

# Involving V4 actors in EU development cooperation: prospects, opportunities, and challenges

(online & in person conference)

Date: **Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 2023**  
Place: [ZOOM](#) & [Clarion Congress Hotel Bratislava](#)  
Registration: <https://forms.gle/Z77iq5f8JqPoSb43A> open until May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023

The conference will conclude the [V4DevCo](#) project and bring into the spotlight problems related to the issue of the low engagement of V4 non-state actors in the EU development cooperation.

It will be attended by the authors of the [V4DevCo Guide](#) which presents an analysis of the current situation and problems in the field of the V4 non-state actors' participation in the EU development funding programs, and provides recommendations to overcome them. The conference will be also attended by development cooperation experts, decision-makers, members of academia, businesses, and members of a broader general public from V4 countries.

## **Agenda**

09:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:30 Presentation of the [V4DevCo Guide](#)

10:30 – 11:30 **Panel 1: Opportunities and challenges of V4 contribution to the EU development cooperation with African partner countries**

- *Chair: Istvan Tarrósy, Full professor of Political Science and African Studies, University of Pécs*
- *Karol Tofil – Director, International Partnerships office, Polish National Development Bank*
- *France Mutombo Tshimuanga - Honorary Consul Of Democratic Republic of Congo in Hungary, President, The Foundation for Africa*
- *Tomas Bokor - Director, Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation*

11:30 – 11:50 Coffee break

11:50 – 12:50 **Panel 2: EU development cooperation with Ukraine – what role for V4 non-state actors?**

- *Chair: Ondřej Horký-Hlucháň, Senior Researcher, Institute of International Relations Prague*
- *Andrzej Rudka – Adviser to the Board, Plenipotentiary for EU Affairs, Special Envoy - Task Force for Ukraine, Konfederacja Lewiatan*
- *Petr Drbohlav – Regional Director for Eastern Partnership and Balkans, People In Need*
- *Ukrainian Centre for European Policy (TBC)*

12:50 – 13:00 Concluding remarks

13:00 – 13:45 Lunch

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