Visegrad Fund Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005 – 2015 Slovak Republic Presidency Spišská Nová Ves, 23 September 2009

Basic Facts about the Fund:

- The only organization of the Visegrad Group
- Established in 2000 with the seat in Bratislava (Secretariat of the Fund)
- The Fund has supported to date about

2,200 grant projects, 550 scholarships and 70 artist residencies

- Annual budget: **€5,000,000**,
- Annual budget from 2010 : € 6,000,000 (i.e. €1.5 million per member state)

Supported Fields of Project Activities / Priorities

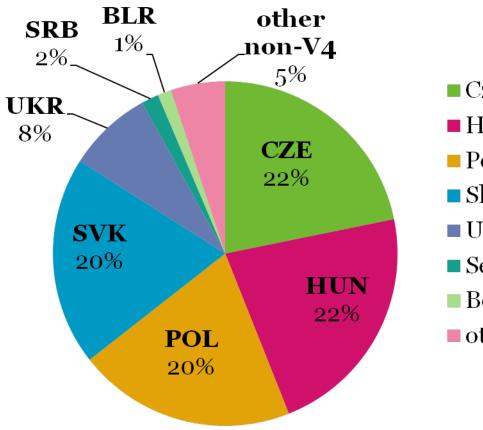
International Visegrad Fund

Cultural Cooperation
Scientific Exchange and Research
Education
Youth Exchanges
Cross-Border Cooperation
Promotion of Tourism

Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005 – 2015

Education
Employment
Health care
Living Conditions

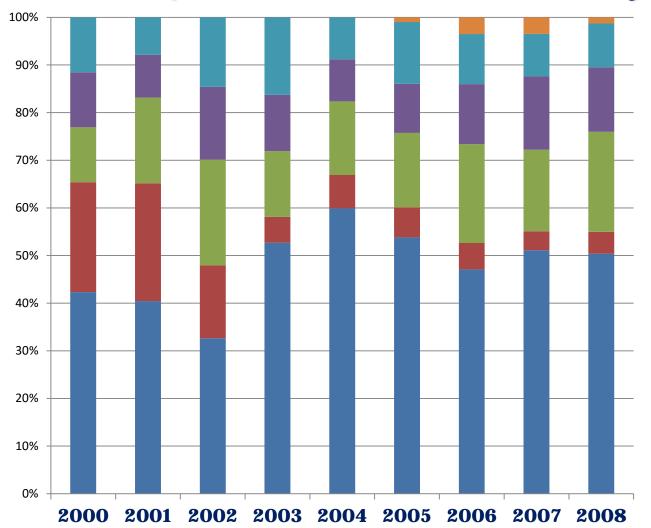
Target Countries:



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Ukraine
Serbia
Belarus
other non-V4

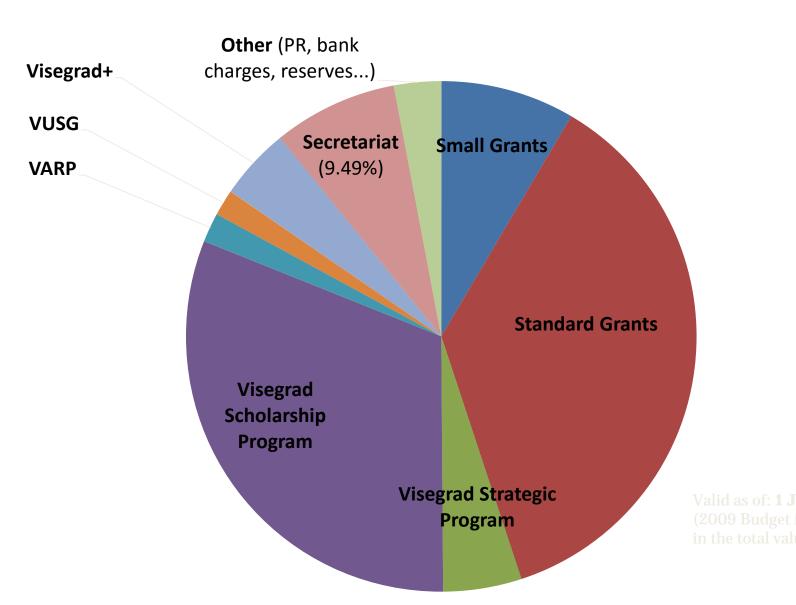
(Total funding of **all programs in 2008** per receiving countries)

