



International Visegrad Fund: Visegrad Group's Tool for Regional Cooperation

The Fund's Main Aims

- (financial support of) **movement of people and ideas**
- strengthening of the **internal cohesion** of the region
- weakening of **historical animosities** and **awareness-building**
- instrument for the **V4 foreign policy** (since 2004):
 - support of **transfer of know-how** from the region to the Western Balkans and Eastern Partnership countries
 - ca. **20%** of funding goes **beyond** the Visegrad region (2012)
 - **priorities** defined by the group (Strategic Grants, Visegrad+)

Basic Characteristics

- **V4's only solid organization** to date
- **equal contributions** of member states (€1.75M p.a.)
- **equal rights** of member states:
 - annual **rotating presidency** (January–December)
(presidencies in the group: July–June)
 - **rotating management** (3-year missions)
 - **consensus** as a basic principle in decision-making
- **2-member management** + **12-member staff** (+ interns)
- key leverages: **grant programs** (7), **scholarships and fellowships** (6), **artist residencies** (4)

Program Overview

Academic and Mobility Programs	Grant Programs
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Visegrad Scholarships at OSA	IVF–NSC Taiwan Joint Research Projects

www.visegradfund.org/scholarships, .../residencies

www.visegradfund.org/grants

Small Grants/Standard Grants

Budgets:

up to €6,000

€6,001+
(average €10–13,000)

Timeframe:

up to 6 months

up to 12 months

Deadlines:

March 1
June 1
September 1
December 1

March 15
September 15

Grant Project Categories

- **cultural cooperation (35%)**
- **scientific exchange and research (24%)**
- **education (19%)**
- **youth exchanges (9%)**
- **cross-border cooperation (10%)**
- **promotion of tourism (2%)**



100% = 3,568 grant projects approved in 2000–2012

Basic Grant Principles

- projects must have **“Visegrad added value”**
- projects involve entities from at least **3 V4 countries***
- grants cover up to **70% project costs**
- reimbursements in **tranches** with **advance payments**
(up to 80% of project costs)
- **5% overhead costs**
- costs documented through **copies of invoices and bills**
- only **a single project per applicant***
(multiple project-partnerships possible)

* Strategic Grants, Visegrad+ projects and the V4EaP chapter are exceptions

Who Can Apply?

- majority of applicants are **CSOs** and other NGOs
- primary/secondary **schools, colleges + universities**
- **municipalities, regional governments**
- other **public institutions** (museums, galleries, sports clubs)
- **individual citizens** or even private companies
- **not** organizations fully funded from state budget or government bodies (ministries, cultural institutes, etc.)

What Cannot Be Refunded?

- **tangible/non-tangible assets**
(capital investments)
- **indirect costs**
(utilities, bills—with the exception of 5% overhead costs)
- **internal costs and expenses**
(with the exception of 5% overhead costs)
- **employments ruled by labor code**
(and related costs, such as per diems)

What Can Be Refunded?

- **printing and publishing costs**
- **website design and updates**
- **rent of premises**
- **expert fees and honoraria**
- **accommodation and board**
- **translation and interpreting**
- **awards and prizes**
- **advertising and promotional costs**
- **office supplies, etc.**

Visegrad University Studies Grant

- support for the development and launching of outstanding **courses** or **degree programs** to be taught at HEI and explicitly dealing with the Visegrad region
- necessary involvement of at least two **guest lecturers** (from two different V4 countries)
- any **accredited higher education institution** worldwide is eligible for support

- deadline: **November 10, 2013**

Visegrad University Studies Grant

The grant supports:

- mobility of experts and university teachers,
- development of a library related to V4 countries and to the subject,
- development of scriptum(s), readers,
- field trips, workshops, etc.

grants: ca. **€10,000**/course, and ca. **€40,000**/degree program
(the amounts depend on the scope and individual needs of each project, in justified cases the budget and support can be higher)

Visegrad University Studies Grant - Joint Degree Program

- support of mobility within and running of outstanding Joint-/Multiple-/Double-Degree Programs
- **involvement of institutions in all V4 countries**
- supporting programs at **Master's** and **Doctoral level**
- the program can be taught in any language
- any public or private HEI and research center/organization worldwide is eligible for the grant
- minimum two subsequent enrollments of the Program are required within the Grant
- **granted amount per program up to €200,000**

