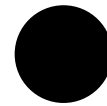
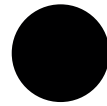


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MODEL VISEGRAD PLUS GERMANY

Conference Book



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Dear participants,

The amazing thing about Model Visegrad plus Germany is that it connects youth from five different countries and creates a platform for self-realization and education. At this summer school, students from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary and Germany come together to discuss topics of the highest importance and to learn more about the role of the Visegrad Group in global politics.

This season of Model Visegrad plus Germany, which is a side event of the 23rd season of the Prague Student Summit, builds upon the great success of two previous years. During the seven-day-long programme we hope to give all of the students an insight into how the Visegrad Group works and what its priorities in the upcoming years are. Students from all Visegrad countries and Germany will travel to Prague, Czech Republic to take part in the programme. This Conference Book should serve you as a guide to this programme.

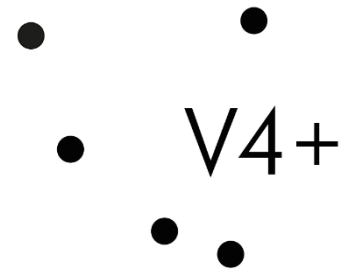
Nothing of that would be possible without the goodwill and support of our partners and sponsors, mainly the International Visegrad Fund and the Czech-Polish Forum, to whom we are extremely grateful. The project could not also manage without guests who are willing to step out during the workshops and share their experience with students. Finally, the project would not take place without the devoted work of the members of the Preparatory Team. The biggest "Thank you!" belongs to all of them.

We firmly believe that the upcoming days will be an inspiring adventure and enriching experience for you!

Model Visegrad plus Germany organizers



Model Visegrad plus Germany



Model Visegrad plus Germany is a MUN-type simulation organized as a summer school by the Association for International Affairs (AMO). It simulates the negotiations of the Visegrad Group plus Germany. University students from these countries participate in a seven-day-long, thoroughly prepared educational programme which is held in Prague between 23 – 29 July 2017.

Intensive three-day long preparatory workshops are followed by simulated negotiations. Series of interesting lectures, interactive seminars, and negotiation activities await the participants. Several social events will also be part of the experience.

The V₄ plus Germany Model offers the delegates a unique opportunity to meet an inspiring group of young people, try to find solution of current challenges, overcome the fear of public speaking, and practice their English.

The main goal of the summer school is to make students familiar with the Visegrad Group and its agenda. The topics to be discussed at the program include modification of the European Common Asylum System, implementation of the NATO Warsaw/Brussels Summit commitments and the future of Europe in the context of the Juncker Plan.

Programme

Sunday, July 23, 2017

Before 16:00 **Arrival of all participants & check-in**
*Venue: Hotel Prokopka***
Prokopova 197/9, Prague 3

16:00 – 19:00 **Tour of the city center and sight-seeing**

19:00 **Ice-breaking activities and dinner**

Monday, July 24, 2017

Venue: Hall of Architects, Old Town Hall, Old Town Square 1/3, Prague 1

9:00 – 10:00 **Welcome & introduction to Model Visegrad plus Germany**

10:00 – 11:30 **Introduction to the Visegrad Group**
 Guest: Vít Dostál, Research Director, AMO

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**

13:30 – 15:00 **The state of civil society in Central Europe**
 Guest: Vladka Votavová, Director, AMO

15:00 – 15:30 **Break**

15:30 – 17:30 **Central Europe – chances, myths and limitations**
 Guest: Tomáš Kafka, Director of the Central European Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Venue: Hall of Architects, Old Town Hall, Old Town Square 1/3, Prague 1

Before 12:00 **Onsite-visits to national embassies**

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30 **Future of the Visegrad Group and Germany**
 Guest: Jiří Schneider, Executive Director of the Aspen Institute Central Europe, former first Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

15:30 – 17:30 **Working groups**

18:00 – 19:30

Group 1: Czech-Polish relations in focus
Guest: Maciej Ruczaj, Director, Polish Institute
Prague
Venue: Malé nám. 1, Prague 1

