



Visegrad Fund

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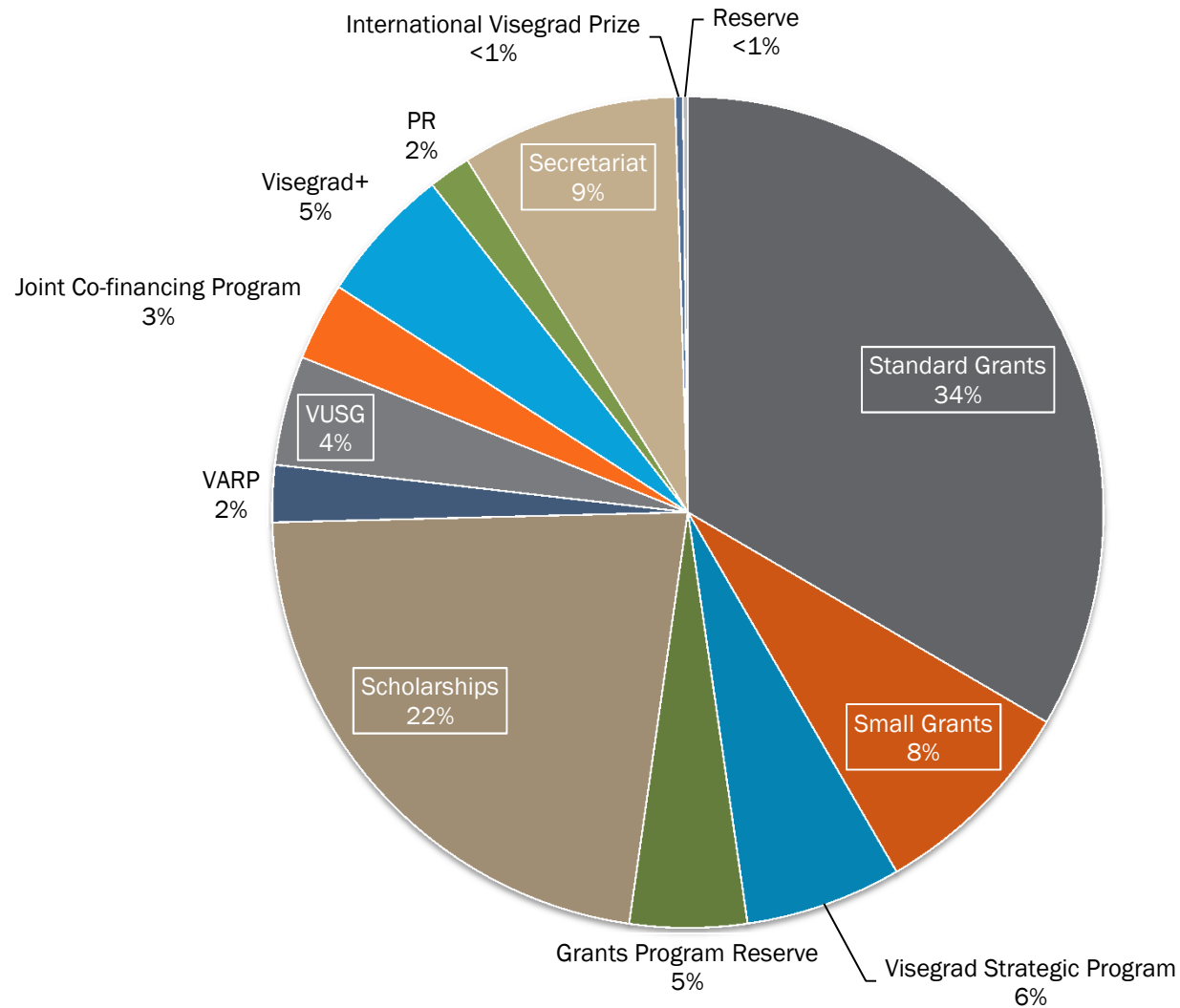
International Visegrad Fund = = support of V4 cooperation

- established in **2000** with the seat in Bratislava (Slovak Republic)
- the Fund as **the concrete means** of the cooperation
- support of **movement of people and ideas**
- instrument of **V4 foreign policy**

Basic Facts about the Fund:

