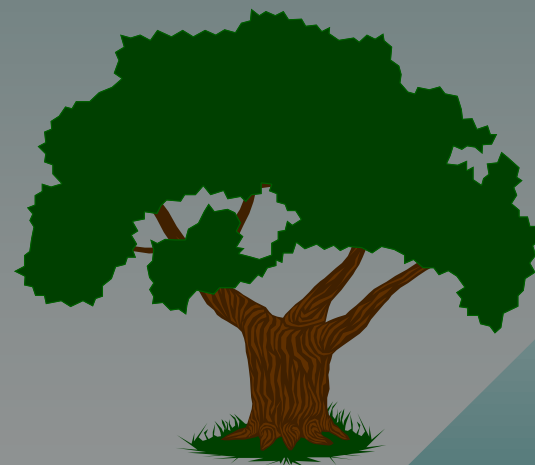


25 years of CEUREG Forum

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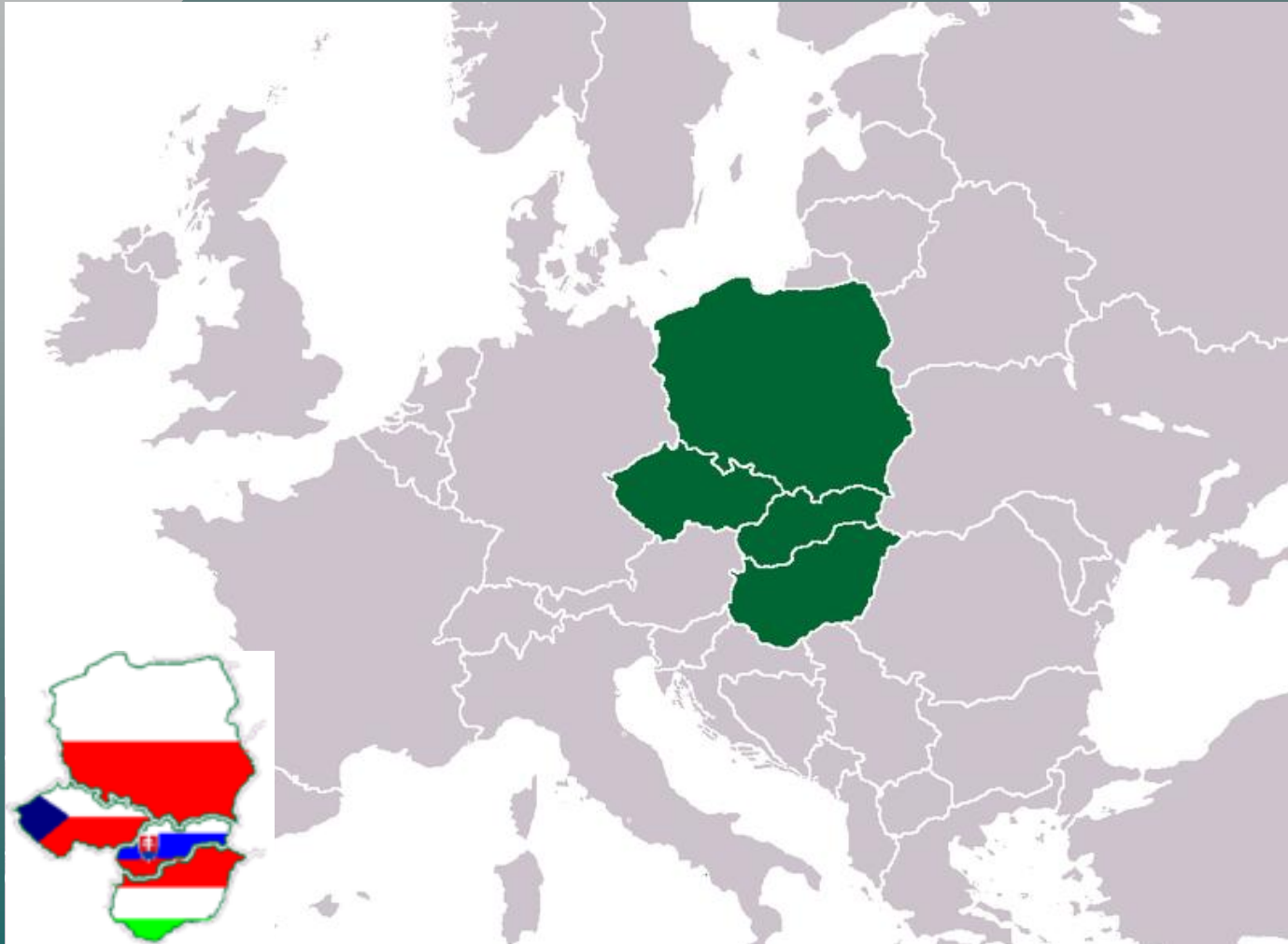
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1) From Visegrad Group to Visegrad Four