Group 2: Pragulic – a tour of the city center in a very unusual style

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Venue: Hall of Architects, Old Town Hall, Old Town Square 1/3, Prague 1

9:00 – 11:00

The future of Europe in the context of the Juncker plan
Guest: Eckart D. Stratenschulte, Director, European Academy Berlin

11:30 – 12:30

Lunch

13:00 – 14:45

Migration and Modification of the European Common Asylum System
Guest: Łukasz Janulewicz, Researcher, Center for European Neighbourhood Studies, Central European University

14:45 – 15:15

Break

15:15 – 17:00

Implementation of the NATO Warsaw/Brussels Summit commitments
Guest: Andrzej Kozłowski, Expert, Warsaw Institute for Strategic Initiatives/Casimir Pulaski Foundation

18:00 – 19:30

Journalists' Debate: Relevance of the Visegrad Group in Today's World
Tomáš Brolík, Journalist, Respekt
Martin Ehl, Chief International Editor, Hospodářské noviny
Andrej Matišák, Deputy Head of Foreign Desk, Pravda
Chaired by: Jakub Eberle, Senior Researcher, Institute of International Relations Prague

Followed by a glass of wine

Venue: Café Lajka, U Akademie 11, Prague 7

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Venue: Boardroom no. 349, New Town Hall, Mariánské náměstí 2, Prague 1

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| 9:00 – 11:00 | Diplomatic simulation |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Lunch |
| 13:00 – 17:00 | Diplomatic simulation |

Friday, July 28, 2017

Venue: Boardroom no. 349, New Town Hall, Mariánské náměstí 2, Prague 1

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| 9:00 – 11:00 | Diplomatic simulation |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Lunch |
| 13:00 – 17:00 | Diplomatic simulation |

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Venue: Boardroom no. 349, New Town Hall, Mariánské náměstí 2, Prague 1

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| 9:00 – 11:00 | Feedback & wrap-up |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Lunch |
| After 13:00 | Departure of participants |

Seminars & Guests

Model Visegrad plus Germany offers students many interactive and educational lectures on various Visegrad-related topics during the workshop phase of the summer school. The main goal is to educate students on the issues that are to be discussed during the diplomatic simulation and also to create a platform for students to discuss topics which they are interested in.

In order to make the experience even more interesting, students representing each of the countries have the unique opportunity to visit an Embassy of the state that they represent at Model Visegrad plus Germany. This enables students to ask about relevant policies and also get to know specific premises of the national embassies in Prague.

Introduction to the Visegrad Group

Vít Dostál, Research Director, AMO

He is a Research Director at the Association for International Affairs (AMO), a Prague-based think-tank. He focuses on Central Europe and its role in the EU. He obtained PhD in European Studies at the Masaryk University in Brno.

The state of civil society in Central Europe

Vladka Votavová, Director, AMO

She has been a Director of AMO since 2014. She graduated from the Institute of International Studies and the Institute of Political Studies of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague. She studied in the United Kingdom (2009-2010) and Russia (2012), too. She is active in several platforms related to the Czech foreign policy.

Central Europe – chances, myths and limitations

Tomáš Kafka, Director of the Central European Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

He has been working in different positions since 1990, but they were mainly related to the Central Europe and politics encompassing this region within the MFA of the Czech Republic. He founded and steered the work of the secretariat of the Czech-German Future Fund.

Future of the Visegrad Group and Germany

Jiří Schneider, Aspen Institute Central Europe, former first Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Jiří Schneider graduated at The Czech Technical University and obtained a Diploma in Religious Studies from University of Cambridge. He lectured on security studies, international relations, public policy, and the role of think tanks in Central Europe at Charles University in Prague, Masaryk University in Brno, and New York University in Prague.

Czech-Polish relations in focus

Maciej Ruczaj, Director, Polish Institute Prague

He is a political scientist and a journalist living in Prague. He graduated from Political Science and International Relations at the Faculty of Social Sciences and English at the Faculty of Arts of Charles University.