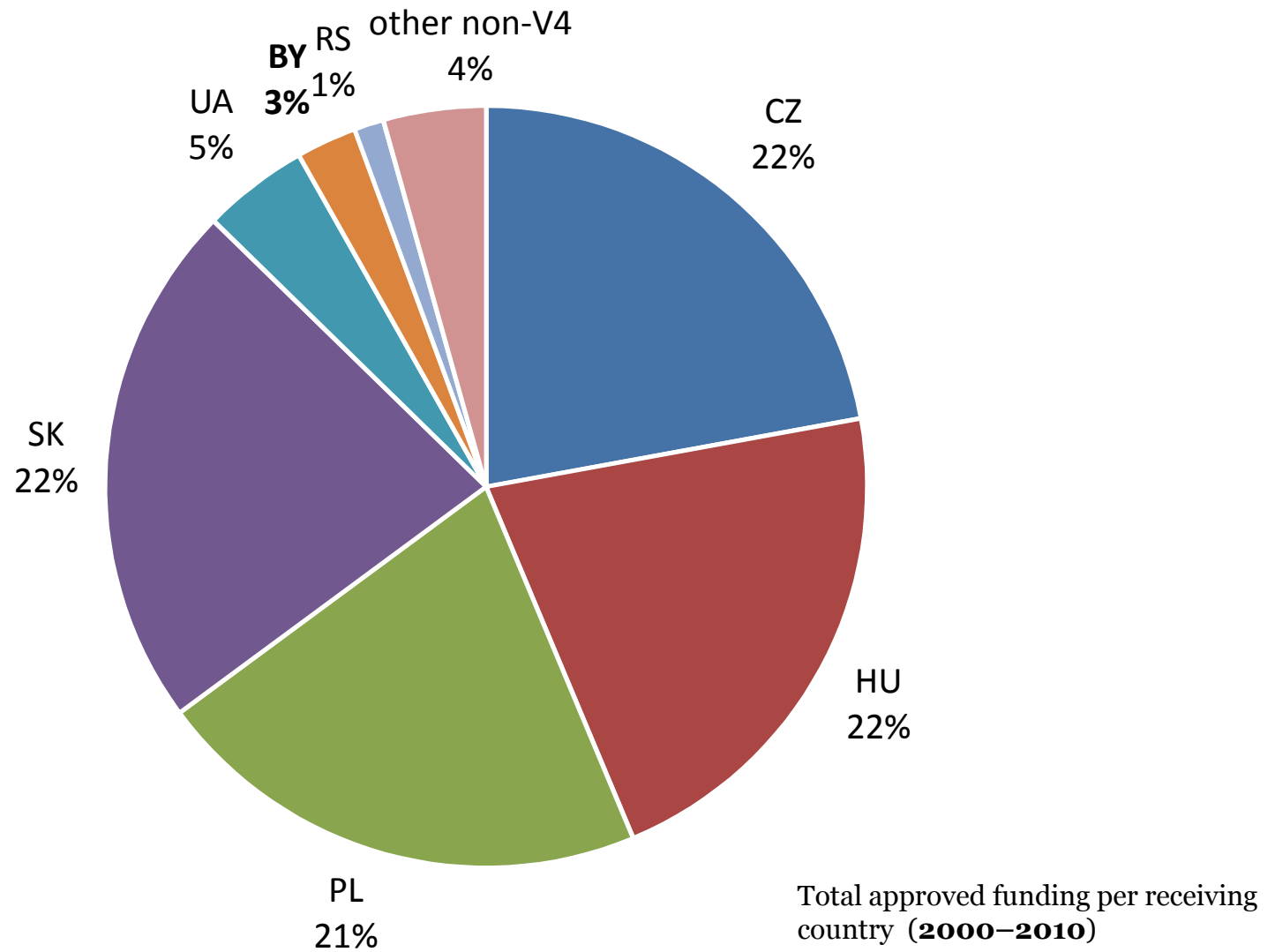
- the only organization of the Visegrad Group
- to date the Fund has supported about
3,000 grant projects,
1,000 scholarships and over
100 artist residencies
- annual budget: **€6,000,000**
(i.e. **€1.5 million** per V4 country)