Project Breakdown (Small/Standard Grants by categories):



- Promotion of Tourism
- Youth Exchanges
- Education
- Scientific Exchange and Research
- Cross Border Cooperation
- Cultural Cooperation

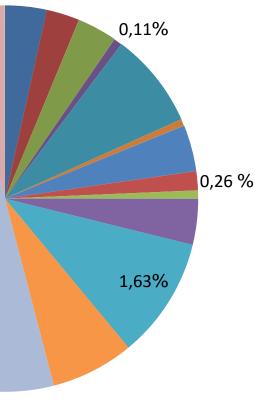
The Fund's Budget Breakdown:



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The Fund's Budget Breakdown by receiving non-V4 countries 2008 (€)

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| Albania | 25 000 | |
| Armenia | 20 000 | |
| Austria | 23 992 | |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 5 000 | |
| Belarus | 57 500 | |
| Germany | 4 000 | |
| France | 28 000 | |
| Croatia | 11 500 | |
| Moldova | 5 000 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| Macedonia | 27 500 | |
| Serbia | 72 990 | |
| Russia | 50 000 | |
| Ukraine | 359 000 | |
| United Kingdom | 30 000 | |
| total non-V4 | 719 482 | |





Basic Grant Conditions:

- Having a project with Visegrad features
- Cooperation of institutions from at least 3 V4 countries (i.e. organizer + 2 partners)
- Securing at least 50% of the project's budget from other sources
- The remaining 50% can be all in-kind contribution
- Not being directly funded by the state (e.g. NGOs, municipalities, schools, etc.)

How to apply for a grant?

- Have a V4-related idea?
- Found partners in V4 countries?
- Fill in the application form
- Attach letters from the co-organising and/or co-financing institutions
- Attach copies of founding or registration documents and statutes

Small Grants

- 2009 Budget: € 512,000
- Deadlines: March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1
- Cooperation of at least 3 V4 countries
- Contractual period: 6 months
- Supported amounts: up to € 5,000 (covering max. 50% of the total budget)
- Approx. 8 weeks approval period (the project cannot start sooner)

On-line applications: <u>http://applications.visegradfund.org/</u>

Standard Grants

€ 2,200,000

- 2009 Budget:
- Deadlines: March 15 and September 15
- Cooperation of at least 3 of the V4 countries
- Contractual period: 12 months
- Supported amounts: from € 4,001 (covering max. 50% of the total budget)
- Approx. 10 weeks approval period (the project cannot start sooner)

On-line applications: <u>http://applications.visegradfund.org/</u>

Visegrad Strategic Program

- 2009 Budget: € 300,000
- Deadline: February 15
- Cooperation of all V4 countries
- Contractual period: 12 36 months
- Supported amounts: usually € 50,000 (max. 50% of the total budget)
- Approx. 10 weeks approval period (the project cannot start sooner)

On-line applications: <u>http://applications.visegradfund.org/</u>

Visegrad Strategic Program: 2010 Priorities

- V4 Response to the Decade of Roma Inclusion, enhancing the cooperation in the field of Roma integration, sharing best practices and knowhow regarding desegregation policies among the countries
- Building a Green Visegrad
- Sharing V4 Know-How with Neighboring Regions
- V4 Promotion



Non-Refundable Cost Categories

- Capital Investments
- **Own Indirect Costs** (electricity-, gas-, water-, phone-bills, etc.)
- Internal Costs and Expences (rent of own premises, etc.)
- **Employments Ruled by the Labour Code** (including all other related costs, e.g. per diems, social funds, etc.)

