

**1st Visegrad conference**  
**Institute of World Economics, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies**

**3rd and 4th of June, 2021**  
**Venue: online (zoom)**

The Visegrad economies form a unique group of European countries, with numerous common elements of history, politics, geography, economics, business, science, arts and culture. These common elements have been shaped, influenced and modified by many external and internal factors over the history, including cooperation between these countries at many levels and spanning many centuries. The latest form of their political cooperation, the Visegrad Group, which was established in Visegrad to promote progress and development in the region, turned 30 years' old this year.

Due to these numerous common characteristics, in the various areas of analysis, the four countries act as „natural” comparative partners for each other. It is easier to understand developments and challenges faced by one country in the context of Visegrad comparison. It is easier to understand, what is going on in the Central and East European part of Europe, if all four countries are analysed.

The aim of the present conference is to further strengthen these comparative approaches, through concentrating on four areas.

*Programme of the conference*

**3 June**

08.50-09.00 Opening of the conference

09.00-10.30 Session Emerging foreign multinationals in the Visegrad countries as new sources of FDI  
Moderator: *Ágnes Szunomár* (CERS IWE)

*Kálmán Kalotay* (UNCTAD) Emerging foreign multinationals - Major trends and patterns

*Ágnes Szunomár* (Institute of World Economics, CERS) Emerging market multinationals in East Central Europe

*Agnieszka McCaleb* (SGH Warsaw School of Economics) Changing characteristics of Chinese multinationals in Poland

10.35-11.35 keynote lecture

*Christopher Walsch* (Corvinus University) The Central Europe of the Visegrad Group. Achievements and deficiencies of an emerging actor in the European Union.

11.35-11.45 Break

11.45-13.15 Session FDI-based development in the Visegrad countries and its challenges

Moderator: *Magdolna Sass* (CERS IWE)

*Martin Grancay* (Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava) and *Tomás Dudás* (Pan-European University) Effects and limitations of the FDI-based development in Slovakia

*Martin Myant* (ETUI): The competitive advantages of incoming and indigenous firms, evidence from Czechia

*Ryszard Rapacki* (SGH Warsaw School of Economics): Comparative development trajectories of the V4 countries

*Miklós Szanyi* (Institute of World Economics, CERS): The historic determinants of East-Central Europe's FDI dependence

**4 June**

09.00-10.30 Session Visegrad countries in the European Union

Moderator: *Andrea Élteső* (CERS IWE)

*Ladislav Cabada* (Metropolitan University Prague): „V4 in the EU: toxic group or second engine of the integration?”

*Karen Henderson* (Institute of European Studies and International Relations, Comenius University in Bratislava): „Solidarity in diversity: political aspects of V4 cooperation”

*Adam A. Ambroziak* (Collegium of World Economy, Warsaw School of Economics): „The Visegrad countries' Extra-EU Trade After the EU Accession”

*Norbert Szijártó* (Institute of World Economics, CERS): „Visegrad countries and the Eurozone”

10.30-11.30 keynote lecture

*Jan Drahekoupil* (ETUI) FDI-based development in the Visegrad countries and its challenges

11.30-11.45 Break

11.45-13.15 Session 30 years of energy and climate policies in V4

Moderator: *John Szabo* (CERS IWE)

*Aron Buzogany* (Institute of Forest, Environmental and Natural Resource Policy, Universität für Bodenkultur, Wien): Energy transitions in transition countries: Varieties of dependent market capitalism

*Martin Jirusek*, (Department of International Relations and European Studies, Masaryk University, Brno): Energy Security in Visegrad Countries: Finding Common Ground Between EU and Russia

*András Deák* (CERS IWE): From Soviet energy hegemony towards a European one?

Commentator: *Margarita Balmaceda* Ph.D (Professor, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ and *Petro Jacyk* Distinguished Fellow in Ukrainian Studies at the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, Cambridge MA.): Energy Policies and Politics in the Visegrad States: a View from Outside

13.15-13.20 closing of the conference

Participation is free of charge but you need to register at [vincze.andrea@krtk.hu](mailto:vincze.andrea@krtk.hu) in order to receive the Zoom link to the conference.