

VISEGRAD GROUP 1991-2011

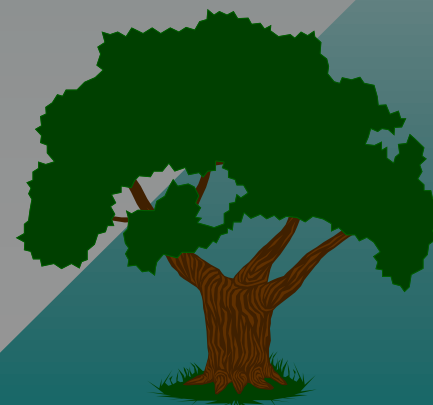
20 YEARS OF COOPERATION



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VISEGRAD GROUP (V4)



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The Visegrad Group was formed on **15th February 1991** in Visegrad, Hungary at a high-level meeting of:

- **Václav Havel**, the President of the Czechoslovak Republic,
 - **Lech Wałęsa**, the President of the Republic of Poland,
 - and **József Antall**, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Hungary,.
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- After the disintegration of Czechoslovakia in 1993, the Visegrad Group has since then been comprised of four countries, as both successor countries, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic, are members of the Visegrad Group, since then known as Visegrad Four (or simply V4).

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This meeting on 15th February 1991 in Visegrad, Hungary, created an imaginary historical arch linking the idea of this meeting to the idea of a similar meeting, which took place there in **November 1335** and was attended by:

- **John of Luxembourg**, King of Bohemia,
- **Charles I of Anjou** (Charles Robert), King of Hungary,
- and **Casimir III**, King of Poland.

The central motif of the two meetings was the desire to intensify mutual cooperation and friendship among the three Central European states.

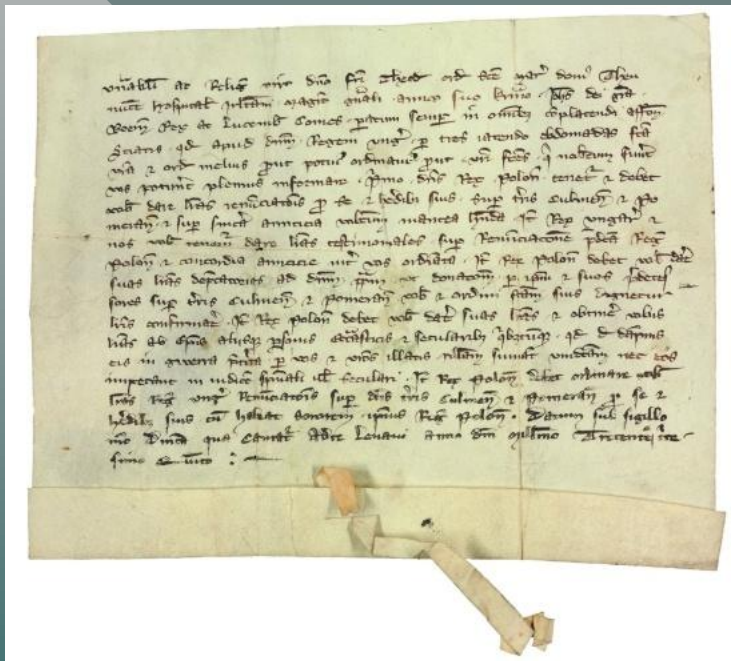
VISEGRAD 1335



The Congress of Visegrad Autumn 1335 Documents



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All the activities of the Visegrad Group are aimed at strengthening stability in the Central European region. The participating countries perceive their cooperation as a challenge and its success as the best proof of their ability to integrate also into such structures, such as the European Union.

VISEGRAD GROUP (V4)

The V4 cooperation can currently be referred to as the most clearly profiled initiative in Central Europe. The backbone of this cooperation consists of mutual contacts at all levels—from the highest-level political summits to expert and diplomatic meetings, to activities of the non-governmental associations in the region, think-tanks and research bodies, cultural institutions or numerous networks of individuals.

VISEGRAD GROUP (V4)

Cooperation between the respective ministries constitutes an important part of the activities within the V4 framework, whether at the level of the ministers or in the form of joint expert teams. A number of joint projects are currently being implemented particularly in the fields of culture, environment, internal security, defence, science and education. At the same time, cooperation in the field of justice, transportation, tourism, energy or information technologies is also intensifying.

VISEGRAD GROUP (V4)

Visegrad cooperation is not institutionalized in any manner. It is based solely on the principle of periodical meetings of its representatives at various levels (from the high-level meetings of prime ministers and heads of states to expert consultations). Official summits of V4 prime ministers takes place on an annual basis. Between these summits, one of the V4 countries holds presidency, part of which is the responsibility for drafting a one-year plan of action .

