

## What do Hungarian foreign policy stakeholders think?

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What do Hungarian stakeholders think about foreign policy? What has been the biggest success and failure of Hungary's foreign policy since the EU accession in their opinion? What are their thoughts on the Visegrad cooperation 25 years after its foundation? How do they see the future of the EU and that of the transatlantic alliance? What will be on the top of the European foreign policy agenda in the coming years? Is EU enlargement dead? How to help Ukraine? What to do with ISIS?

In the framework of a unique, survey-based research project, the "Trends of Visegrad Foreign Policy 2015", the Center for EU Enlargement Studies asked Hungarian foreign policy stakeholders (policymakers, parliamentarians, civil servants, analysts, journalists and businesswomen and -men) in order to seek answers to these and many more questions. The survey was conducted in all four Visegrad countries (the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia) to provide a comparative insight into current global and EU-related challenges and expectations concerning future development, and thus to the foreign policy cultures held in the four states. As a result, a comparative cross-Visegrad study and four national papers aim at examining what foreign policy areas could further cooperation among the Visegrad states. Based on our findings we hope to commence a new discussion on the future of the Visegrad 4 and to forge cohesion within the group.

The research was led by the <u>Association for International Affairs</u> (AMO, Prague) and implemented in cooperation with the <u>Central European Policy Institute</u> (CEPI, Bratislava), the <u>CEU Center for EU Enlargement Studies</u> (CENS, Budapest) and the <u>Institute of Public Affairs</u> (ISP, Warsaw). The project was supported by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, the Open Society Foundations and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.

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