

Visegrad Summer School

Enhancing the role of Central European cooperation in the future of the EU

Draft Program

Date: 25th August – 1st September 2013
Venue: Budapest, various locations in Hungary

Sunday, 25th August

Site: HQ of Századvég Foundation

09.00 – 18.00 Arrivals in Budapest, Hotel registration

18.00 – 20.00 Welcome Reception and Opening Address

András Láncki, Chairman, Szazadveg Foundation

Honorary Guests (*tbc*)

Monday, 26th August

Topic: Visegrad Cooperation: Institutions, History and Outlook

Site: Hungarian Institute of International Affairs

09.00 – 09.30 Introduction and Welcome by Botond Zákonyi, Director of Hungarian Institute of International Affairs

09.30 – 10.15 The International Visegrad Fund

Introduction by Karla Wusterová, Executive Director, IVF

10.15 – 10.45 Introduction of the findings of the “20 Years of Visegrad Cooperation” report and the ‘Think Visegrad’ project by András Rácz, HIIA

10.45 – 12.15 Panel discussion

András Rácz, Senior Research Fellow, HIIA

Jakub Groszkowski, OSW (*tbc*)

Dániel Bartha, Programme Director, CEPI

Chair: Prof. András Bozóki, CEU

12.15 – 13.15 Buffet lunch

13.15 – 13.45 The Central European Year in Hungarian Foreign Policy

Keynote speech by Gergely Próhle, Secretary of State, MFA of Hungary

13.45 – 15.00 Panel discussion

Edit Szilágyiné Bátorfi, Head of CE Year Secretariat, MFA of Hungary

Prof. Ferenc Miszlivetz, Head of ISES

Expert, Nadacia Antona Tunegu (*tbc*)

Chair: Patrick Voller, Director, European and International Affairs, ÖVP

15.00 – 16.00 Transportation and technical break

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Site: Szazadveg Headquarters

16.00 – 18.00 Workshop session

18.00 – 18.30 Technical break and transportation

18.30 – 20.00 Business Dinner with experts

20.00 – 22.00 Guided cultural program

Tuesday, 27th August

Topic: V4 Military cooperation

Site: Tata Military Base

08.45 – 09.00 Arrivals, reception

09.00 – 11.30 Panel discussion: V4 Military cooperation - Prospects of the V4 Joint Military Forces

Marcin Terlikowski, Analyst, Polish Institute of International Affairs

Jan Jires, Ministry of Defence of the Czech Republic, CEVRO Institute

Csaba Törő, Senior Research Fellow, HIIA

Chair: Arnold Kammel, AIES - Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy

11.30 – 12.40 Lunch

12.40 – 13.30 Technical military display

13.35 – 14.15 Dynamic military display

14.15 – 15.00 Military display

15.00 – 16.00 Transportation and technical break

Site: Századvég Headquarters

16.00 – 17.30 Workshop session

17.30 – 18.00 Technical break and transportation

18.00 – 20.00 Business dinner with experts

20.00 – 22.00 Guided cultural program

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Wednesday, 28th August

Topic: Economic aspects of Central European cooperation

Site: Hungarian Investment and Trade Agency

09.00 – 09.15 Introduction and welcome by György Kerekes, Vice-President, HITA

09.15 – 09.45 What Central Europe has to offer for a more competitive EU: an Economic Perspective

Keynote speech by Mihály Varga, Minister of National Economy (*tbc*)

09.45 – 11.00 1st panel discussion – CEE Economies

Expert of CEVRO (*tbc*)

Zoltán Kurali, Deutsche Bank Hungary (*tbc*)

Expert of Instytut Wolnosci (*tbc*)

Chair: Ignác Siba, Deputy Director General, Szazadveg Econ. (*tbc*)

11.00 – 11.20 Coffee Break

11.20 – 11.40 Energy Policy Aspects of the V4 cooperation – keynote speech by Anita Orbán, Ambassador-at-Large for Energy Security, MFA of Hungary

