



Visegrad Fund

INTERNATIONAL VISEGRAD FUND

Visegrad, Visegrad+ and
Strategic Grants

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AGENDA

- What is the International Visegrad Fund?
- Types of the grants
- Assessment criteria
- Conditions for applying
- Advices and recommendations
- Successful project examples
- Q&A session



INTERNATIONAL VISEGRAD FUND

Supporting regional cooperation
between civil society organizations to
advance their relations, exchange and
share ideas and promote mutual
understanding.



**Supporting regional
cooperation for 25 years
through funding
amounting to approx.
€140 mil.**



Over **6,350** grant
projects implemented
and almost **3,330**
individual scholars and
residents supported.



GRANT SCHEMES

We seek to advance innovative ideas that address shared challenges by high-quality regional cooperation projects.

SCOPE OF FUNDING



- Grants can cover up to 100 % of the project budget
- Projects with an average budget of €30,000
- Up to 15 % can be used for overheads
- Co-financing is always encouraged

Timeline

Deadlines: 1 Feb / 1 Jun / 1 Oct





STRATEGIC GRANTS



- organizations V4, WB6 & EaP regions (at least 4xV4)
- min. length 12 months and max. 36 months
- focus on the strategic priorities

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Promoting volunteering in the V4 region

Promoting shared values

**Supporting water management and flood protection
cooperation in the region**



WISEGRAD GRANTS



- organizations from V4 countries (3xV4)
- bilateral cross-border cooperation (2xV4)
- max length 18 months
- focus on one of the objectives from focus areas



VISEGRAD+ GRANTS



- organizations V4, WB6 & EaP regions (3xV4 + 1xWB6/EaP – any applicant), (2xV4 + 2xWB6/EaP – applicant WB6/EaP and exception 2xV4 + 1UA)
- max length 18 months
- focus on one of the objectives from focus areas

SUBMITTED/APPROVED GRANTS



Grants 2023: submitted 687, approved 213

Grants 2024: submitted 810, approved 204

FOCUS AREAS	%
Culture and common identity	31,4
Education and capacity building	29,3
Innovation, R&D, entrepreneurship	10,1
Regional development, environment, tourism	11,7
Democratic values and the media	5,3
Public policy and institutional partnership	3,2
Social development	9,0

Overview

Conditions

Objectives

Ready to apply?

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PROGRAMS

V4 Gen Mini-Grants

- **Visegrad Grants**

Visegrad+ Grants

Strategic Grants

To apply for Visegrad Grants, your project must address one of the seven focus areas eligible for funding.

Culture and Common Identity

- Projects creating/presenting common audiovisual, literary, and artistic works to new audiences
- Projects reflecting on common historical and cultural heritage through research and knowledge-sharing activities
- Projects establishing and fostering cooperation among municipalities through common cultural activities



ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

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- Project relevance
- Visegrad and regional substance
- Quality & Impact
- Transparency & Accuracy
- Experience & Mission



CONDITIONS FOR APPLYING

APPLICANT/PARTNER ELIGIBILITY



- Types of entities
- Legal registration in the given country
- One applicant => one submitted project per deadline
- Maximum one running project in one grant scheme
- Maximum two projects per one grantee
- Being partner in many projects

HOW DOES IT WORK?



Define a problem and formulate your idea for a solution.



Come up with a project idea and involve relevant partners.



Apply online – Register at the MyVisegradfund portal and submit your application.



WHAT DO WE SUPPORT?



EVENTS: Conferences, symposia, consortium, partnership and b2b meetings, workshops, seminars, lectures, discussions, hackathons, competitions, start-up events, mobility, networking events, fairs, expos, markets, study visits, capacity building programs, training courses, summer schools.



WHAT DO WE SUPPORT?

PRODUCTS: Learning or teaching materials, publications, articles, reports (open access), web platforms or portals, software, mobile applications, joint research, audio-visual products, internships.





E-mail address/Application ID #

Password

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Program

Visegrad/Visegrad+/Strategic Grants 10/2024 (01/10/2024 12:01) ▼

Use the form to create new application

Register

1. Project Summary

Implementation Period

1.1 Project title

100/100

The field 1.1 Project title is mandatory.

Use a title that best describes the principle aim of the project. If the grant is to cover only a part of a larger project, reflect it in the title.

From:

The project cannot start sooner than 20/01/2025.

Until:

Minimum project duration is 1 week(s).

Specify the entire period during which the project is implemented, i.e., the time when project activities take place and deliverables are produced (and when you can claim cost reimbursement from the grant).

NOTE: The implementation period cannot start before the signature of the grant contract. For Visegrad and Visegrad+ Grants, the maximum period for the project implementation is 18 months, while for Strategic Grants, this period can be min. 12, max. 36 months.