The future of Europe in the context of the Juncker plan

Eckart D. Stratenschulte, Director, European Academy Berlin

Prof. Stratenschulte has been the Director of the Academy since 1993 and he is also the managing member on the executive board of the agent which maintains the Academy, the Verein (association) known as “Europäische Akademie Berlin e.V.”

Migration and Modification of the European Common Asylum System

Łukasz Janulewicz, Researcher, Center for European Neighbourhood Studies, Central European University

He is from CENS at Central European University. He is a graduate of LMU in Munich and received his PhD from the University of Kent. He is an expert on Polish foreign policy, development cooperation and the Visegrad group.

Implementation of the NATO Warsaw/Brussels Summit commitments

Andrzej Kozłowski, Expert, Warsaw Institute for Strategic Initiatives/Casimir Pulaski Foundation

He teaches security, terrorism and cybersecurity courses at the University of Lodz and Collegium Civitas. He works as editor-in-chief of Cyberdefence24.pl website. He is a security expert in leading Polish think-thanks: Warsaw Institute for Strategic Initiatives and the Casimir Pulaski Foundation.

Journalists' Debate: Relevance of the Visegrad Group in Today's World

Visegrad Group has been a successful promoter of Central European cooperation for more than 25 years. However, with the recent migration debate, the Visegrad trademark has lost much of its value and there are voices doubting the relevance of Visegrad in the future. Our debate will therefore discuss such a perspective and will try to answer the questions whether Central Europe still needs the Visegrad Group as well as what are the current benefits, shortcomings, as well as prospects we will have to face.

Tomáš Brolík, Journalist, Respekt (CZ)

Martin Ehl, Chief International Editor, Hospodářské noviny (CZ)

Andrej Matišák, Deputy Head of Foreign Desk, Pravda (SK)

Chaired by: **Jakub Eberle**, Senior Researcher, Institute of International Relations Prague

Tomáš Brolík started to work for Respekt in 2012 and focuses on local politics, economics, environment and also Central Europe.

Martin Ehl is a Chief International Editor at Hospodářské noviny, political scientist and a blogger in English and Polish.

Andrej Matišák works as a journalist and Deputy Head of Foreign Desk in Pravda. Since 2015 he has been working as Editor in Defence Matters.

Jakub Eberle is a Member of the Board of AMO and a researcher at the Institute of International Relations and Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague, where he also teaches.



Focus

The Common European Asylum System

Author of the factsheet: Jan Spousta

In 2015 instability in the Middle East sparked European refugee crisis. It became clear, that the European Union was not prepared for this large-scale arrival of migrants. Common European Asylum System (CEAS) did not prove its capability to manage unstable migration flows which increased pressure onto the frontline states such as Greece or Italy. Juncker's commission took reform of the CEAS as one of its priorities and prepared two sets of proposals to reform the system. These proposals would significantly change the asylum system. Goal of the reform is to unify and harmonise the rules amongst the Member States, simplify and shorten asylum procedure and apply stricter rules to combat abuse. Even though there is a common consensus that CEAS has to be reformed, it is not clear how to do that. Taking this into account, it seems that the upcoming months will be crucial for the reform and destiny of thousands of people.

Implementation of the NATO Warsaw Summit commitments

Author of the factsheet: František Novotný

NATO's summit in Warsaw in July 2016 was both very symbolic and important step on the way to effective collective defence of the transatlantic area. It was the first time the North Atlantic Council held its highest-level session in the territory of the new member states. Central Europe is thus clearly an integral part of the Alliance now and it is able to influence the direction which NATO shall take. For this matter, the Visegrad Group is a great platform of regional cooperation.

This time, the V₄ countries and Germany will be discussing the commitments they have made in Warsaw a year ago, including the allied presence in the Baltics, the fight against Da'esh and the cooperation between NATO and the EU. The goal will be to review the current progress, discuss potential disagreements and make further steps so that not just the Central but all of Europe becomes more secure.

White Paper on the future of Europe and the reform of the European Union

Author of the factsheet: Ondřej Woznica

The recent year made a landmark in the history of European Union. After the Brexit vote, the member states must decide on their position in the new Europe. The Visegrad Group made clear statements regarding the White Paper on the future of Europe, having followed the Bratislava and Rome Summits. After the French presidential election, the face of Europe changed once again. This background paper focuses on this new development and the challenges that V₄ faces when dealing with rest of the EU represented by Germany.