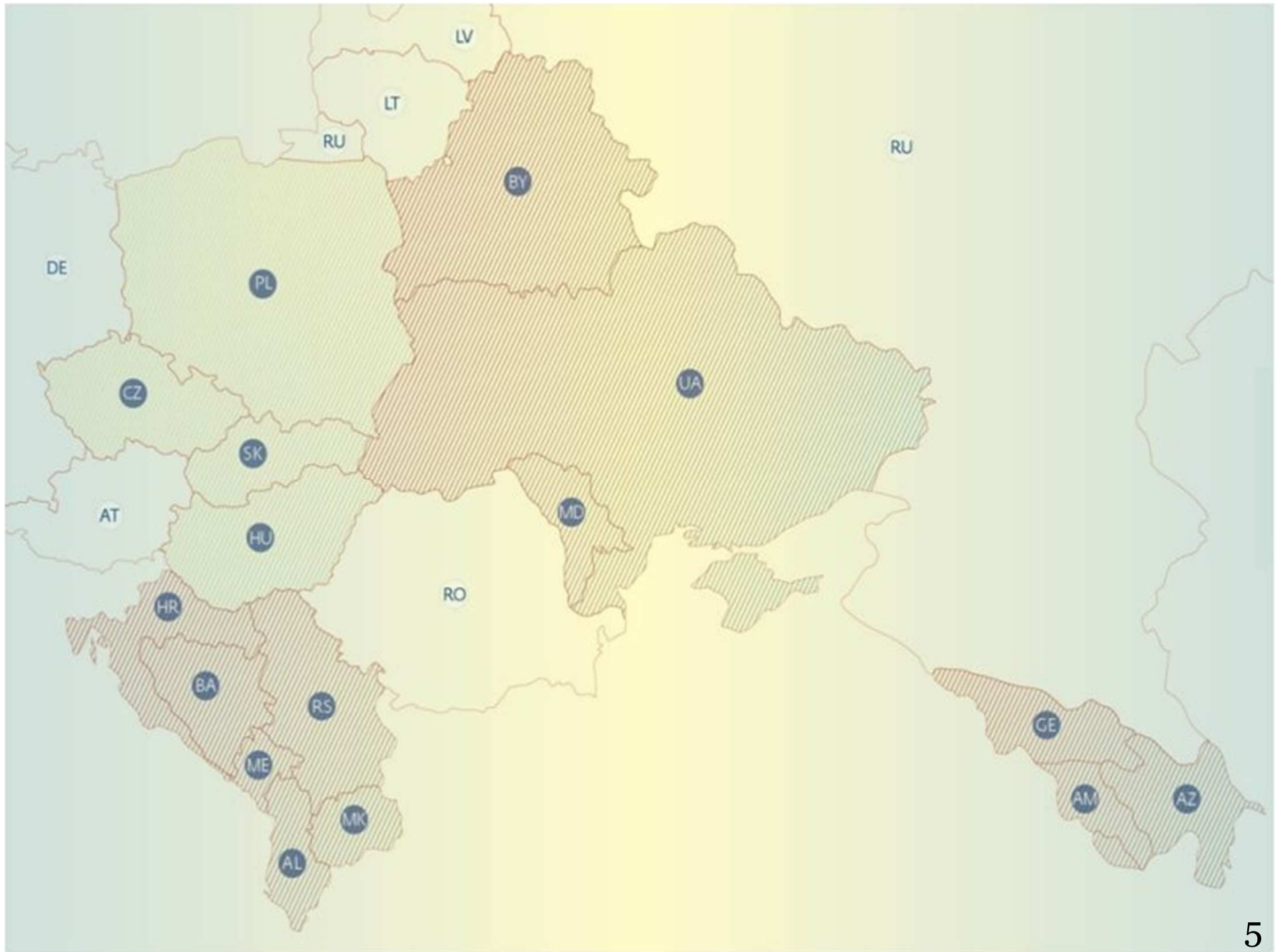
2011 Budget Breakdown



Approved budget for 2011—€6,582,510 in total
(incl. €582,510 as surplus)

Target Countries:





Visegrad Scholarship Program

2011 Budget:

€1,448,000

380 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 + possibility of travel grants**
(Scholarships: **€2,300/sem./scholar**, **€1,500/sem./host university**.)
- Applications evaluated by **independent experts** from V4 countries

Types of Scholarships:

- **OUT-GOING SCHOLARSHIPS**

(V4 scholars studying in AL, AM, AZ, BA, BY, GE, HR, MD, MK, ME, RS and UA; the same rules are applicable to **Kosovar universities**)

