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International Visegrad Fund

Basic Facts

The mission of the International Visegrad Fund is to promote development of closer cooperation among the Visegrad Group (V4) countries—the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia—and to strengthen the ties among people in the region. The Fund provides funding for common cultural, scientific, research and educational projects, youth exchanges, promotion of tourism and cross-border cooperation. Most of the grant recipients are non-governmental organizations, municipalities and local governments, universities, schools and other public institutions and also individual citizens. The Fund also awards individual scholarships and artist residencies. By the end of 2013, the fund has supported nearly 3,800 [grant projects](#) and awarded over 1,700 [scholarships](#) and [artist residencies](#) in total worth of nearly €54 million.

Grants Programs—Overview

Beginning with the first Small Grants deadline in 2014 (March 1, 2014), some basic conditions within the Small, Standard, and Strategic Grants (as well as in other grant programs) change. We kindly request that all applicants—especially those who are re-applying—carefully read the new rules (rules for [Small](#), [Standard](#) and [Strategic Grants](#)), as well as the [Grant Guidelines](#). Grant projects submitted in 2013 and earlier follow the rules valid at the time of their submission. Following are the main changes in the grant process and an overview of the principal budgetary limitations in each program:

- the fund can cover between **70–100%** of **total project costs**
- **overhead costs** raised to **15%** of total granted amount in most programs
- **up to 7%** of granted sums can be used for **tangible and intangible assets** in some programs
- limits of **cash transactions** were raised (now between **10–50%** depending on program)

Grant Program Overview:

<i>Grant program</i>	<i>Cash limit</i>	<i>Overheads</i>	<i>Fund's max. share (of total budget)</i>	<i>Project budget</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Evaluation period (work days)</i>
Small Grant	50%	15%	80%	<€ 6,000	6 months	50
Standard Grants	30%	15%	80%	>€ 6,001	12 months	60
Strategic Grants	20%	15% + 7% TIA	70%	N/A	12–36 months	50

Strategic Conferences	20%	10% + 7% TIA	100%	N/A	N/A	40
Visegrad+	10%	N/A	100%	N/A	12–36 months	50
VUSG	N/A	15%	100%	ca. €10,000–40,000	N/A	60

V4EaP Grant Programs:

Visegrad 4 Eastern Partnership Program (V4EaP) was initiated in 2011 by the governments of the Visegrad Group countries (see [Joint Statement...](#) from June 2011) to enhance the cooperation between the Visegrad region and the countries of the Eastern Partnership (EaP)—Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The main aims are facilitating the unique know-how of the Visegrad countries with social and economic transformation, democratization and regional cooperation particularly through the development of civil society and support of cooperation among local governments, universities and individual citizens.

<u>VUSG—</u> <u>V4EaP</u>	N/A	15% + €1,000 TIA	100%	ca. €10,000–40,000	N/A	60
<u>Flagship</u> <u>Projects</u>	20%	15%	80%	N/A	12–36 months	60
<u>Standard</u> <u>Grants—</u> <u>V4EaP</u>	30%	15%	80%	N/A	12 months	60
<u>Extended</u> <u>Standard</u> <u>Grants</u>	10%	7% + 7% TIA	90%	N/A	18 months	40

1.1 Applicant

Any legal entity or natural person worldwide is eligible for funding, provided that the given project proposal deals with topics relevant to the Visegrad region and promotes cooperation among project partners in the region. Preferences are given to applicants from **non-governmental and non-profit organizations, municipalities and local governments, public schools and universities, research and scientific bodies and public institutions** in general with the exception of organizations directly funded from state budgets—e.g. institutions of state administration, ministries, embassies, cultural institutes (*Instytut Polski, České centrum*), etc.

1.2 Project partners

It is compulsory to secure participation of subjects from at least **three different V4 countries** (an organizer and at least two project partners); with the exception of Cross-Border Cooperation where cooperation of two countries is sufficient (organizer and a single project partner) and the Visegrad Strategic Program where **all four V4 countries** must be represented). Applicants are, however, strongly encouraged to **involve project partners from all four Visegrad countries**. If cooperation does not—or cannot—include all four parties, appli-

cants are requested to give reasons. Similarly as with applicants, organizations directly funded from state budget cannot be considered valid project partners—e.g., institutions of state administration, ministries, embassies, cultural institutes (e.g. *Slovenský inštitút, Magyar kulturális intézet*, etc.).

2.1 Deadlines

English is the official language of the Visegrad cooperation, as well as of the International Visegrad Fund—application forms, as well as all official correspondence with the fund can be accepted only in English.

The following are annual deadlines for submission of Small Grants: **March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1**. The following are annual deadlines for submission of Standard Grants: **March 15 and September 15** (unless stipulated otherwise on the website and in the on-line application system). The Visegrad Strategic Program has a single annual deadline (the date is announced). Electronic application forms shall be submitted **by 12:00 CET (noon)** on given deadline date. Hard-copy versions (printouts) with relevant accompanying documentation shall be either sent by registered post on the same day at the latest or delivered to the Fund personally by 16:30 CET.

If the given deadline falls on public holiday (when postal services might be closed for business), the hard-copy applications and the [accompanying documents](#) will be accepted with the postmark of the [nearest business day following the deadline](#), or can be delivered in person to the fund by 16:30 CET on that day. Please note, however, that the electronic submission must be respected.

2.2 Project categories

There are six categories into which Small/Standard Grants projects are divided (Strategic Grants follow annual [priorities](#)). Applicants themselves shall decide which category best fits the content of their project. **The following are the six categories** with example of concrete project topics:

- **cultural cooperation** (film and theater festivals, exhibitions, publications)
- **education** (seminars, education workshops)
- **scientific exchange and research** (academic workshops, conferences)
- **youth exchanges** (summer camps, school exchanges)
- **cross-border cooperation** (site-specific, locally or regionally relevant projects)—applicants and project partners cannot have their seats further than 80 km from given border (projects in this category can involve two or three countries—see paragraph [2.9](#))
- **promotion of tourism** (tourist portals or brochures, promotion of concrete sites).

Więcej informacji na stronie: <http://visegradfund.org/>