Model V4+ 2016 in Pictures







Profiles of Participants

Delegates of the Czech Republic

Eliška Andršová

Eliška Andršová applied to a movement of 17 international high schools all around the world called United World College and spent two years in Hong Kong. She was a part of the local Coral Monitoring team and in the past, she also used to do Drama and play Volleyball and was a member of two school newspaper clubs, Eco-team and Gender and Sexuality Club.

Kristina Boudová

Kristina Boudová lives in Prague, but has Romanian roots. She studies Area studies at Charles University. Her hobbies include travelling (Balkan lover), learning new languages (speaking Czech, English, French and very poor and basic Romanian), politics, literature (all kinds), music (all kinds, too), movies and series (only the good ones!) and wandering around cities.

Jaroslav Máca

Jaroslav Máca studies „Quantitative methods in the economy“ at University of Economics in Prague. He enjoys both going to theatre and relaxing in nature. Last but not least he absolutely loves world of political and diplomatic simulations (for its huge potential to utilize his knowledge about international issues) so he is grateful to be part of Model Visegrad plus Germany this summer!

Barbora Mracká

Barbora Mracká is a grammar school graduate and a language enthusiast. During the Fall she is starting rather cautiously her freshmen year at the Charles University Law School in Prague. The recent US presidential elections in an odd combination with a summer job at the information centre in her hometown sparked up her interest in international relations and diplomacy.

Ondřej Zelina

Ondřej Zelina studies chemistry at Charles University in Prague. As a chemist, he wants to build an energetically sustainable future for humanity and as a human, he wants to show people that when united, we can make the world a better place for everyone. That is where his interest for politics comes from. He tries to be an active citizen as much as possible because that is what keeps democracy alive.



Delegates of Germany

Viktor Borš

Viktor Borš has a passion in politics, EU and International relations. Next year he'll be finishing master studies in European Studies and International Relations. He has a deep interest in politics of V4 countries and their policies regarding EU.

Artúr Hőnich

Artúr Hőnich is a student of International Relations at the Corvinus University Budapest. As a member of the Association of Diplomacy in Practice, debating and simulations have become important activities for him. He likes reading and discussing history, politics and international affairs very much, but his interests cover intelligence studies, Russian & Eurasian matters and security issues as well.

Dorota Kusiak

Dorota Kusiak is a Polish student living in Germany. She spent almost her entire life between both countries. She attended a German-Polish school and after graduation, she decided to study sociology and media and communication sciences. After three years she decided to go more into a political direction and joined the European Studies program at the University of Leipzig. She specializes on Central and Eastern Europe.

Emilia Pankanin

Emilia Pankanin is a language enthusiast and an aspiring translator. Her educational background includes Applied Linguistics (English and German) at Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz, Poland. During her studies she participated in the German language summer course organized by Freie Universität Berlin and also did an internship in the Consular Section of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland.

Birgit Schmölz

Birgit Schmölz started her Bachelor studies in Comparative European Ethnology and Political Science at the University of Regensburg after a gap year in Australia. She currently continues her Master at the University of Passau. The intention was to deepen her knowledge in Political Science. For this reason, she chose the Master programme of Governance and Public Policy and focuses on the political systems of Middle and Eastern Europe.



Delegates of Hungary

Áron Deák

Áron Deák is a third-year business-administration and management student at Budapest University of Technology and Economics. His major interest areas are macroeconomics and economic policy. In addition, he is a co-founder and vice-president for finances and legal affairs of a student organization named Central Europe Association (accredited at Corvinus University of Budapest), which aims to analyze regional political and economic processes.

Dominik Istrate

Dominik Istrate is a second-year international relations student at Corvinus University of Budapest specializing in EU-Russia relations and EU economic policy studies. He is also a former president and a co-founder of Central Europe Association, a student think-tank researching regional political and economic studies, based at Corvinus University of Budapest. Currently serving as its international advisor, he supports CEA Hungary in establishing its international public relations and managing its international projects.

