

Slovak Presidency in V4 in the field of statistics

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The Visegrád Group (V4) is an informal grouping of 4 Central European countries that brings together not only the countries with geographical proximity, but also with membership in the EU, NATO and many international organizations, with similar economic conditions, cultural and historical values. The V4 grouping was established after political changes and the collapse of the socialist bloc in February 1991, when the highest representatives of the original three members – Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary – signed the Visegrád Declaration in Visegrad, Hungary; it laid the foundations for future close cooperation in different areas of common interest. After the breakup of the CSFR in 1993, the regional cooperation of Hungary and Poland continued with the emerging countries – Slovakia and the Czech Republic, and is realized even in this period, when the V4 is chaired by the Slovak Republic.

The presidencies in V4 rotates on annual basis according to the following schedule:

- 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023 Slovak Republic
- 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024 Czech Republic
- 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025 Republic of Poland
- 1 July 2025 – 30 June 30 2026 Republic of Hungary

The currently ongoing presidency of Slovakia is his sixth presidency in the V4. The central coordinating body is the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic and the national Visegrád coordinators. The basis of the activities is a programme of the presiding country, which is approved by the heads of government of the V4 countries at the V4 summits, the priorities and forms of cooperation for individual areas are developed in ministerial (departmental) cooperation plans. Financial support for planned activities can be requested from the International [Visegrád Fund](#) which has been the only institutionalized form of mutual cooperation between the V4 countries since 1999. The fund supports projects in the fields of culture, education and capacity building, innovation and social development. [Programme of the Slovak presidency in V4 in Slovak](#) (PDF – 170 kB)