VISEGRAD GROUP (V4)

Visegrad Four Presidency:

Based on rotational principle – for one year.

- from 1 July 2011 Czech Republic
- from 1 July 2010 Slovak Republic
- from 1 July 2009 Poland
- from 1 July 2008 Hungary
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The member states of the Visegrad Group also desire to cooperate with their closest neighbours, with the reforming countries in the broader region, and with other countries, regional formations or organizations which are interested and with which specific areas of cooperation are found in the common interest and in the spirit of all-European cooperation.

The Visegrad Group also cooperates with other regional bodies, as well as with single countries in the region and beyond the region on an ad-hoc or regular basis.

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The Benelux countries, countries of the Nordic Council of Ministers and countries within EU's Eastern Partnership belong to the Group's priorities as to the cooperation.

Visegrad Group regularly cooperates also with other countries in Central Europe:

- with Austria and Slovenia within the so-called Regional Partnership
- with the Group's eastern neighbors as part of the so-called Visegrad+ (or V4+) concept

20 YEARS OF VISEGRAD GROUP





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CEUREG WORKSHOP (CEUREG FORUM I.)

11-13 OCTOBER 1994

HOTEL AGRO

- **STARTS AS "*CEUREG* WORKSHOP"**
- **OECD, EU, FAO, EPPO, ECPA DELEGATIONS**
- **REGION COUNTRY STATUS REPORTS**
- **DECLARATION OF *CEUREG* WORKSHOP
(TO ESTABLISH TECHNICAL FORUM)**
- **APPROVAL BY MINISTERS (December 1994)**

DECLARATION of CEUREG Workshop

13 October 1994

DECLARATION

CEUREG WORKSHOP
Budapest, 11-13 October 1994
Hotel Agro

The experts of the registration authorities of plant protection products in Albania, Belorussia, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Russia, Rumania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Ukraine who participated to the CEUREG Workshop express their thanks to Hungary for the excellent organization, and are convinced that the Budapest CEUREG Workshop has been useful and succesful and agree on accepting the following recommendation:

The above participating countries consider CEUREG a regional technical forum (hereinafter: FORUM) for the future.

Objectives of the FORUM:

- promotion of harmonization of plant protection products registration, requirements and procedures among the countries of the region.
- mutual assistance of the work of each country with regular information exchange by initiating a regional network of national registration authorities of interested countries.
- supporting participation in other international organizations activity of the same field in the region and exploring the possibility obtaining technical support from such organizations.

For the operation of the FORUM, the approval of the competent minister of the countries is required; the Hungarian minister of agriculture agrees to make initial measures, in writing, towards the ministers of agriculture of all countries in order to obtain the approval.

The FORUM will operate on the basis of organizational and working agreement approved by all member states.