Dilan Ezgi Koç

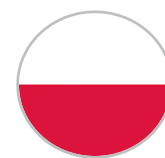
Dilan Ezgi Koç is an undergraduate International Relations student at Bilkent University, Ankara. She currently does a research internship at the CENS, Central European University in Budapest, Hungary. She is also a musician who plays in a symphony orchestra in Turkey. Recently, she worked on a terrorism project and published an article with her professor in the journal Turkish Policy Quarterly.

Daniel Orban

Daniel Orban currently studies his last year of Finance-Accounting BA at Corvinus University Budapest and hopefully keeps on studying Finance MA at BCE. Besides studying, he works as a corporate credit analyst trainee at BNP Paribas and he often participates in different kinds of competitions. Besides the study related topics, he is interested in questions related to our future in the EU and geopolitics.

Dorka Kornelia Takacsy

Dorka Kornelia Takacsy is a student of the Central European University, learning International Relations. The relation of the V4 countries to Russia and to the whole EU are probably the topics that she is most passionate about, and would like to commit herself to deepening her knowledge about this complex system of interests.



Delegates of Poland

Przemysław Dałek

Przemysław Dałek is a student of international relations, specialized in international trade policy at the University of Warsaw. He studied international relations also at the Charles University in Prague and the University of Zagreb as a part of Erasmus+ program. The area of his interests contain: the Balkans, Eastern Europe and the geopolitics of Africa.

Przemysław Matuszczak

Przemysław Matuszczak studies law at the University of Silesia in Katowice but is also interested in international relations, particularly in European integration, German and American foreign policy. He has been a president of regional representation of Polish Forum of Young Diplomats in Katowice since 2015.

Anna Rybicka

Anna Rybicka studies in Krakow, Poland. She plans to study law and her interests include international relations and history of the 20th century. She loves to travel and believes it is the best way to broaden one's horizons. She is excited for what the future holds and very glad that she got a chance to participate in Model Visegrad plus Germany 2017.

Karolina Wójcicka

Karolina Wójcicka is a recent high-school graduate from Poland who is deeply interested in politics, international relations and the history of the Cold War. She eagerly takes part in debating competitions, MUN conferences and other diplomatic programmes, as she wants to become a diplomat someday soon. When she's not writing articles about international conflicts or working on her social project, which is focused on helping the refugees, Karolina learns Russian and prepares to join a university in the UK.

Dominika Ziarek

Dominika Ziarek defended a thesis on the topic "The Visegrad Group – unrealised potential" in field of humanities and social sciences at the Institute of European Studies of the Jagiellonian University. She was a scholar at the Corvinus University of Budapest and at the University of Pecs. She currently studies European Studies - German Studies at the Jagiellonian University. She is interested in political, social and economic relations in the Central Europe and in the Visegrad Group countries, particularly Poland and Hungary.



Delegates of Slovakia

Barbora Bednáríková

Barbora Bednáríková, a graduate of the University of Economics in Bratislava and future master student at the University of Amsterdam, is a lively person with passion for traveling and sports, especially badminton. Barbora is keen to meet other fellow students, open to discussion with and opinions of others and eager to meet new challenges during the Model Visegrad plus Germany!

Anna Bugárová

Anna Bugárová lives and studies in Slovakia. Currently she is a master's student at the University of St. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava. Her field of studies is European Studies. During her studies she gained an overview of the European Union and its policies, political systems of the European countries and detailed knowledge about history. Her mother tongue is Hungarian and she is also fluent in Slovak and English.

Barbara Kelemen

Barbara Kelemen is a student of political science, who received her bachelor's degree in June and now continues to her master studies at Peking University in Beijing and LSE in London. She is interested in international relations and politics, which has been manifested mostly through her internships at the U.S Embassy, Public Defender of Rights and currently in the American Chamber of Commerce in Slovakia.