1.2 Project focus area/objectives

- ☐ Culture and Common Identity
- ☐ Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Research
- ☐ Public Policy and Institutional Partnership
- ☐ Regional Development, Environment and Tourism
- ☐ Social Development
- ☐ Democratic Values and the Media
- ☐ Education and Capacity Building
- ☐ (Strategic) Supporting Ukraine and the EU neighborhood
- ☐ (Strategic) Countering disinformation and misinformation
- ☐ (Strategic) Promoting people-to-people contacts

Short description

Short description of the project

400/400

The field undefined is mandatory.

Describe the project idea in a 2-3 sentences (Who? What? Where?, How?).

1.3 Bilateral cooperation (filter)

Do NOT tick if your project is not of a bilateral nature (see below). Such projects must deal with specific local issues (site-specific) and activate local communities in V4 cross-border regions (e.g., Tokaj wine region, Téčlinsko/Šlęsk Cieszyński, the Tatras, etc.). Please note that project activities should take place approximately within 40 km from the state border preferably on both sides (the grantee's and project partner's official seats do not necessarily have to be located within the 40 km limit). Only the following country combinations are possible: CZ-PL, CZ-SK, HU-SK, PL-SK.

2. Project Relevance and Context

2.1 What is the main issue that your project would like to focus on? What is the current situation that you wish to change?

1600/1600

The field undefined is mandatory.

Please explain the context of your project proposal (the problem you wish to solve, the issue you would like to address). Base your description on available statistics and facts and describe the current state of art.

2.2 What should be done to address this issue/problem? How does your project contribute to the solution?

1600/1600

The field undefined is mandatory.

Describe what you believe should be done to bring a positive change in the local community or society in general. How do you and you partners plan to contribute to the change?

2.3. What added value does your project bring to the already existing practices? What is the innovative element in your proposal?

1600/1600

The field undefined is mandatory.

What makes this proposal stand out from similar initiatives? What do you offer that has not been done before?

2.4 What is the regional relevance of your proposal?

1600/1600

The field undefined is mandatory.

How will the V4 region and/or the region of project implementation and its citizens benefit from the project? Why is it necessary to address the issue on a regional (Central European) level?

2.5. How would you describe your organization's experience in dealing with the proposed topic? Have you previously implemented similar projects?

1600/1600

The field undefined is mandatory.

Describe your organization's past experience, achievements and track record in the given area to justify your involvement. Please include non-IVF supported projects as well.

3. Target Groups

What target groups do you plan to involve and address in your project? Who will be benefiting from the project directly and indirectly?

Target group	Method of selection	No. of people
<div><div></div><div></div></div> <div>What individuals, stakeholders, social groups and/or organizations do you plan to directly reach?</div>	<div></div> <div>How do you plan to select this group?</div>	<div></div> <div>What is the estimated number of people? How many of them will be involved from V4 countries?</div>

All fields are mandatory within Target Group.

Add +

Enter each target group separately by using the green "+" button.

DELIVERABLES (OUTPUTS): PRODUCTS OR EVENTS

List all deliverables—events (workshops, presentations, opening events...) or products (exhibitions, publications...)—planned within the project to contribute to the project objectives and add details and associate costs (requested by this grant) with each deliverable. Project overhead costs (running costs) should be summed for the entire project below and are limited by 15% of the requested budget. Other incomes can be listed in the bottom table titled OTHER INCOMES.

		23/08/2024	23/08/2024	Total Exp. (€)	0.00
Title					
Output title					
Field is mandatory.					
From	23/08/2024	Output has to start after submit date.		To	23/08/2024 Output has to end after submit date.
<input type="radio"/> Event <input checked="" type="radio"/> Product					
Description					
Description of the output					1500/1500
Field is mandatory. Describe the output in a detailed way and explain how it contributes to the desired objectives.					
Target groups					
	Target group	Selection / Outreach	No. of people		
			0		
	Field is mandatory.	Field is mandatory.			
	Add +				
Describe those individuals, groups and organizations that will be directly involved, explain how you plan to select these people or reach out to them and estimate the size of each group.					
Dissemination/promotion					
Outreach					400/400
Field is mandatory. Describe how the given project event or the results of the deliverable will be promoted and spread and how the results will be applied in the partner countries or in the wider region?					
Role of the applicant and project partners					
Roles					800/800
Field is mandatory. Describe the exact roles of the applicant and of all involved project partners in the preparation, implementation and/or dissemination of this output.					
Linked budget					
					Total Exp. (€)
					0.00
		Category	Printing/publishing costs		
		Subcategory	Printing/publishing costs		
		Description			
		Expected contribution (€)	0		
		Category	Expert fees/Fees for authors or artists		
		Subcategory	Texts		
		Description			
		Expected contribution (€)	0		
		Name of the person			
		Affiliated institution			
		Selection process/qualification			
		Concrete role of the person			
		Category	Accommodation and board		
		Subcategory	Board and catering		
		Description			
		Expected contribution (€)	0		