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).

VISEGRAD GROUP (V4)

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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VISEGRAD 2019



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VISEGRAD GROUP (V4)



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)

You can find more detailed information
on the web page

www.visegradgroup.eu

and/or on e.g.



[http://www.ceureg.com/15/docs/presentations/
Ceureg XV d 1 3 Josef Svaricek.pdf](http://www.ceureg.com/15/docs/presentations/Ceureg_XV_d_1_3_Josef_Svaricek.pdf)

2) *CEUREQ* Forum History

CEUREQ WORKSHOP (*CEUREQ* FORUM I.)

11-13 OCTOBER 1994

HOTEL AGRO

- STARTS AS "*CEUREQ* WORKSHOP"
- OECD, EU, FAO, EPPO, ECPA DELEGATIONS
- REGION COUNTRY STATUS REPORTS
- DECLARATION OF *CEUREQ* 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.

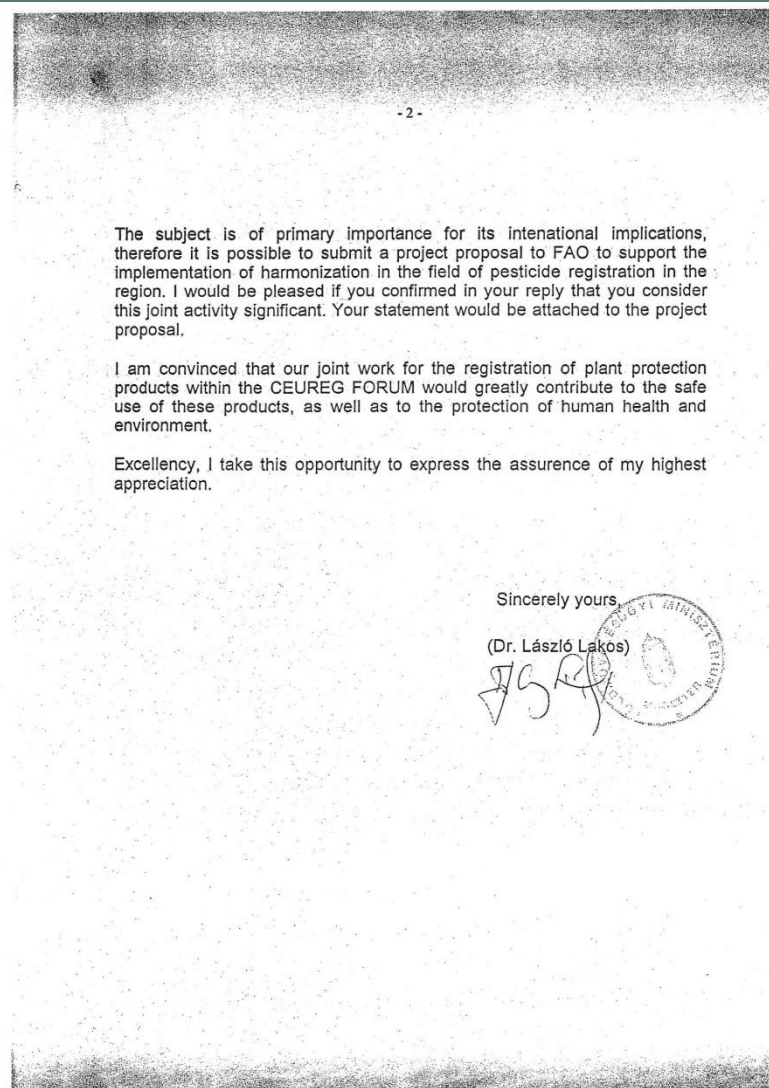
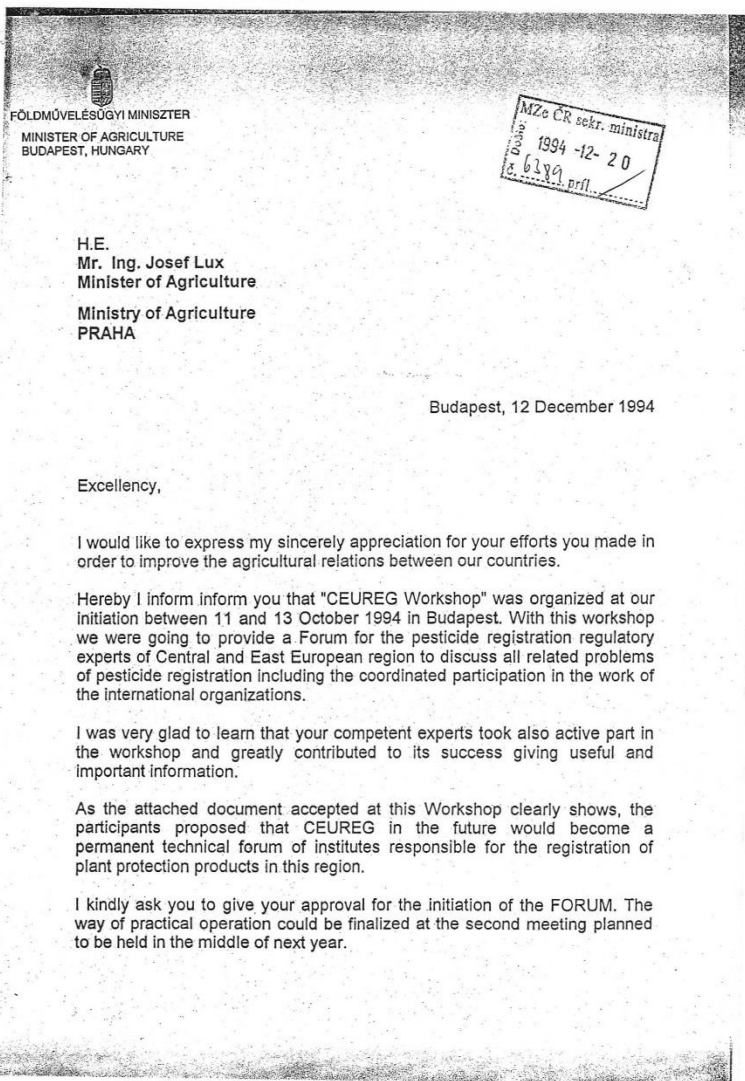
The FORUM is open for all countries, its activity is managed by the Council of representatives of all the countries.

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



CEUREQ WORKSHOP (1)

11 - 13 OCTOBER 1994

BUDAPEST

HOTEL AGRO

There was adopted a **Declaration** in which the participating **Central and East European (CEE) countries** concluded to establish *CEUREQ* **Forum** as regional technical forum.

Hungary agrees to serve as a **coordinator** of the *CEUREQ* Forum.

CEUREG WORKSHOP (2)

12th December 1994

Hungarian Ministr of Agriculture sent an official letter to the **Ministers of Agriculture of CEE countries** to obtain the approval for this idea. **Ministers of agriculture from Visegrad Group (V4)** states supported the proposal that *CEUREG* Forum would become a permanent technical forum of the institutes responsible for registration of the plant protection products (PPPs), containing pesticides active substances, in the CEE region.