Romana Targošová

Romana Targošová is a student of the Josef Miloslav Hurban bilingual grammar school in Cadca, Slovakia. She is interested in languages and she speaks English on advanced level and Russian and French on communication level. She has also been teaching children English for more than 2 years for a volunteer organization, where she was lucky enough to meet many people from abroad. Up until now she has participated in four Erasmus+ youth exchanges.

Michaela Vahovska

Michaela Vahovska comes from Slovakia and will soon start her 2nd year of Economics/Business and Management at the University of Glasgow. She is a committee member of the Global Goals Glasgow Society and is trying to spend her summer usefully by interning in an NGO and a government-funded agency. Her interest in world affairs induced her to apply to the Model Visegrad plus Germany and she hopes to learn a lot about diplomacy and negotiations during the programme.

About the Organizer



1997
2017

This year, the Association for International Affairs celebrates its 20th anniversary. In accordance with its mission, it has always been dedicated to promoting research and education in the field of international relations. Nowadays, AMO is an established and well-respected foreign policy think-tank, open to all voices of the democratic debate. AMO's offer of public benefit activities gradually expanded on programs supporting development of civil society, advocating for foreign policy issues in the public debate and at expert fora, increasing civic competences of young people, transferring Czech experience from the post-1989 transformation abroad, and connecting young professionals from various fields. AMO is a non-profit non-governmental organization active not only in Prague and at the national level, but also in the Czech regions. It runs projects in Central and Eastern Europe as well, particularly in Ukraine and Belarus.

AMO

- formulates and publishes briefings, research and policy papers
- organizes international conferences, expert seminars, round tables, and public debates
- organizes educational projects
- presents critical assessments and comments on current issues for local as well as international press
- creates favorable conditions for the growth of a new generation of experts
- supports interest in international relations among the general public
- cooperates with a number of like-minded local and international institutions

Prague Student Summit



The Prague Student Summit is a unique project organized by the Association for International Affairs, which educates high school and university students about current global problems. Through the simulation of three international organizations, it provides participants with the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of international relations, human rights, environment, economy, and many other topics. The young people sitting in Models UN, NATO and EU are confronted with the most pressing issues of our age, about which they negotiate as the representatives of more than seventy countries.

This season is already the 23rd in the history of the project. The project has started in the 1995, back then under the name of the Prague Model UN. Since then, the project has come a long way, as there will be more than 300 high school and university participants this year. The team consists of more than 60 university students, who have spent an entire year of their free time volunteering.

Summit starts annually on the 1st of September, when the applications process opens. Consequently, five preparatory meetings are held and in spring the Summit reaches its peak with the Final Conference. Throughout the year, the participants are given the opportunity to develop their rhetorical, argumentative, negotiation and language skills, which they can use during their future academic or professional career. Highly important is the emphasis on the critical and analytic thinking. During the preparatory part, the participants have a chance to meet and hear guests from all sorts of fields. Through educational seminars, lectures and panel debates, they outline different viewpoints on various social and global problems. The Prague Student Summit aims at connecting theoretical knowledge with its practical application during the simulation of the international organizations.



Preparatory Team

Name	Position
Eva Prudilová	Chief Coordinator
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Jan Doležal	Team member
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Markéta Gregorová	Team member
Petr Louda	Team member
Matěj Nárožný	Team member
František Novotný	Team member
Pavel Raus	Team member
Jan Spousta	Team member
Lukáš Tamchyna	Team member
Šárka Tesařová	Team member
Jáchym VINTR	Team member
Ondřej Woznica	Team member
Kristina Zindulková	Team member

Donors



The International Visegrad Fund is an international organization based in Bratislava founded by the governments of the Visegrad Group (V₄) countries the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Poland, and the Slovak Republic in Štířín, Czech Republic, on June 9, 2000.

The purpose of the fund is to facilitate and promote the development of closer cooperation among citizens and institutions in the region as well as between the V₄ region and other countries, especially in the Western Balkan and Eastern Partnership regions. The fund operates several grant programs, and also awards individual scholarships, fellowships and artist residencies. Grant support is given to original projects namely in the areas of culture, science and research, youth exchanges, cross-border cooperation and tourism promotion, as well as in other priority areas defined in calls for proposals published on the fund's website.