- deadline: **TBA**

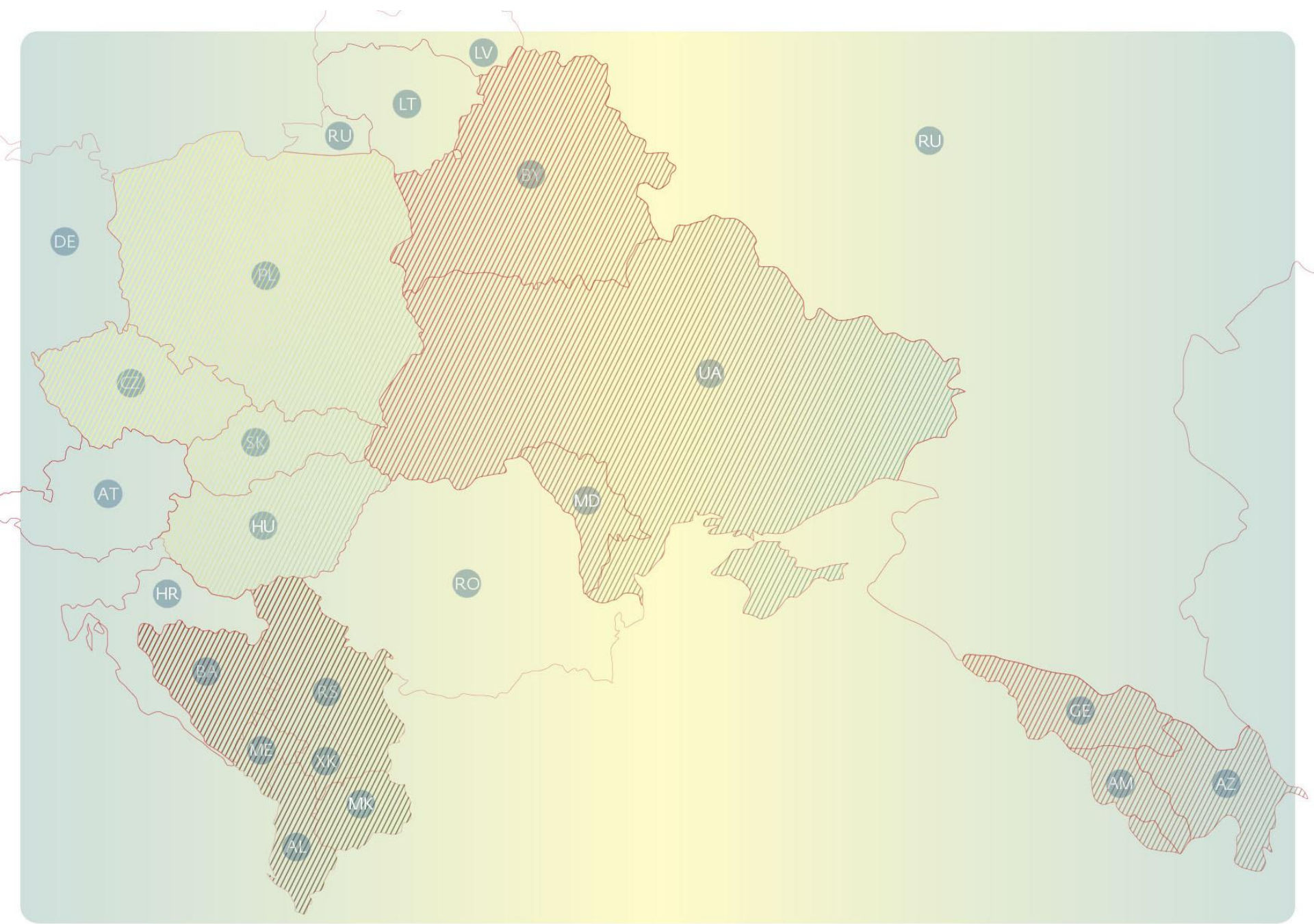
Visegrad University Studies Grant - Joint Degree Program

the joint study program needs to secure **mobility of students** as follows:

- if involving all V4 countries and no other country:
the students/doctoral candidates shall spent at least 1 semester during the Program in each V4 country;
- if involving all V4 countries and one non-V4 country:
the students/doctoral candidates shall spent at least two semesters during the Program at institutions within the consortium in two different V4 countries
+ at least one semester at the institution in non-V4 country