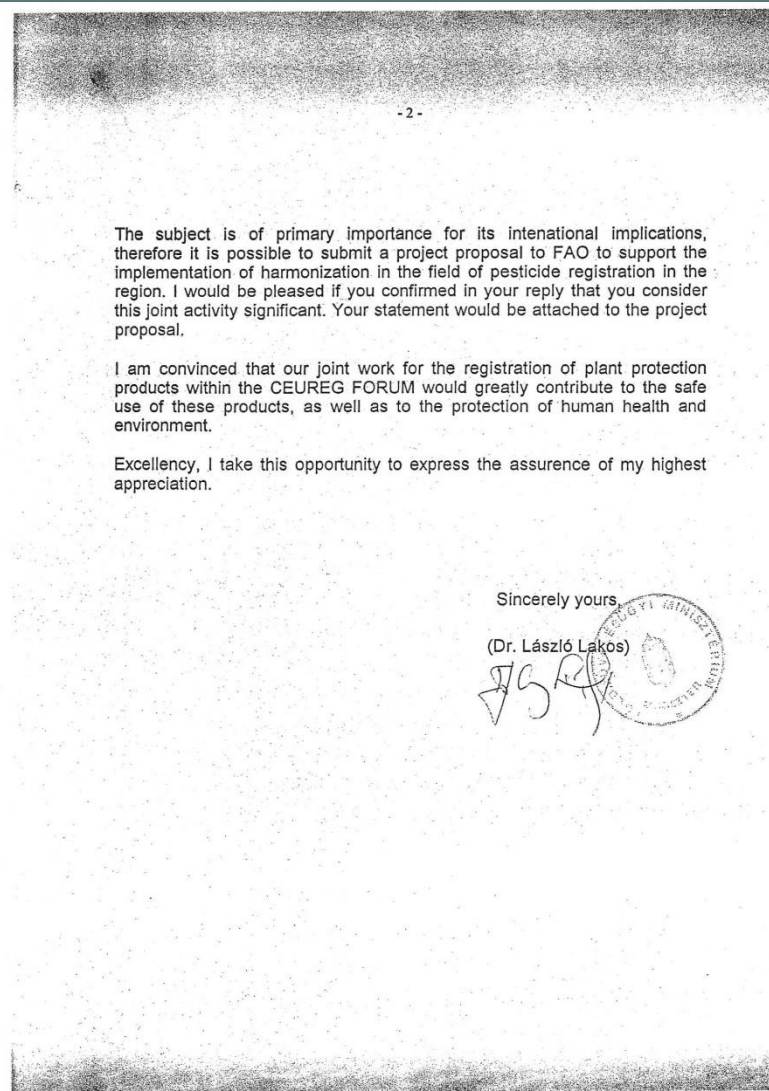
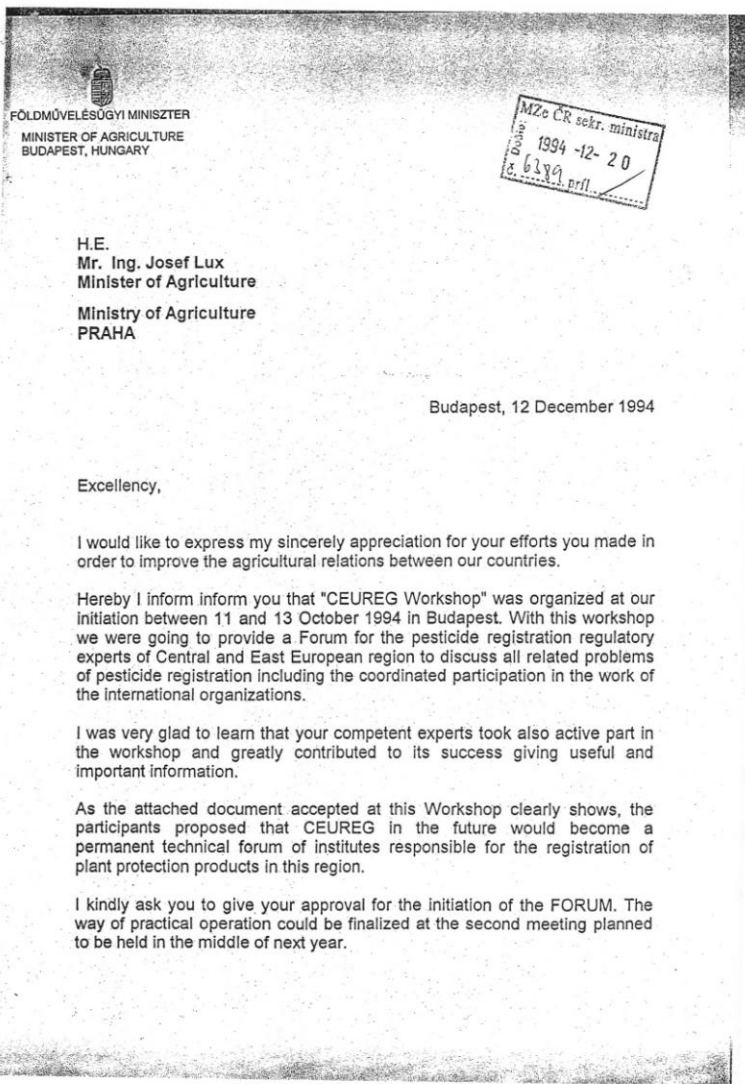
The FORUM is open for all countries, its activity is managed by the Council of representatives of all the countries.

Till the conclusion of the above agreement, Hungary agrees to serve as the coordinator of the FORUM and any interested country may contribute to it.

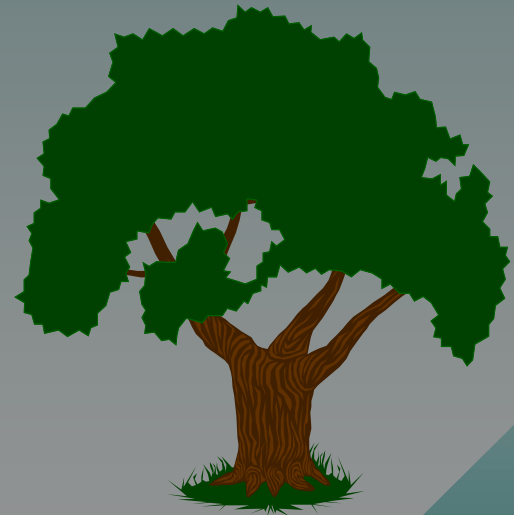
On the above declaration all countries shall notify the competent ministers.

Done at Budapest 13 October 1994

Approval by Ministers of Agriculture of Visegrad Group (V4) States



Thank you for your attention!



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