- **INTRA-VISEGRAD SCHOLARSHIPS**

(V4 scholars studying at V4 universities)

- **IN-COMING SCHOLARSHIPS**

(scholars from AL, AM, AZ, BA, GE, HR, MD, MK, ME, RU and RS 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: www.visegradfund.org/scholarships/

Visegrad Scholarships at OSA

Launched in 2010 as a joint project between the Fund and the OSA Archivum Budapest (Open Society Archives)

- **10 fellowships** annually (8 x V4, 2 x non-V4)
- max. research periods of **2 months**
- **€2,000/project**
- **no regular deadline** (continuous submissions)

More: <http://visegradfund.org/scholarships/osa/>

Visegrad University Studies Grant

2011 Budget: **€280,000**

Deadline: **10 November**

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

More/contact:

<http://www.visegradfund.org/grants/VUSG/>

Supported Fields of Project Activities*

- Cultural Cooperation (ca. 50%)
- Scientific Exchange and Research (ca. 18%)
- Education (ca. 13%)
- Youth Exchanges (ca. 11%)
- Cross-Border Cooperation (ca. 6%)
- Promotion of Tourism (ca. 2%)

* Every project should be recognizable in one of the *fields* but can in fact fall in any category of activity (e.g. *environment, sports and leisure, social affairs, publishing, etc.*).

Grant eligibility

- having a project with **Visegrad feature**
- **not directly funded from state budget**
(main recipients: NGOs, municipalities, schools, private companies, individual citizens, etc.)
- involvement of **project partners** from at least **3 V4 countries** (i.e. an organizer + min. 2 partners)
- securing at least **30% of project budget** from other sources (financial or in-kind contributions)

How to apply? (Part 1)

- Do you have a **V4-related idea**?
 - **nearly every idea** can be realized
 - consider the **type of program** for applying
 - the **more joint activities**, the better
- Do you have **partners in V4 countries**?
 - the **key condition**
 - three is a must, but **involving all four countries** is highly recommended

How to apply? (Part 2)

- fill out the **on-line application form**
- **original declarations** from project partners (**letters of intent**) and from **other donors** (sponsors, foundations)
- copies of **ID documents** of the applicant and the project partners (registry print-outs, copies of passports)

General grant conditions:

- grants cover up to **70% project costs**
- reimbursements in **tranches** with the possibility of **advance payments** (up to 80% of project costs)
- **5% overhead costs**
- costs documented through **copies of invoices and bills**
- separate **bank account** for the purposes of the grant project
- **project website** (with unique URL)
- updating **press releases** and the **calendar of events** for every project event

Non-refundable project costs:

- **Capital Investments**
(acquiring equipment for the projects)
- **Own Indirect Costs**
(utilities, telephone bills, etc.)
- **Internal Costs and Expences**
(with the exception of up to **5% overhead costs**)
- **Employments Ruled by the Labor Code**
(including all other related costs, e.g. *per diems*, *social funds*, etc.)

Refundable project costs:

- Printing and publishing costs
- Rent of premises and related technical services
- Fees for experts, fees for artists
- Accommodation and board
- Transport costs
- Translation, interpretation costs
- Awards and prizes
- Office supplies and promotional material
- Advertising costs
- Website design and update, etc.

Frequently made mistakes:

- **copies of the letters of intent** (original documents necessary)
- **Wrong ID documents** (official registries of the statistical offices, district courts or interior ministries are eligible—simple copies are enough)
- **unclear V4 feature** (missing “Visegrad added value”)
- **unclear role of project partners**
- **dates of project events too close** to the announcement of the grant selection results
- absence of proper **acknowledgement of the Fund’s support** (missing logo, website links, etc.)

Small Grants

- 2011 Budget: **€540,000**
- Deadlines: **1 March, 1 June,
1 September, 1 December**
- Contractual period: **6 months**
- Supported amounts: up to **€5,000**
- Approval period: up to **40 working days**
(the project cannot start sooner)

More information:

www.visegradfund.org/grants/small_grants/

Standard Grants

- 2011 Budget: **€2,200,000**
- Deadlines: **15 March, 15 September**
- Contractual period: **12 months**
- Supported amounts: more than **€5,001**
(on average ca. €9,000–10,000 per project)
- Approval period: up to **50 working days**
(the project cannot start sooner)