ADVICES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

APPLICANT AND PARTNERS DATA



- Correct ID of the entity
- Correspondence address vs. registered seat
- Statutory representative
- Valid email address
- Functional website

PROJECT DESCRIPTION



- Be aware of already existing projects that are similar.
- Describe the topic/problem you wish to address, provide also a regional context.
- Use relevant data and statistics to prove your claim.
- Logically connect the problem to solution.
- Define your Target Groups well and relevantly.



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- Set up achievable outcomes with measurable indicators.
- Include a clear contribution of results to the project's goals.
- Develop dissemination strategy based on a variety of media channels.



PROJECT DESCRIPTION



- Utilize the visibility and connections of the whole consortium as well as external media channels.
- Follow previous initiatives - missing research in the topic is disadvantage.
- Include innovative approaches.



PROJECT DESCRIPTION



- Secure balanced V4/regional/national participation.
- Develop strategy of reaching out to Target Groups.
- Feedback needs to be followed.

OUTPUTS' DESCRIPTIONS



- Describe clearly how the outputs contribute to the project's goals.
- Provide a clear and detailed description of the outputs including TGs, dissemination strategy and role of the partners.
- Prepare the detailed and realistic budget plan - use correct budget categories, unit costs and respect the value of money principle.
- Name involved experts and include their justification.



USEFUL INFORMATION

GRANT GUIDELINES

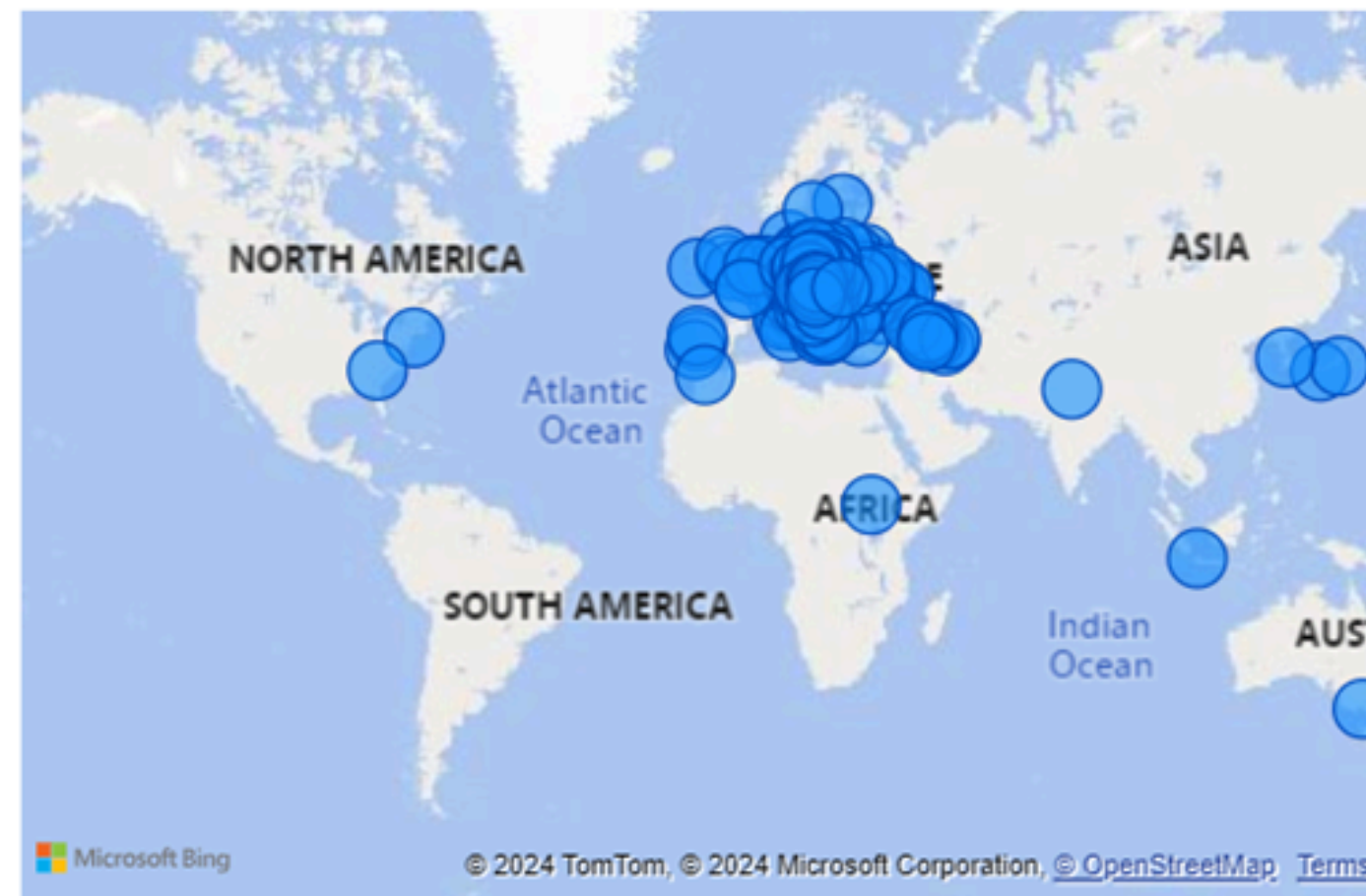
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Year	Project ID	Applicant's Name	Project Title	Country	Focus Area	Status	Tag
2024	12410007	Institute of social humanities policy		UA	V4GEN	Finished	
2024	12410011	Gyula Grosics Catholic Sports Primary School		HU	V4GEN	Contracted	
2024	12410013	Non-Government Organisation Mountains Guides Association "ROVIN"		UA	V4GEN	Contracted	
2024	12410014	Západoslovenský tenisový zväz		SK	V4GEN	Contracted	
2024	12410024	Střední uměleckoprůmyslová škola Uherské Hradiště		CZ	V4GEN	Contracted	
2024	12410025	Gmina Miasta Radomia		PL	V4GEN	Contracted	
2024	12410034	Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin		PL	V4GEN	Contracted	
2024	12410037	Vyšší odborná škola, Střední škola, Základní škola a Mateřská škola, Hradec Králové, Štefánikova 549		CZ	V4GEN	Contracted	

