

V4-Ukraine Cooperation Enhancement Prospects in the Context of Ukrainian EU Accession Negotiations

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Short Description of the Project

11 universities joining forces to bring together academics and students from all V4 countries and Ukraine to conduct joint research, share knowledge, engage different generations to bring about innovative ideas to promote enhanced cooperation in economic and political spheres and thus support the Ukrainian society in their European integration process.

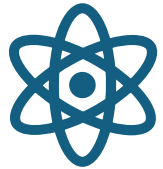
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Events Calendar



Date	Event	Place
24/10/2024	Online expert kick-off meeting	Online
04/12/2024	Online expert roundtable	Online
06/02/2025	Online expert roundtable	Online
08-09/04/2025	Academic workshop	Bratislava
12/06/2025	Online expert roundtable	Online
04/09/2025	Online expert roundtable	Online
10-11/10/2025	Academic workshop	Prague
13/11/2025	Closing online meeting	Online

Planned Project Goals and Outcomes



Creating an interdisciplinary scientific cluster of 11 universities



Develop a sustainable mutual V4-Ukraine cooperation



Distributing gained knowledge to general public, raising awareness and curbing existing stereotypes.



Organize a summer school on V4-Ukraine cooperation in the town of Virt in the summer of 2026 with trip to the town of Visegrad, HU to enhance the V4 context of the cooperation

Kick-off Meeting



24/10/24

Expert Roundtable where experts from each partner institution will bring forward ideas on the optimal process to achieving the pre-defined project aims.

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Bratislava and Prague Academic Workshops

2-day event with a full day academic workshop where 2 academics and 2 students (PhD. and Master's) from each partner institution will meet to discuss the results of their research on key topics of this project (students selected based on results of Essay Writing Competition).

Morning session: presentations of results of scientific research of participating academics

Afternoon session: workshop with students where students will work in groups on topics discussed in the morning session with the aim of bringing about innovative ideas and approaches to the discussed topics

Output: online publication of 10 presentations and 5+5 takeaways from the student workshops

Bratislava and Prague Academic Workshops

On those workshops 2 academics, 1 PhD. and 1 Master's student from each participating partner university will meet in Bratislava and Prague event.

Czech Ministry of European Affairs (Mr. Martin Dvořák - Minister) and the Slovak Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (Mr. Marek Csabay - Director General of the Section for Economic and Development Cooperation) are willing to participate as keynote speakers in the in-person academic events in Praha and Bratislava

Proposed Research Topics on Economic Relations V4-Ukraine

Areas for economic cooperation between the Visegrad countries and Ukraine:

- International Trade
- Development Assistance
- Foreign Investment
- Labour Market and Labour Migration

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Proposed Research Topics on Economic Relations V4-Ukraine

(1) International Trade:

- Increasing export performance in mutual trade
- Identification of potential areas for further developments in V4-Ukraine trade relations
- Analysis of the impacts of DCFTA and the autonomous EU trade measures from 2022 on mutual trade relations

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Proposed Research Topics on Economic Relations V4-Ukraine

(2) Development Assistance:

- Evaluation of the effectiveness of development aid provided by the Visegrad countries to Ukraine
- The Visegrad countries' development assistance in the field of the “Functioning market economy” (Copenhagen criteria): strong institutions, macroeconomic policies, legislation, education, etc.

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Proposed Research Topics on Economic Relations V4-Ukraine

(3) Foreign Investment:

- How to improve the business environment to attract more (post-war) FDI
- Identification of the determinants of FDI originating from the Visegrad countries
- Legal protection of foreign investments

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Proposed Research Topics on Economic Relations V4-Ukraine

(4) Labour Market and Labour Migration:

- How to enhance Ukraine's labour market flexibility
- Opportunities and challenges of labour migration from the perspective of the Visegrad countries and Ukraine
- Comparison of push- and -pull factors of migration from Ukraine to the Visegrad countries
- Analysis of the effects of labour migration from Ukraine on the economies of sending and host countries
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Proposed Research Topics on Political Relations V4-Ukraine

(mid-term (1 – 2 years) and long-term (by 2030) cooperation between V4 + Ukraine)

*3 areas of political cooperation between V4 countries and Ukraine
(context of European integration of Ukraine):*

- **The Political Configuration in the V4 Countries**
- **Russian-Ukrainian War Context**
- **Transborder Cooperation and Paradiplomacy
in the “V4 – Ukraine” Format**



The Political Focus of the Project

(1) The Political Configuration in the V4 Countries

3 key points:

- The Rise of Populism in Central Europe
- The Aid to Ukraine + “Exhaustion” of the V4 Countries
- Political Negotiations

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(2) Russian-Ukrainian War Context