More information:

www.visegradfund.org/grants/standard_grants/

Visegrad Strategic Program

- 2011 Budget: **€400,000**
- Deadline: **16 May**
- Cooperation of **all V4 countries**
- Contractual period: **12–36 months**
- Supported amounts unlimited
(on average ca. €30,000 per project)
- Approval period: up to **50 working days**
(the project cannot start sooner)

More information:

www.visegradfund.org/grants/strategic_grants/

Visegrad Strategic Program 2011 Priorities:

- Internal Cohesion of the Visegrad Group (V4)
- Promotion of V4 in Central Europe and the EU as part of the V4's 20th Anniversary
- Social Inclusion of the Roma Population
- Youth and Sports Exchanges

Visegrad Artists Residency Program



- A 3-month residency program for V4 artists to work in other V4 countries
- 2011 Budget: **€108,000**
- 2011 Deadline: **10 September**

More: www.visegradfund.org/residencies/

VARP in New York



- 3-month artist residencies for V4 artists at Triangle Arts Assoc. in Brooklyn, NY
- Stipend: **€4,000**

More: www.visegradfund.org/residencies/newyork/

2010 in numbers:

Grant programs:

- **133** Small Grants
- **253** Standard Grants
- **8** Strategic Grants
- **10** VUSG grants
- **4** Visegrad+ grants

Individual programs:

- **23** VARP residencies
- **187** scholarships

In total: **€4,980,290**



Deadline Overview:

31 January	Visegrad Scholarship Program
1 March	Small Grants
15 March	Standard Grants
16 May	Visegrad Strategic Program
1 June	Small Grants
1 September	Small Grants
10 September	Visegrad Artist Residency Program
15 September	Standard Grants
10 November	Visegrad University Studies Grant
1 December	Small Grants

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Basic Facts About

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- Hungary
- Poland
- Slovakia

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Welcome to the official portal of the Visegrad Group, the regional alliance of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia.

:::: [more about the Visegrad Group](#)



NEWS FROM THE VISEGRAD GROUP:

- [Joint Declaration of V4 Foreign Ministers towards the Western Balkans](#)
26/10/2010
- [Summit of V4 Prime Ministers in Budapest](#)
21/07/2010
- [The Slovak Republic Takes Over the V4 Presidency](#)
01/07/2010
- [Visegrad Scholarships at Open Society Archives Launched](#)
07/05/2010

CURRENT NEWS:

- [Slovak PM, FM agree on functioning of Council for EU Affairs](#)

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10/08/2010—CALL FOR PROPOSALS

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Visegrad Group (see more on the first Visegrad Summit), the International Visegrad Fund in cooperation with the four respective foreign ministries plan to mark the anniversary with a public debate and accompanying events which are to take place in Brussels, Belgium in February 2011. Proposals are accepted until 16 September 2010.

[Call for Proposals—Brussels events, II/2011](#)

21/07/2010

The Council of Ambassadors approved projects submitted within the June deadline of Small Grants. The complete list is available here:

[List of Approved Small Grants June 2010 Deadline](#)

21/06/2010

The International Visegrad Fund announces a call for proposals for Visegrad+ projects towards the Republic of Georgia in the following areas:

1. Vocational Training Reform and Vocational Training for IDPs
2. Sharing V4 Experience with the EU Integration: Legislation Reform and Cooperation with NGOs
3. Sharing V4 Know-How on Decentralization of Administration Structures

Deadline for proposals is Wednesday 15 September 2010. For more details please see the [Call for](#)

Quick links:

[Basic facts about the Fund](#)
[The Fund's Secretariat](#)
[Contact information](#)

Quick download:

[2010 logo of the Fund](#) [.pdf, 430 KB]
[2009 Annual Report](#) [.pdf, 2 MB]

Upcoming Deadlines:

01/09/2010—Small Grants
10/09/2010—Artist Residencies (VARP)
15/09/2010—Standard Grants • Visegrad+
10/11/2010—VUSG

Currently Running Projects:

(see [Calendar](#) for further details)

25/08/2010 - 29/08/2010

Mid-European Clay Conference
 Budapest, HU
www.mecc2010.org

25/08/2010

736 kilometres
 Brzyskoszystewko, PL
www.photo5.cz

26/08/2010

International Polifilmfest 2010
 Budapest, HU

Thank you!

Děkujeme!

Köszönjük!

Dziękujemy!

Ďakujeme!