Visegrad Scholarship Program

- support of individual mobility on **MA/PhD levels**
- involving the **V4 region** + the **Western Balkans** + **EaP**
- support for both **scholars** and **host institutions**:
€2,300/semester + €1,500/semester
- **public/private** higher education institutions +
science academies can host scholars
- annually supporting more than 300 semesters
- annual deadline: **January 31**



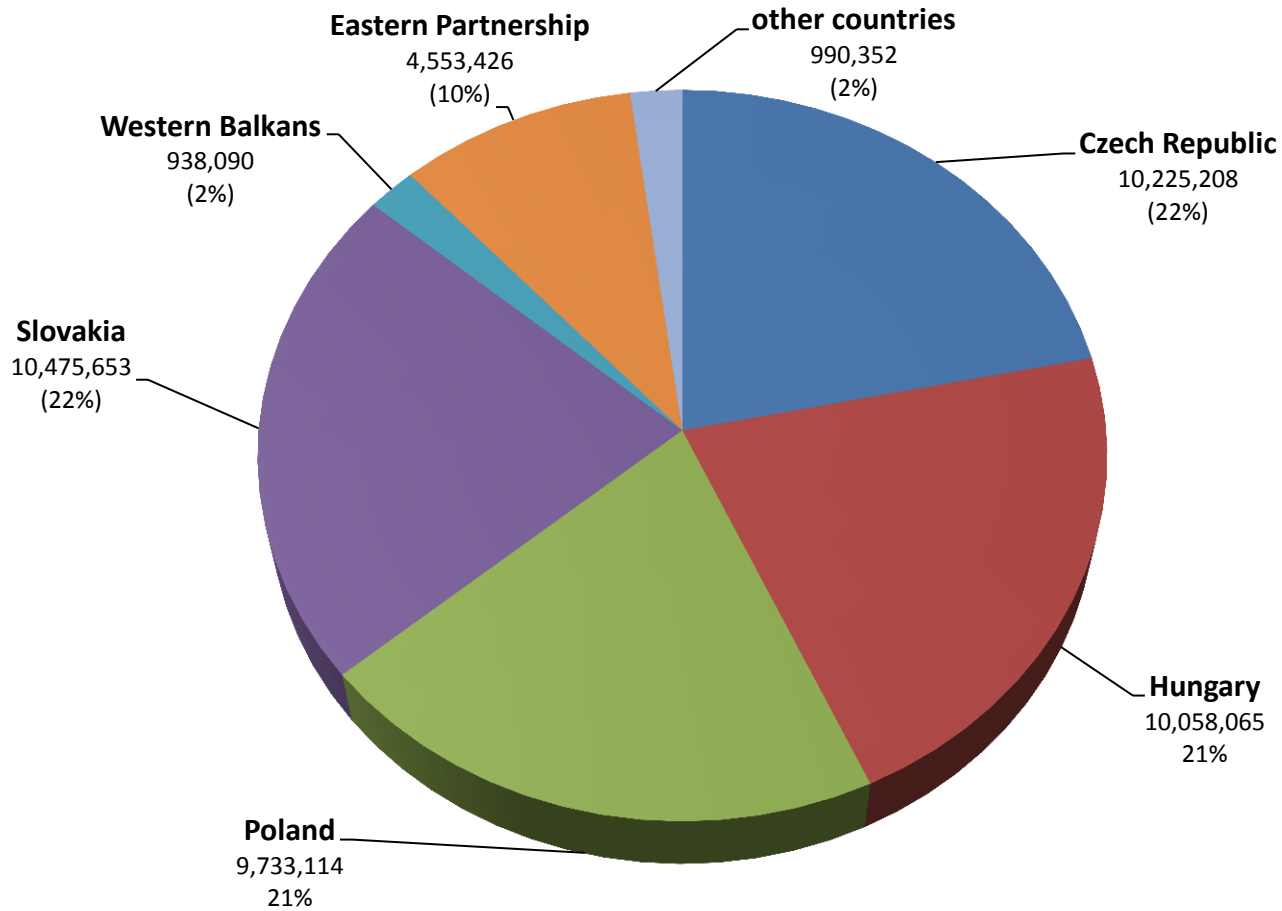
Visegrad Artist Residency Programs

- **VARP—Visual & Sound Arts**
 - individual 3-month residencies, free choice of host organization
 - €750/month (€4,500/project)
 - deadline: **September 10**
- **VARP—Performing Arts**
 - individual/group 3-month residencies, free choice of the host
 - €4,000–8,000/project
 - deadline: **October 1**
- **VARP in New York**
 - 3-month individual residencies in Brooklyn, NY
 - €4,000/project
 - deadline TBA