Project Partners

Project ID	Partner's Name	Country	City	Website
21810031	Citizens community Photoclub OBZOR Zilina	SK	Žilina	www.fotoklub-obzor.com
21910426	Center for Counseling and Education, nonprofit organization	SK	Žilina	www.sluzbymvo.sk
21910269	Pesti Kalligram Publisher	HU	Budapest	//kalligram.libricsoport.hu/
21930057	AST National Academy of Theatre Arts in Kraków	PL	Krakow	//www.ast.krakow.pl/
21930057	Academy of Performing Arts in Bratislava	SK	Bratislava	//www.vsmu.sk/



Project Title:

Project ID:

- Grantee's Name:

Approved Budget:

Focus Area

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FAQ

Providing informational assistance by frequently asked questions and answers helps the applicant or grantee to properly deal with procedures and requirements.

ANNEX 1 – LIST OF ELIGIBLE COSTS

This table will help you to fill out the “IV. Outputs” part of the online application form, as well as provide guidance regarding the descriptions to be used in the Financial Statement as part of the Interim/Final Report.

<i>Cost category</i>	<i>Subcategory</i>	<i>Description to be listed in the application form and in the Financial Statement</i>	<i>Examples of eligible costs</i>	<i>Examples of NON-ELIGIBLE costs</i>
	Printing costs	Description, number of standard pages, volume (number of copies)	Costs directly related to printing with or without promotional purposes (printing brochures, books, magazines, booklets, training materials, promotional leaflets, posters, roll-ups, etc.)	Printing the grant contract, cards, financial and other operational documents
		Description of		



EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS

PROJECT EXAMPLE - VISEGRAD GRANT



Help Bats in V4

Saola - Conservation Biology (SK)

The project aim was to develop educational activities dedicated to the children which were focus on popularizing the knowledge about bats. The second aims was the conservation of bat roost sites.





PROJECT EXAMPLE - VISEGRAD+ GRANT



Tactical Emergency Casualty Care training and integration of the mountain rescue services in Georgia

ICAD Foundation (PL)

Intensive three-day Tactical Emergency Casualty Care training program for 30 Georgian rescuers, consisting of 17 dedicated volunteers and 13 emergency service personnel.

PROJECT EXAMPLE - STRATEGIC GRANT



Railway Heritage for Sustainable Tourism Development

Cultural studies platform CULTstore (RS)

Project focused on the railway heritage and sustainable tourism in V4 + Vojvodina region. The consortium prepared research on railway sites, student design competition, online seminars for local stakeholders, virtual railway route and handbook on railway heritage.

RAILWAY HERITAGE FOR SUSTAINABLE
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT



RAIL 4V4+V

Cultural studies platform CULTstore
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