

# International Visegrad Fund: official website

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The Visegrad+ Program was established in 2008 from the so-called [Flexible Fund](#). Visegrad+ is a grant program created to administer and finance projects which contribute to the democratization and transformation processes in selected countries and regions, especially non-EU member states in Eastern Europe and the Southern Caucasus (the EU's [Eastern Partnership](#)), and the Western Balkans.

So far, projects were focused on *Belarus, Georgia, Serbia*, and the whole *Western Balkan region* (see [previously approved project proposals](#)).

The priority target countries, priority orientation and project topics (see below) for Visegrad+ projects are defined and approved by the decision of the [Conference of Ministers](#). Calls for proposals are announced on the Fund's website. Projects are reviewed and administered by the Fund's Secretariat; project proposals selected by the National V4 Coordinators are formally approved by the [Council of Ambassadors](#) and [Conference of Ministers](#). Project topics are selected in compliance with the Statute of the Fund.

The priorities for 2015 are as follows:

1. Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights
2. Good Governance
3. Regional Cooperation in the Fields of Education and Culture
4. EU Approximation
5. Environment and Sustainable Development

See: [Call for proposals \(2015\)](#) [  .PDF, 31 KB ]

Deadline: 11:59:59 a.m. on **May 15, 2015**

## Previously approved projects:

## 2014—Focus Western Balkans

Visegrad+ Western Balkans (2014): List of approved project proposals [  .DOCX, 20.7 KB ]

## 2012—Focus Western Balkans

Visegrad+ Western Balkans (2012): List of approved project proposals [  .PDF, 36.4 KB ]

## 2010—Focus Georgia

### **Vocational Training Development Focused on Georgian IDPs and NGO Empowerment with Emphasis on V4 Transformation and EU Accession**

*Goals: retraining, vocational training, development of social enterprise*

*Grantee: Czech Fundraising Center (České centrum fundraisingu), Prague (CZ)*

*Approved budget: €120,000*

*Implementation period: 2010-2011*

### **Vocational Trainings for Vulnerable IDPs in Georgia**

*Goals: training workshops (business English, computer literacy)*

*Grantee: Hungarian Baptist Aid (Baptista Szeretetszolgálat Alapítvány), Budapest (HU)*

*Approved budget: €75,000*

*Implementation period: 2011-2012*

### **Sharing V4 Experience of the EU Integration: Technical Assistance in the Areas of Legislation Reform and Cooperation with NGOs**

*Goals: empowering Georgian civil society, creating a base for decentralization, development of monitoring and advocacy capacities of NGOs*

*Grantee: Foundation for Development of Democratic Rights (DemNet), Budapest (HU)*

*Approved budget: €90,000*

*Implementation period: 2011*

### **Empowering National Minorities through Developing Civil Society in Minority-Populated Regions of Georgia**

*Goals:* development of institutional capacity of minority NGOs (capacity trainings, small grants, dialog with government representatives)

*Grantee:* [European Centre for Minority Issues—Caucasus](#), Tbilisi (GE)

*Approved budget:* €60,000

*Implementation period:* 2011

## **2009—Focus Serbia**

### **Learning from Experience: V4 Countries**

*Goals:* organizing a conference, producing a 45" documentary film, publishing of a brochure

*Grantee:* [Independent Journalists' Association of Serbia](#), Belgrade (RS)

*Approved budget:* €79,000

*Implementation period:* 2009-2011

### **Political Parties and Engaged Public (Encouragement of Civil Engagement to Control Leadership of Political Parties)**

*Goals:* training in public engagement of NGO representatives, independent journalists, professional associations

*Grantee:* [Center for Development of Civil Society](#) (Centar za razvoj civilnog društva), Zrenjanin (RS)

*Approved budget:* €60,000

*Implementation period:* 2010-2012

## **2009—Focus Belarus**

### **Presentation of the Literature of the Visegrad Group Countries to the Belarusian Society**

*Goals:* translation into Belarusian and publishing of V4 literature

*Grantee:* [East European Democratic Center](#), Warsaw (PL)

*Approved budget:* €154,440

*Implementation period:* 2009-2011

### **Transfer of Visegrad Countries' Experience in the Education**

## **System Reform**

*Goals:* creation of modern teaching methodologies; drafting a concept of new education system and a curriculum in humanities; creating a network of Belarusian experts in the field of education

*Grantee:* [Association for International Affairs](#) (Asociace pro mezinárodní otázky), Prague (CZ)

*Approved budget:* €200,000

*Implementation period:* 2009–2011

## **2008—Focus Belarus**

### **Promotion Campaign in Belarusian Media**

*Goals:* advertisements and PR articles about the Visegrad Group and the International Visegrad Fund and its programs in print and electronic media)

*Grantees:* [Civic Belarus](#) (Občanské Bělorusko), Prague (CZ); [College of Eastern Europe](#) (Kolegium Europy Wschodniej), Wrocław (PL)

*Approved budget:* €80,000

*Implementation period:* 2008–2009