Refundable Cost Categories

- Printing and Publishing Costs (publications, posters, invitations etc.)
- Rent of Premises and Related Technical Services
- Fees for Experts, Fees for Artists
- Accommodation and Board
- Transport Costs
- Translation, Interpretation Costs
- Awards and Prices
- Office Supplies and Promotional Materials
- Advertising Costs (radio, TV, billboards, press, etc.)
- Webpage Design and Update

Visegrad Scholarship Program

2009 Budget:

€ 1,884,000 480 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

(Supported sums: $\in 2,000$ (*Intra-Visegrad*) or $\in 2,500$ (*Out-Going, In-Coming*)/semester/scholar, $\in 1,500$ /semester/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, FYROM, 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

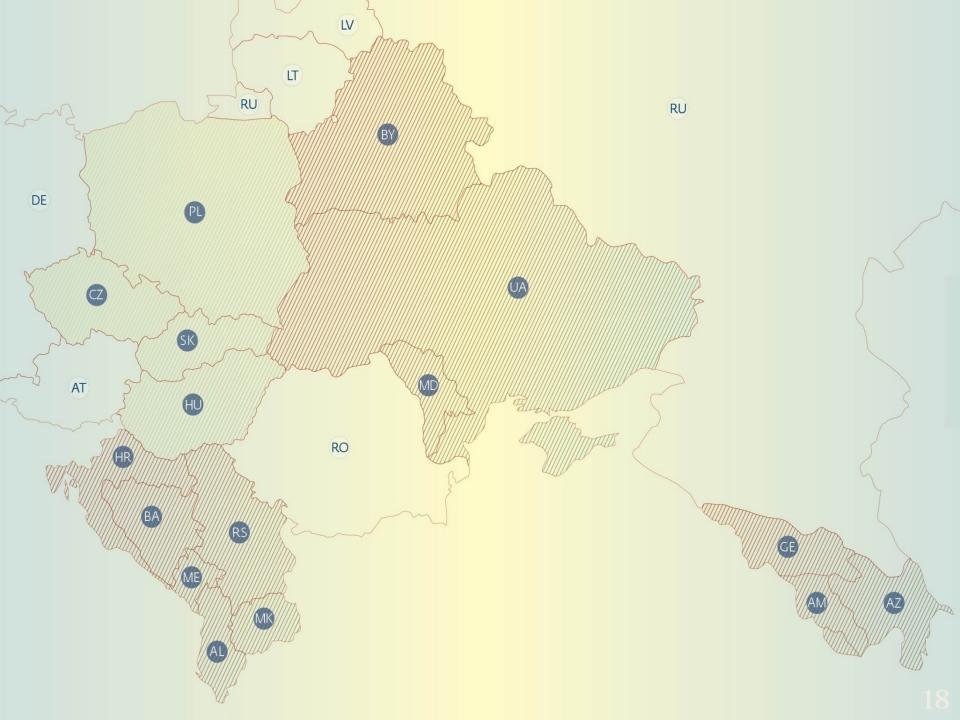
(for scholars from ALB, ARM, AZE, BIH, GEO, HRV, MDA, FYROM, MNE, RUS and SRB to study at V4 universities; the same rules are applicable to **Kosovar scholars**)

- 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/contact: http://scholarships.visegradfund.org

Approved scholarships in 2009:

- **Supported** in-coming scholars: 11 from Serbia, 2 from FYROM and 4 from Croatia. **In total 17** from 153 Incoming scholars.
- **Supported** out-going V4 scholars: 2 to Serbia, 3 to Croatia out of 16.
- 51 Intra-Visegrad students supported.
- Total number of supported scholars **in 2009 is 220**.