11.40 – 13.00 2nd panel discussion

Réka Szemerényi, Chief Foreign and Security Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister of Hungary

András György Deák, Associate Fellow, HIIA

Senior Expert, MVM (*tbc*)

Chair: András Rácz, Senior Research Fellow, HIIA

13.00 – 14.00 Buffet lunch

14.00 – 15.00 Transportation and technical break

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Thursday, 29th August

Topic: Central European Cooperation and the EU's Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy

Site: Representation of the European Commission in Budapest

09.00 – 09.30 Arrivals&Coffee

09.30 – 10.00 Opening address by Frank Spengler, Head of the Budapest Office, KAS

10.00 – 10.45 Keynote speech by Bálint Ódor, Secretary of State, MFA of Hungary

10.45 – 12.15 Panel discussion

MEP George Schopflin, Group of the European People's Party

H.E. Roman Kowalski, Ambassador of Poland (*tbc*)

Martin Kubeček, Deputy Head of Mission of the Czech Republic in Hungary

Metod Spacek, Deputy Head of Mission of Slovakia in Hungary

Tamás Szűcs, Head of the Budapest Representative Office of the EC

Chair: Kristóf Szalay-Bobrovniczky, Szazadveg

12.15 – 12.30 Coffee Break

**12.30 – 12.50 “Enlargement and Neighbourhood policy - the way ahead - conclusions by
Arnold Kammel, PolAk**

12.50 – 13.20 Closing speech by H.E. Gordan Grlić Radman, Ambassador of Croatia (*tbc*)

13.20 – 14.30 Buffet lunch

14.30 – 15.00 Transportation and technical break

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15.00 – 17.00 Workshop session

17.00 – 18.00 Technical break and transportation

18.00 – 20.00 Business dinner with experts

20.00 – 22.00 Guided cultural program

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Friday, 30th August

Topic: The role of cultural exchange in Central Europe

Site: Szazadveg School of Politics (*tbc*)

09.00 – 09.15 Introduction and Welcome (*tbc*)

09.15 – 09.45 Keynote speech by Pál Hatos, Director General, Balassi Institute (*tbc*)

09.45 – 11.00 Panel discussion on the role of cultural institutes in CEE

Dr. Susanne Bachfischer, Director, Austrian Cultural Forum in Budapest

Katarzyna Sitko, Director, Polish Institute in Budapest

Michal Černý, Director, Czech Centre in Budapest

Gabriel Hushegyi, Director, Slovak Institute in Budapest (*tbc*)

Chair: András Stumpf, *Heti Válasz* weekly

11.00 – 12.00 Discussion

12.00 – 13.00 Buffet lunch

13.00 – 14.00 Transportation and technical break

Site: Századvég Headquarters

14.00 – 16.00 Workshop session

16.00 – 17.00 Technical break and transportation

17.00 - 18.00 Guided cultural program

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Saturday, 31st August

Site: Budapest

08.30 – 11.30 Guided sightseeing in Budapest

11.30 – 13.15 Transportation and technical break

Topic: Sustainable Development in Central Europe

Site: Lake Balaton

13.15 – 14.15 Business Lunch with experts

Franz Fehr, BOKU

László György, Szazadveg Econ.

14.15 – 14.45 Financial sustainability in Central Europe – presentation by László György, Szazadveg Econ.

14.45 – 15.30 Discussion

15.30 – 16.30 Panel discussion on environmental and human sustainability in CEE

Expert of Nad. Antona Tunegu (*tbc*)

Péter Virovác, Szazadveg Econ. (*tbc*)

Expert of Corvinus University (*tbc*)

Chair: Johannes Steiner, IUFE (AT)

16.30 – 22.00 Guided cultural program at Lake Balaton

Sunday, 1st September

Site: Századvég Headquarters

10.00 – 11.00 Wrap-up and farewell session

11.00 – 20.00 Departures

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