Visegrad Literary Residency Program

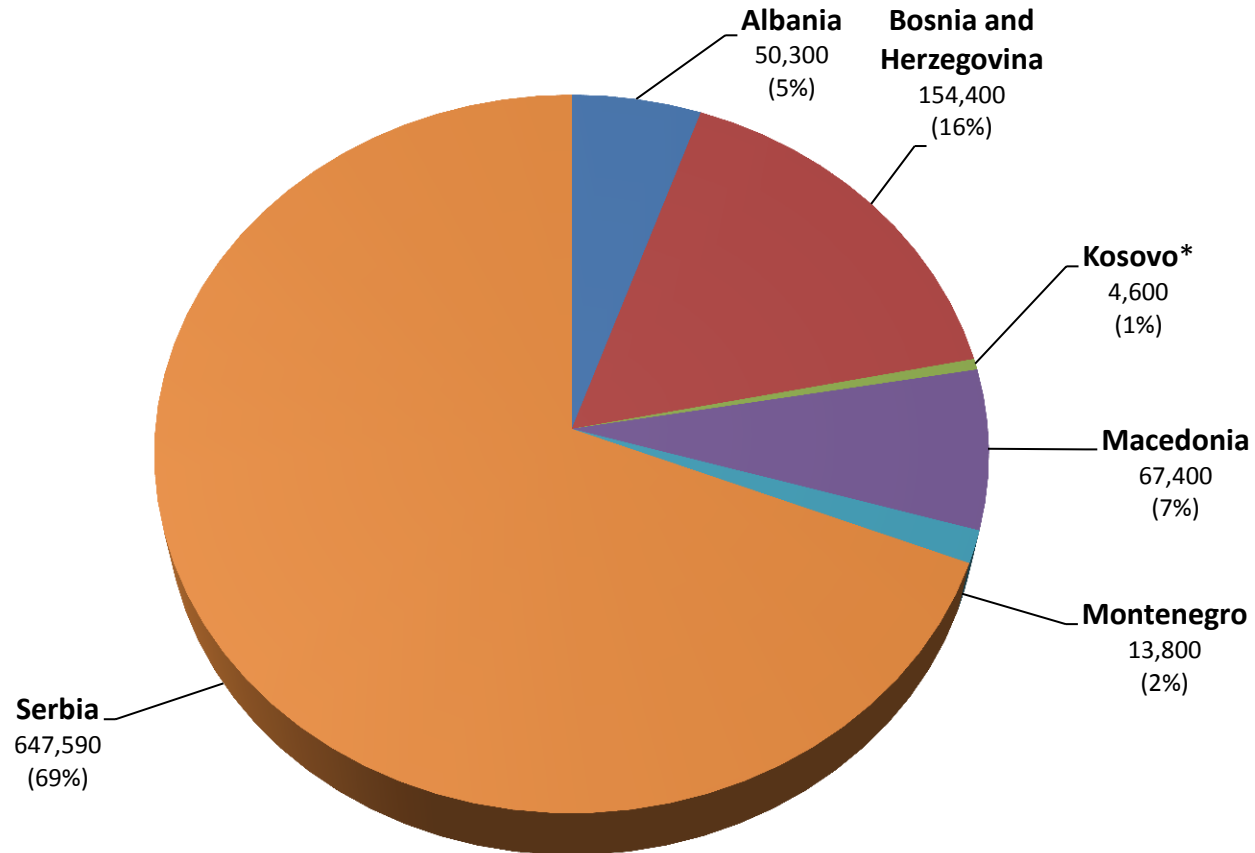
- run in partnership of **Villa Decius** (Cracow) with **The Arts Institute** (Prague), **Petőfi Literary Museum** (Budapest), and **Centre for Information on Literature** (Bratislava)
- **3-month** annual residencies for **16 authors** (writers, journalists, translators)
- deadline: **TBA**
- former recipients: Marta Dzido, Róbert Gál, Viktor Horváth, Michal Hvorecký, Peter Krištúfek, Katarína Kucpbelová, Iva Pekárková, Jan Těsnohlídek, etc.

