

International Visegrad Fund and its EaP Program

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Visegrad Cooperation

- Established on February 15, 1991 in Visegrád (HU) (parallel to the 14th century royal meetings in Visegrád)
- Common will to overcome the communist heritage and to “return to Europe”
- Quick, tangible results (e.g. withdrawal of Soviet troops, joint accession into the EU)
- Establishment of the Visegrad Fund in 2000 (support of bottom-up cooperation on civil society level)
- Orientation beyond the V4 region (since 2004): Western Balkan and Eastern Partnership dimensions

Reasons Behind the Fund's Establishment

- Further deepening of cooperation during its revitalization in 1998–2000
- Strengthening of cooperation on civil society level (as a pendant of state cooperation)
- Protection against the Group's "ups and downs"
- Improvement of mutual knowledge of each other (internal and external promotion)
- The Visegrad Fund = the group's foreign-policy tool

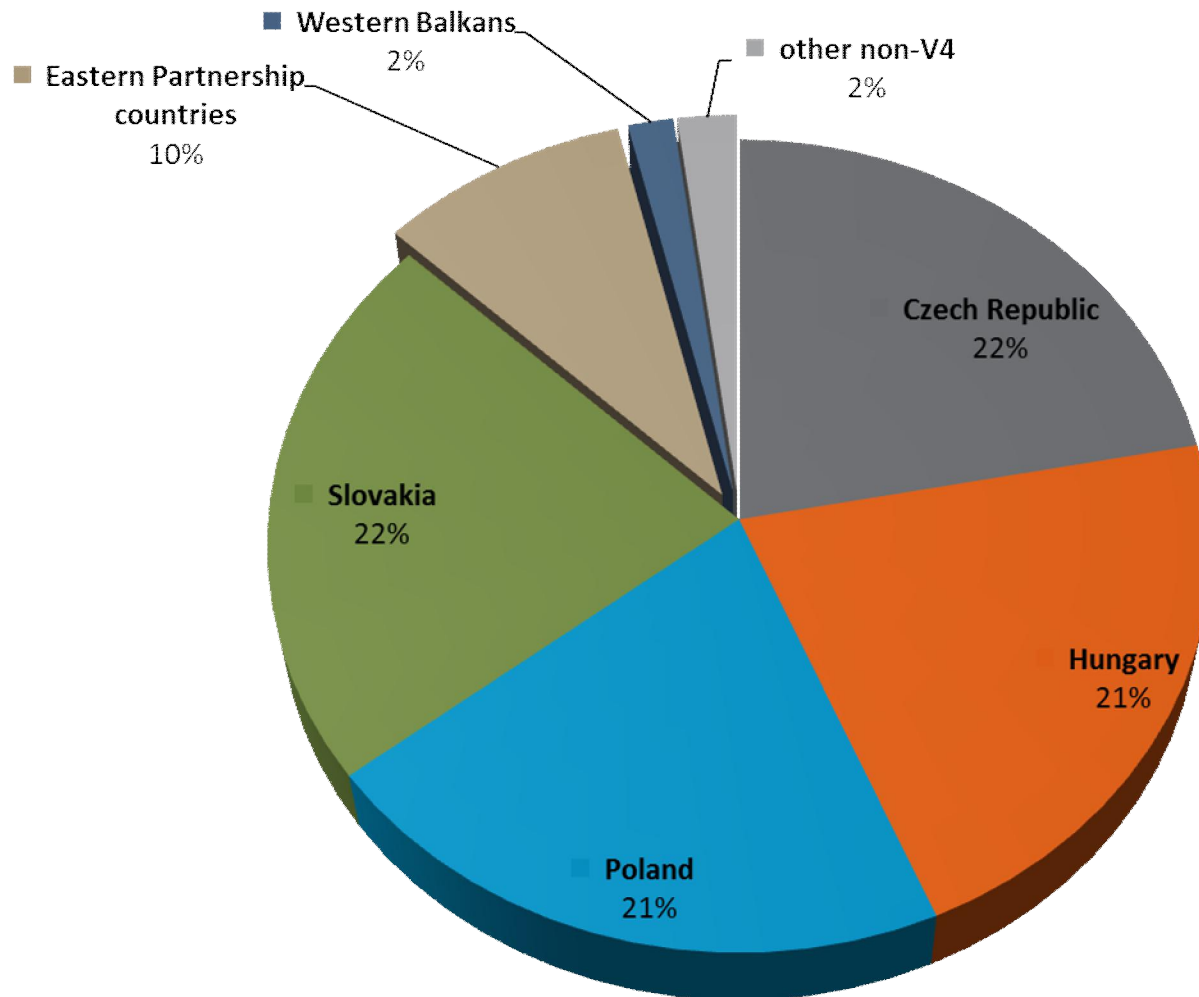
Basic Characteristics

- (Financial support of) Movement of people and ideas
- Strengthening of the internal cohesion of the region
- Weakening of historical animosities and awareness-building
- Instrument for the V4 foreign policy (since 2004)
- The only solid organization of the group to date
- Annual budget consists of equal contributions from member states (€1.75M p.a.), i.e., the total budget € 7 milions

Overview of Programs

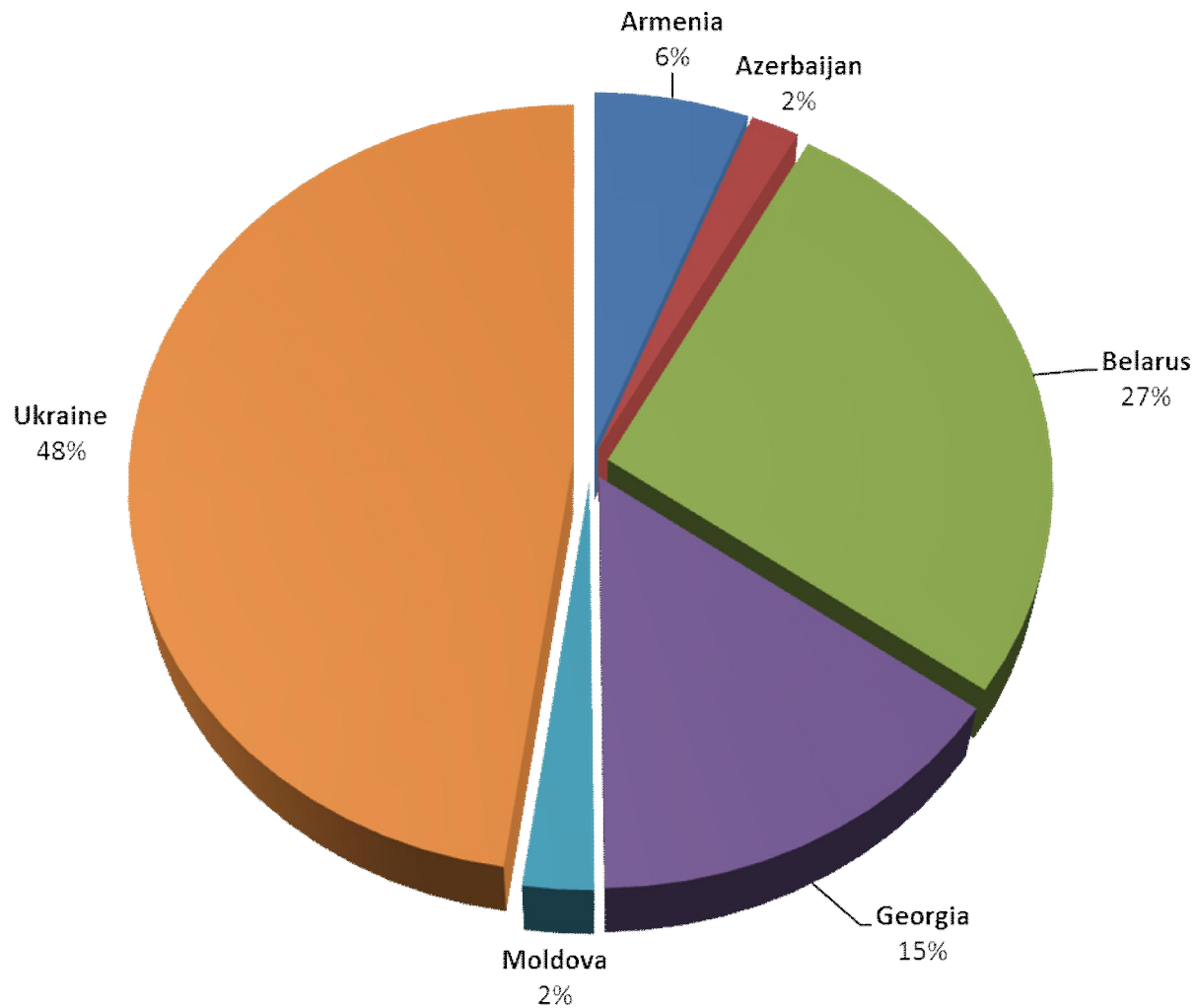
- Grant programs:
 - Small Grants
 - Standard Grants
 - Visegrad Strategic Program
 - Visegrad University Studies Grant (VUSG)
 - Visegrad+
- Mobility programs:
 - Visegrad Scholarship Program
 - Visegrad Scholarships at OSA
 - Visegrad Artist Residency Program (VARP):
Visual&Sound, Performing Arts, Literary, VARP in New York
- Visegrad 4 Eastern Partnership Program:
 - Flagship Projects, V4EaP Standard Grants Program, VUSG, Scholarships, V4EaP Extended Standard Grants Program