The Czech-Polish Forum was established by the Foreign Ministers of Poland and Czechia to support both current and new common initiatives within the civil societies of both countries. The memorandum establishing the Czech-Polish Forum was signed by the Foreign Ministers Radosław Sikorski and Karel Schwarzenberg on November 14, 2008 in Prague.

The Forum continues the tradition of cooperation between independent dissident groups in non-democratic times before the changeover of 1989, which culminated in the activities of the Polish-Czech-Slovak Solidarity movement. Today, the Foreign Ministries of the two countries strive to stimulate further development and deepening of bilateral relations through the support of common projects of non-governmental organizations, municipalities and counties, schools, research institutions and other actors.

Partners



The Center for European Neighborhood Studies (CENS) is an independent research center of the Central European University (CEU) located in Budapest, Hungary. Its main goal is to contribute to an informed international dialogue about the future of the European Union in the world, while

capitalizing on its Central European perspective and regional embeddedness.

The strategic focus of the center is academic and policy-oriented research on the place and role of the European Union in its rapidly changing and increasingly volatile neighborhood. Through its research, CENS seeks to contribute to the understanding of the environment where the EU, its member states and partners need to (co)operate, and it aims at supporting the constructive development of these relations by providing opportunities for discussion and exchange. The center's geographic focus areas are Central and Eastern Europe, the Western Balkans and Turkey, Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Russia.



GLOBSEC is an independent, non-partisan and non-governmental organisation that builds on the successful work done by the Slovak

Atlantic Commission (established in 1993). Its main goal is to shape the global debate through conducting research activities and connecting key experts on foreign and security policy.

To this goal contributes the annual GLOBSEC Bratislava Global Security Forum, one of the top conferences on global security in the world. GLOBSEC also organises the annual GLOBSEC TATRA SUMMIT, a conference that provides the ground for fruitful expert and political discussions on the future of Europe.

Research fellows from GLOBSEC Policy Institute publish regular analyses, policy papers and publications responding to some of the most current challenges. Activities within this think tank are devoted to research in four programmes: Defence & Security Programme, Energy Programme, Future of Europe Programme and European Neighbourhood Programme.

Committed to support young talents, GLOBSEC Academy Centre was established to identify exceptional young individuals and aims to educate them to become excellent analysts of tomorrow.



Europäische Akademie Berlin

As a disseminator of knowledge the Academy aims to explain policies and politics and to communicate European political connections. By strengthening the critical ability of each individual citizen, EAB in this way makes its contribution towards a vital civil society in Europe.

EAB is active in Berlin and for Berlin. In Berlin, the Academy is a well-established location for meetings of all kinds for an international clientele – addressing always current and relevant topics. And it does so as ever at the highest standard of substantial and pedagogic-didactic objectives.

In its work the Academy is characterised by an excellent team – both in the educational as well as seminar and project management fields. The Academy building is in addition a venue for seminars and conferences – with its conference hotel, very modern conference equipment and its own catering service on site. In this way, it is also an attractive venue for out-of-house organisations and private guests.

Target groups of the Academy include multiplier figures – teachers, diplomats, people in media, political makers, representatives of civil society, universities, players in policy-making environments and government or national institutions, together with interested members of the wider general public.



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The Polish Young Diplomats Forum is a Polish NGO that brings together young people, students and graduates from Polish and foreign universities who are interested in working in an international environment. Its vision is to educate leaders to ensure a stable development of Polish foreign policy. The organization was founded in 2002.

It is an organization, which is very active and connects a large number of people, offering a unique opportunities for self-development and gaining experience in professional life. The Polish Forum of Young Diplomats brings together more than 100 members who have experience both from the field of Polish administration and from various international institutions such as the European Union or other non-governmental organizations. Among the activities primarily addressed by the organization we can mention foreign policy monitoring of Poland.

The Polish Forum of Young Diplomats also provides assistance to those interested in joining the Polish Foreign Service, offers trainee and volunteer positions in their Warsaw office, organizes lectures on diplomacy, foreign relations, diplomatic protocol and other topics and helps to gain various internships in Polish foreign policy service.



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