Funding by Recipient Regions (2000–2012)



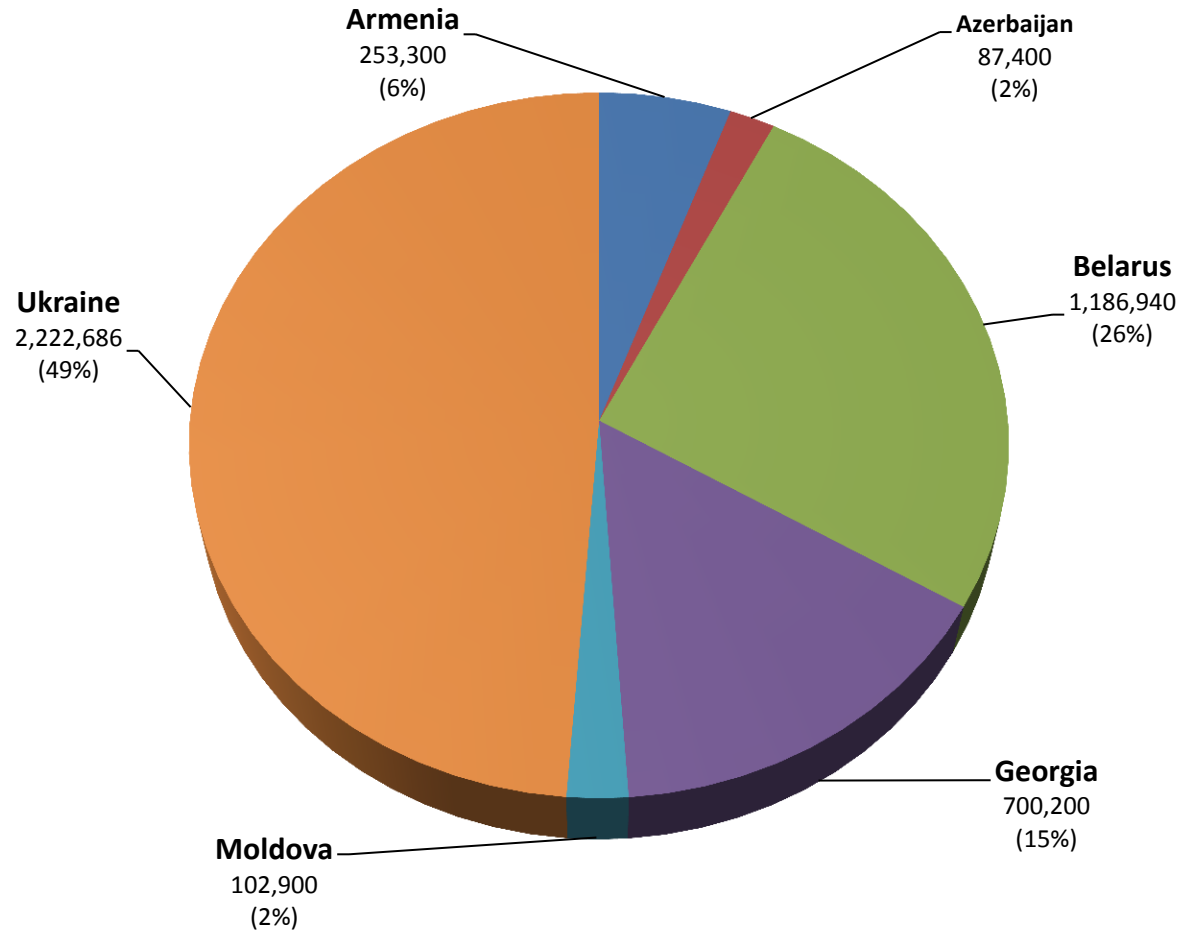
100% = €46,988,908

The Western Balkans (2000–2012)



* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

The Eastern Partnership (2000–2012)



100% = €4,553,426 (= 9.69% of total funding)

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Main Results

- **stable and visible component** of V4 cooperation
- stronger level of **regional cooperation** and cooperation with **neighboring regions**
- **good promotion of the region in the EU**
- **to date** (by Q4 2012):
 - more than **3,700 grant projects**
 - over **1,500 “mobilities”** (scholarships/residencies)
 - total worth of ca. **€47 million**

Useful Links



www.visegradfund.org/think

- [Visegrad Group](http://www.visegradgroup.eu)

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- [Visegrad Find](http://visegradfind.visegradfund.org)

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