

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

(online & in-person conference)

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

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 – 10:05 Welcoming remarks – *Daniel Kaba, Executive Secretary, Ambrella – Platform for Development Organisations*

10:05 – 10:30 Presentation of the [V4DevCo Guide](#) – *Oskar Chmiel, Specialist in Social Sciences, CASE – Center for Social and Economic Research*

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

- *Chair: Istvan Tarrósy, Professor and Director at the University of Pécs*
- *Karol Tofil, Head of International Business and Partnerships Office, BGK*
- *France Mutombo Tshimunga, Honorary Consul Of Democratic Republic of Congo in Hungary, President, the Foundation for Africa (Afrikaert Alapítvány)*
- *Tomas Bokor, Director at Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation*
- *Juan José Almagro Herrador, Team Leader, Unit D1, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission*

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-Hluchář, 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*
- *Dmytro Naumenko, Senior Analyst, The Ukrainian Center for European Policy*

12:50 – 13:00 Concluding remarks – *Agnieszka Kulesa, Vice President of Management Board, CASE – Center for Social and Economic Research*

13:00 – 13:45 Lunch

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