



“Think Visegrad” - V4 Think Tank Platform

Project Report Document

January 2017 – December 2017

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“Think Visegrad – V4 Think-Tank Platform” commemorated **the fifth year** of its existence in 2017. The platform successfully continued activities from the previous years: development of *short- and long-term analyses*, *Civil Servants Mobility Program (CSMP)*, as well as *Think Visegrad Fellowships* for non-V4 fellows. For the second time the platform organized the *V4 Presidency Mid-Term Review Conference*. A joint representation of V4 think tanks in Brussels – *Think Visegrad in Brussels* – also marked the second year of its existence.

The composition of core members remained unchanged, while Think Visegrad remained **open to cooperation** with all interested think tanks and experts from the V4 countries, which was demonstrated in the development of several short- and long-term analyses (for the list of “core network” members and other participating think tanks please see Annex 1).

Think Visegrad experts managed to develop *12 short-term* and *4 long-term analyses* on pre-agreed topics (for the full list of developed analyses please see Annex 2). Think Visegrad core network members also hosted *8 visiting fellows from non-V4 countries* (for the list of “Think Visegrad” visiting fellows from non-V4 countries see Annex 3).

The Think Visegrad platform also successfully implemented the next phase of the *Civil Servants Mobility Program*. In 2017 the first part of the program focused on Ukrainian civil servants, while the part encompassed civil servants from Serbia. For the first time in program history a Western Balkan country was included, so Serbia became the fourth target country of the program, following Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia.

The V4 Presidency Mid-Term Conference was organized in Zakopane on 21 April 2017 by the Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW). Besides the Think Visegrad platform core members, the representatives of the governments, as well as selected experts and journalists from all V4 countries took part in the event. Side events of the conference also included the meeting of Think Visegrad platform coordinators.

The second phase of the *Think Visegrad in Brussels* project ran from June to December 2017. The main implementator was the EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, namely its Brussels office, with an active support of all Think Visegrad platform core members. Besides public debates and closed round-tables Think Visegrad in Brussels also hosted researchers from V4 countries for their fellowship stays in Brussels.

All analyses developed by Think Visegrad experts are continuously *available only for the MFAs of the Visegrad countries* and other relevant governmental institutions. This makes

the work of the platform unique in the Visegrad context. Visegrad spirit of cooperation is underlined also by the fact that all the analyses are developed by four experts – each from a different V4 country.

Financial report (Annex 5) shows that Think Visegrad platform manages to implement all the activities in a very **cost efficient way**. The report covers only the “core” activities, such as the development of short- and long-term analyses and fellowships for non-V4 fellows, but effective management of financial resources is demonstrated in other programs, including Civil Servants Mobility Program, Think Visegrad in Brussels, as well as V4 presidency mid-term conference.

Annex 1 List of the “core network” members and other participating think-tanks

The “core network” members:

- Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association (RC SFPA), Bratislava
(main coordinator)
- Globsec Policy Institute (GPI), Bratislava
- Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW), Warsaw
- Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM), Lublin
- Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade (IFAT), Budapest
- Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy (CEID), Budapest
- EUROPEUM – Institute for European Policy, Prague
- Institute of International Relations (IIR), Prague

Other participating think tanks:

Czech Republic: Masaryk University, Charles University, University of Hradec Králové, Aspen Institute

Hungary: University of Pécs, Corvinus University, Central European University – CENS

Poland: DELab Warsaw University, Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics, Polish Academy of Sciences – Institute of Political Studies

Slovakia: Comenius University – Department of Political Science, EurActiv.sk

Other: London School of Economics

Annex 2 List of short-term and long-term analyses

Short-term analyses:

Eastern Partnership countries (i.e. future of the EaP format, relationship between the V4 and the EaP countries). (February 2017)

Author: Rafał Sadowski (OSW)

Co-authors: Ján Cingel (GPI)

Michal Kořan (IIR)

András Rácz (CEID)

Western Balkans (special focus: linkages between strength of EU integration processes and the stability of the region). (February 2017)

Author: Tomáš Strážay (SFPA)

Co-authors: Vladimír Bartovic (EUROPEUM)

Anna Orosz (IFAT)

Tomasz Żornaczuk (PISM)

Black Sea region (i.e. issue of regional security and fragility). (March 2017)

Author: Tomáš Šmíd (Masaryk University)