Funding by Recipient Regions (2000–2011)



100% = €39.5 million (2000–2011)

Funding for Eastern Partnership Countries (2004–2011)



100% = €3.63 million (2004–2011)



Visegrad) EASTERN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



Visegrad 4 Eastern Partnership (V4EaP)

- V4 PMs' summit in Bratislava on June 16, 2011
- V4EaP program launched in 2012 with the following incentives:
 - sharing V4 know-how & experience
 - support of civil society
 - mutual cooperation
 - new methods



Visegrad 4 Eastern Partnership (V4EaP)

- Annual budget: €1,456,800 (+ other sources)
- Compatibility with existing programs (similar principles, possible combinations)
- New opportunities for V4 NGOs in EaP countries
- New co-financing possibilities for the Fund
- The same structure: grant & mobility programs



V4EaP Grant & Mobility Programs

- **Flagship Projects**
 - long-term projects of strategic character
 - 4 x V4 + 2 x EaP
 - Individual calls, individual budgets
- **V4EaP Standard Grants**
 - medium-term projects up to 12 months
 - min. 2 x V4 + 1 x EaP
 - budgets: €6,001+
- **Visegrad University Studies Grants**
 - for university courses and degree programs dealing with V4
 - Budgets ca. €10,000/course and €40,000/degree program
- **Visegrad Scholarship Program**
 - academic mobility: €2,300/sem. (scholars) + €1,500/sem. (host univ.)

V4EaP Extended Standard Grants Project Focus

- Strengthening the sustainability of EaP civil organizations
- Enhancing the engagement of EaP civil organizations with the society
- Promoting the cooperation between EaP civil organizations and local governments,
- Facilitating reform processes, political association and economic integration with the EU,
- Strengthening regional cooperation among the EaP countries

V4EaP Extended Standard Grants

Basic Grant Principles

- deadline of December 17, 2012
- involvement minimum of 3 V4 project partners + 1 EaP project partner
- grant covers up to 90% project costs
- budget per project: up to € 70,000
- project duration: 12 - 18 months
- reimbursements in tranches with advance payments (up to 80% of project costs)
- 7% overhead costs
- 7% tangible and intangible assets (computer, software, ...)
- costs documented through copies of invoices and bills (no originals required)



Thank you for your attention!



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