3 key points:

- Ongoing Russian-Ukrainian War
- Labour Migration vs Forced Migration
- Russia vs EU/NATO

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The Political Focus of the Project

(3) Transborder Cooperation and Paradiplomacy in the “V4 – Ukraine” Format

3 key points:

- Ukrainian Opportunities in the EU
- Paradiplomacy Between V4 + Ukraine as a Tool of Ukrainian Eurointegration
- Opportunities for CBC: format “V4 + Ukraine”



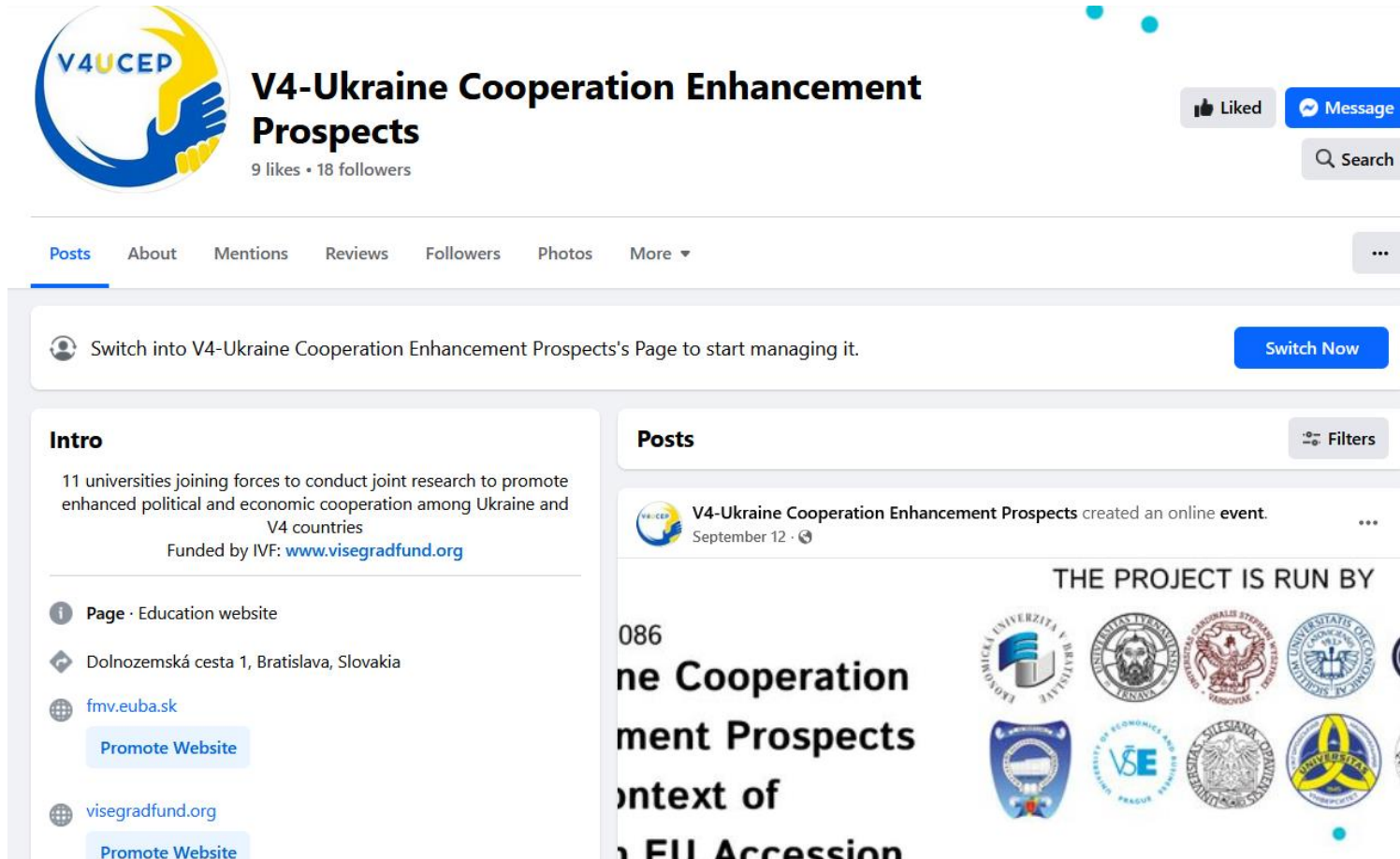
Potential Research Outputs of the Project

- **Monothematic monograph** – an output from academic workshops held in Bratislava and Prague. *The end of November 2025?*
- **Scientific papers** – written by project members divided into expert “sub-clusters”.

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Facebook and Visibility

<https://www.facebook.com/ukrainev4project/>



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