Summit), the International Visegrad Fund in cooperation with the four respective foreign ministries plan to mark the anniversary with a public debate and accompanying events which are to take place in Brussels, Belgium in February 2011. Proposals are accepted until 16 September 2010.

[Call for Proposals—Brussels events, II/2011](#)

### 21/07/2010

The Council of Ambassadors approved projects submitted within the June deadline of Small Grants. The complete list is available here:

[List of Approved Small Grants June 2010 Deadline](#)

### 21/06/2010

The International Visegrad Fund announces a call for proposals for Visegrad+ projects towards the Republic of Georgia in the following areas:

1. Vocational Training Reform and Vocational Training for IDPs
2. Sharing V4 Experience with the EU Integration: Legislation Reform and Cooperation with NGOs
3. Sharing V4 Know-How on Decentralization of Administration Structures

Deadline for proposals is Wednesday 15 September 2010. For more details please see the [Call for](#)

#### Quick links:

[Basic facts about the Fund](#)  
[The Fund's Secretariat](#)  
[Contact information](#)

#### Quick download:

[2010 logo of the Fund](#) [  .pdf, 430 KB]  
[2009 Annual Report](#) [  .pdf, 2 MB]

#### Upcoming Deadlines:

**01/09/2010**—Small Grants  
**10/09/2010**—Artist Residencies (VARP)  
**15/09/2010**—Standard Grants - Visegrad+  
**10/11/2010**—VUSG

#### Currently Running Projects:

(see [Calendar](#) for further details)

#### 25/08/2010 - 29/08/2010

Mid-European Clay Conference  
*Budapest, HU*  
[www.mecc2010.org](http://www.mecc2010.org)

#### 25/08/2010

736 kilometres  
*Brzyskoszystewko, PL*  
[www.photo5.cz](http://www.photo5.cz)

#### 26/08/2010

International Polifilmfest 2010  
*Budapest, HU*

**Thank you!**

Děkujeme!

Köszönjük!

Dziękujemy!

Ďakujeme!