Visegrad University Studies Grant

2009 Budget:€100,000Deadline:10 November 2009
(to be specified)

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

More/contact: <u>www.visegradfund.org/curriculum.html</u>

Visegrad Artists Residency Program



- A 3-month residency program for V4 artists to work in other V4 countries
- 2009 Budget: € 108,000
- 2009 Deadline: 10 September

More/contact: <u>http://artists.visegradfund.org</u>

Overview of Deadlines:

| 31 January | Scholarships | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 15 February | Strategic Grants | |
| 1 March | Small Grants | |
| 15 March | Standard Grants | |
| 1 June | Small Grants | |
| 1 September | Small Grants | |
| 10 September | VARP | |
| 15 September | Standard Grants | |
| 10 November | VUSG | |
| 1 December | Small Grants | |

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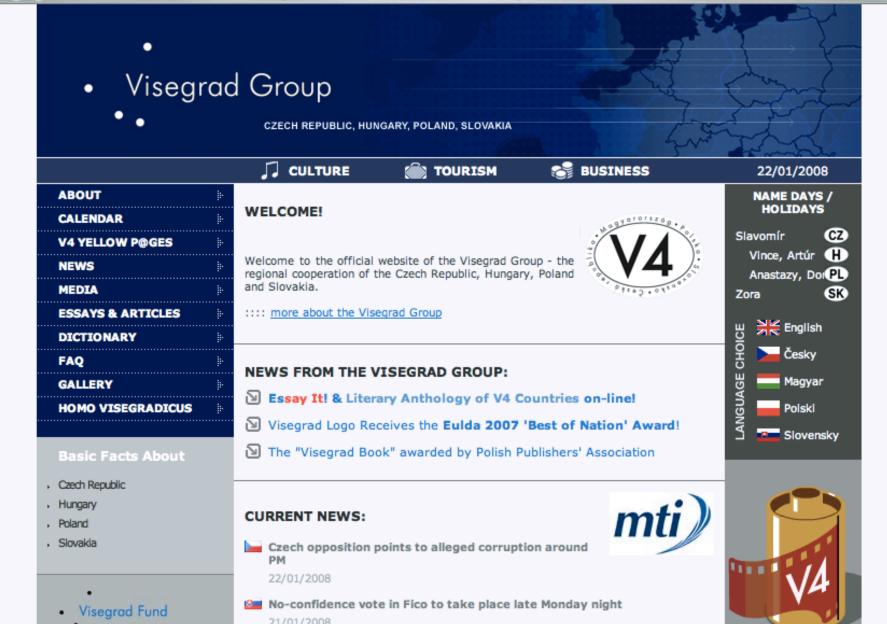
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Are you looking for project partners from another V4 country? Leave a short note on the notice board. We call it Visegrad Find and we are currently testing it.

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As of today, Ambassador Vladimír Halgaš assumes his duties as the Deputy Executive Director of the Fund, replacing Mr. René Kubášek whose three-year mission ends this month.

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Please note that as of 2008 Small and Standard Grant applications will only be accepted through the on-line application system. Thank you for understanding.

. more information

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The results of the December deadline of Small Grants are available here.

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Current Deadlines:

Scholarships 31/01/2008

Visegrad Strategic Programme University Studies Grants 15/02/2008

Small Grants 01/03/2008

Standard Grants 15/03/2008

Current Projects:

Please check for possible changes with the given organizers (see Calendar for contact details)

21/01/2008 - 25/01/2008

Cultural Cooperation and Scientific Research between V4 Countries by Activity of the Byzantine Academy Esztergom

Kecskemet, HU

21/01/2008 - 27/01/2008

5th International Culture Festival of the Deaf of St. Francis of Sales in Nitra

Nitra, SK

23/01/2008

Visegrad Book Marks - Visegrad's

Calendar of current projects: http://visegradfund.org/calendar.php

Project-partner search notice-board: http://visegradfind.visegradfund.org/

On-line application forms: http://applications.visegradfund.org/

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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