Co-authors: Zoltán Egeresi (IFAT)

Tomasz Stępniewski (TIESW)

Lucia Yar (Independent Expert)

Nordics and Baltics (i.e. coherence of the Eastern part of the EU, NB8+V4 cooperation between the formats). (March 2017)

Author: Paweł Ukielski (ISP PAN)

Co-authors: Martin Michelot (EUROPEUM)

Milan Nič (GPI)

András Rácz (CEID)

Foreign policy strategy of the administration of President D. Trump and the place of Centrale Europe in it. (June 2017)

Author: Márton Ugrósdý (IFAT)

Co-authors: Martin Michelot (EUROPEUM)

Tomáš Nagy (GLOBSEC Policy Institute)

Bartosz Wiśniewski (PISM)

The EU without the UK. What geopolitical, security, political and economic consequences for the V4? (June 2017)

Author: Vladimír Bilčík (SFPA)

Co-authors: Vladimír Bartovic (EUROPEUM)

Jarosław Wiśniewski (LSE)

Botond Feledy (CEID)

Prospects of development of the ‘Three Seas’ initiative after the high-level meeting in Warsaw. (September 2017)

Author: Tomáš Strážay (SFPA)

Co-authors: Daniel Bártha (CEID)

Michal Kořan (IIR)

Łukasz Janulewicz (CEU)

Prospects of US policy on Central Europe in context of the recent Trump visit in Poland. (September 2017)

Author: Márton Ugrósdý (IFAT)

Co-authors: Andrzej Dąbrowski (PISM)

Tomáš Nagy (GLOBSEC Policy Institute)

Martin Michelot (EUROPEUM)

The prospects of the V4 – Austria relations. (December 2017)

Author: Martin Michelot (EUROPEUM)

Co-authors: Tomáš Strážay (SFPA)

Jakub Groszkowski (OSW)

Dániel Bártha (CEID)

Assessment of the EU-AU Summit – chances of more V4 contribution in fighting the roots of illegal migration. (December 2017)

Author: Kinga Brudzinska (GLOBSEC Policy Institute)

Co-authors: Jan Prouza (University of Hradec Kralove)

István Tarróssy (University of Pécs)

Jędrzej Czerep (PISM)

Prospects of the V4 – Israel cooperation in the light of the recent developments in the Middle East. (January 2018)

Author: Máté Szalai (IFAT)

Co-authors: Michał Wojnarowicz (PISM)

Katarína Škrabáková Pevná (Comenius University)

Czech contribution: Irena Kalhousová (London School of Economics)

Debates evolving around the future of the economy policy in Russia with special regard to its impact on geopolitics. (January 2018)

Author: Iwona Wiśniewska (OSW)

Co-authors: András Deák (CEID)

Alexander Duleba (SFPA)

Alexandr Lagazzi (EUROPEUM)

Long-term analyses:

V4 in a world of globalization driven by digital revolution (Delivery: November 2017)

Author: Maria Staszkievicz (Aspen Institute)

Co-authors: Vladislava Petrova Gubalova (Globsec Policy Institute)

Judit Hildegard Hajos (Central European University)

Katarzyna Śledziewska (DELab UW)

The effects of implementation of the Cohesion Policy (CP) and the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) in V4 States. Divergences in perception of CP and CAP (Delivery: November 2017)

Author: Barbara Wieliczko (Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics)

Co-authors: Attila Kovács (Corvinus University of Budapest)

Zuzana Kasáková (Charles University)

Zuzana Gábrižová (EurActiv.sk)

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Annex 3 List of “Think Visegrad” visiting fellows from non-V4 countries

Hennadiy Maksak, Ukrainian Prism– Center for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy (CEID)

Piotr Rudkouski, Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies - Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW)

Nicolas Bouchet, German Marshall Fund of the US – EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy

Andrei Yeliseyeu, Eurasian States in Transition Center – GLOBSEC Policy Institute

Ruben Elamiryan, Public Administration Academy of the Republic of Armenia – Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade (IFAT)

Michael Eric Lambert, Black Sea Institute – Institute of International Relations (IIR)

Urban Jakša, University of York – Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM)

Sergiy Gerasymchuk, Ukrainian Prism – Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association (RC SFPA)

Annex 5 - Financial report (attached)

- € 99 700 – annual budget
- € 85 920,70 – total expenses

- € 13 779,30 – saved resources