

**Invitation to the
International Visegrad Fund: 15 Years Behind,
Many More Ahead Conference
Budapest, 11 December 2015**

The *Antall József Knowledge Centre (AJKC)*, cordially invites you to participate in the conference called *International Visegrad Fund: 15 Years Behind, Many More Ahead* which is organised in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the International Visegrad Fund *on 11 December 2015* in Budapest.

AJKC was established in 2010 in cooperation with the Corvinus University of Budapest as an independent, non-governmental organisation, where one of our key aims is to support the intellectual development and research activities of students, researchers and young professionals in line with the philosophy of József Antall, the first freely elected Prime Minister of Hungary, who served between 1990 and 1993. Our institution also puts great emphasis on talent management.

The conference commemorates the 15th anniversary of the International Visegrad Fund and its outstanding activity in facilitating and promoting the development of closer cooperation among citizens and institutions in the V4 region, as well as with other countries, with special regard to the Western Balkan and the Eastern Partnership member states. The panel discussions and workshops revolve not only around the scholarships and grant programmes of the IVF but they also examine the future aims and perspectives of the Fund.

Application: Please RSVP to the following email address: szanto.eszter@ajtk.hu

Application deadline: 8 December

International Visegrad Fund: 15 Years Behind, Many More Ahead

Description: knowledge sharing and networking conference closing Hungary's IVF Presidency in 2015
Date: Friday, 11 December 2015
Venue: Budapest Hall at *Hotel Benczúr* (35 Benczúr utca, 1068 Budapest)
Output: creation of an IVF grantee community, potential new partnerships, preparation of a joint declaration about the Fund's future from the grantees' perspective

Draft Programme

8.30am-9am	<i>Registration</i>
9am-9.30am	<i>Opening Speeches</i> - Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary - Beata Jacewska, Executive Director, <i>International Visegrad Fund</i> - Péter Antall, Director, <i>Antall József Knowledge Centre</i> , Hungary
9.30am-10.30am	<i>International Visegrad Fund: 15 Years in Numbers, Words and Pictures - IVF from the Inside</i> Moderator: Veronika Antall-Horváth, IVF Trustee for Hungary Speakers: - Karla Wursterová, Former Director of IVF (2012-2015) - Piotr Bajda, IVF Trustee for Poland - Jiri Sykora, Public Relations Coordinator of IVF
10.30am-10.45am	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.45am-11.45am	<i>Think Visegrad: Experience and Perspectives of V4 Think Tank Cooperation</i> Moderator: Dániel Bartha, Executive Director, <i>CEID</i> , Hungary Speakers: - Tomáš Strážay, Think Visegrad Coordinator, <i>SFPA</i> , Slovakia - Mateusz Gniazdowski, Head of Central European Department, <i>OSW</i> , Poland - Michal Kořan, Deputy Director, <i>IIR</i> , Czech Republic
11.45am-12.45pm	<i>Act Visegrad: Success Stories of V4 Strategic Conferences</i> Moderator: Áron Németh, Corporate Relations Manager, <i>think.BDPST Conference</i> , Antall József Knowledge Centre, Hungary Speakers: - Radko Hokovský, Executive Director, European Values Think Tank, <i>Prague European Summit</i> , Czech Republic - Róbert Vass, Founder of <i>GLOBSEC</i> , Slovakia - Kinga Redłowska, Director of International Cooperation Department, Foundation Institute for Eastern Studies, <i>Economic Forum of Krynica</i> , Poland
12.45pm-2pm	<i>Lunch</i>

2pm-3.20pm	<p><i>15 years Behind, Many More Ahead: The Future of the IVF</i></p> <p><i>Moderators:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tibor Kecskés, National Visegrad Coordinator, <i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary</i> - Tomas Kafka, National Visegrad Coordinator, <i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic</i> - Beata Jaczewska, Executive Director, <i>International Visegrad Fund</i> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr István Gyarmati, President, <i>International Centre for Democratic Transition, Hungary</i> - Róbert Ondrejcsák, Director, <i>Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs (CENAA)</i>, Slovakia (TBC) - Michal Vít, Research Fellow, <i>Europeum, Czech Republic</i> - Wojciech Przybylski, Editor-in-Chief, <i>Visegrad Insight & Res Publica Nowa, Poland</i>
3.20pm-3.30pm	<i>Break</i>
3.30pm-5pm	<p><i>Workshop: Guide to Successful IVF Projects</i></p> <p><i>Simultaneous discussions on four topic categories, facilitated by major IVF grantees</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Jiri Sykora</i>, Public Relations Coordinator of IVF</p> <p><i>Topic categories:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Sectorial knowledge sharing</u> Facilitators: Vlad'ka Votavová, Director, <i>Association for International Affairs (AMO)</i>, Czech Republic 2. <u>Innovation, science, education</u> Facilitator: Dr Károly Jármay, Member, <i>Hungarian Association for Innovation, Hungary</i> 3. <u>Culture and arts</u> Facilitator: Domonkos Márk Kis, Director, <i>Danube Bend Theatre Vác, Hungary</i> 4. <u>Beyond Central Europe: IVF projects focused on non-V4 countries</u> Facilitator: Róbert Ondrejcsák, Director, <i>Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs (CENAA)</i>, Slovakia
6pm-8pm	<p><i>Closing Reception at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary</i></p> <p><i>Opening speeches</i></p> <p><i>Dinner reception & networking with diplomats</i></p> <p>Venue: 47 Bem rakpart, 1027 Budapest</p> <p><i>Please note that it is an invitation-only event.</i></p>
Side Events	
9.30am-5pm	<p><i>Visegrad 4 Mobility Corner: Experience from Alumni and Participating Institutions</i></p> <p>In the Mobility Corner, where alumni and representatives of participating institutions and projects offer their insight and experience, the audience will have the chance to discuss their questions and comments in a more informal atmosphere.</p>
	<p><i>Visegrad for Art Exhibition</i></p> <p>Exhibition of artworks of Visual & Sound Arts Residency winners.</p>