CEUREG FORUM

The Forum is a **technical meeting for pesticide regulation experts from CEE countries** and provides an opportunity to **share information and experiences** on both **PPPs registration and control of the placing on the market** and use of PPPs, and in the last years also chemical products not classified as PPPs.

The **most important objective** of the Forum activities is to **help reduce the risk of pesticides use**, especially the use of non-registered and/or faked PPPs, misuse of the paralel trade, illegal trade of PPPs etc., and in this way to support the EU **"From farm to fork"** Food Chain Safety Strategy.

There are also always discussed the current important topics with experts from other EU member states (e.g. Germany, United Kingdom, France, Netherlands), European Commission, European Crop Protection Association and other international organizations (e.g. OECD, FAO, UNEP, EPPO, ECCA).

CEUREQ FORUM II.

April 1996

Prepared and organized by experts from the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in Budapest in a close cooperation with the colleagues from the Plant Protection Products Division of the Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture of the Czech Republic from Brno and the Polish Institute of Plant Protection - National Research Institute from Poznan started to organize *CEUREQ* Forum II. (as the *CEUREQ* Workshop was considered the *CEUREQ* Forum I.).

CEUREQ FORUM III. – X. (1)

1997 - 2004

Organized by experts from the **Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Budapest**, in close cooperation with the colleagues from the **Plant Protection Products Division of the Central Institute for Supervising and Testing, Brno** and the **Polish Institute of Plant Protection - National Research Institute, Poznań**.

Venues: different places in Budapest

CEUREQ FORUM III. – X. (2)

Eight of the CEE countries official representatives applied for the EU membership.

There was agreed on *CEUREQ* Forum VI. in October 2000 to organize back-to-back to the *CEUREQ* Forums the *CEUREQ* Working Group as a **closed meeting for the CEE countries associated to the EU** only (and invited speakers of course), to deal with the PPPs regulation topics related to the *acquis communautaire* implementation.

CEUREG WORKING GROUP I. – III.

2001, 2002 and 2003

These **eight of the CEE countries became EU member states in May 2004**, thus there were organized **only three *CEUREG* Working Groups**.

These three working group meetings significantly **helped** the eight associated countries in **better understandind** of certain important topics and **common approach** to different issues related to the **pesticide regulation in EU**.

2005 - 2006

None *CEUREG* Forum Realized

CEUREQ FORUM RESTART (1)

CEUREQ Forum XI., October 2007, Budapest

Austria representatives co-opted to the Organizing and Programme Committee to the previous four Visegrad Group (V4) countries (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia).

Rotational principle was agreed for *CEUREQ* Forum organization among these five countries.

CEUREQ FORUM RESTART (2)

CEUREQ Forum XII., October 2008, Budapest

CEUREQ Forum XIII., October 2009, Poznań

CEUREQ Forum XIV., October 2010, Brno

CEUREQ Forum XV., October 2011, Bratislava

CEUREQ Forum XVI., October 2012, Vienna

CEUREQ Forum XVII., October 2013, Budapest

CEUREQ Forum XVIII., October 2014, Poznań

CEUREQ Forum XIX., November 2015, Zagreb

CEUREQ Forum XX., October 2016, Brno

CEUREQ Forum XXI., October 2017, Bratislava

CEUREQ Forum XXII., October 2018, Vienna

CEUREG FORUM Meetings

You can find their **agenda**, **presentations** given, **final documents** and **other information** on the web page

www.ceureg.com

created and kept by our colleagues from the **Polish Institute of Plant Protection - National Research Institute, Poznań**.

Details on the **history** you can find on

www.ceureg.com/20/about/history/

and/or on e.g.

http://www.ceureg.com/15/docs/presentations/Ceureg_XV_d_1_4_Josef_Svaricek.pdf

CEUREQ FORUM

They were at the *CEUREQ* FORUM beginning:

Hungary:

Mr Zoltán OCSKÓ

Mr István EKE

Czech Republic:

Mr Josef ŠVAŘÍČEK

Poland:

Mr Edward CZAPLICKI

CEUREQ FORUM

They helped *CEUREQ* Forum to grow:

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Mr Gábor TŐKÉS

Czech Republic: Mr Štěpán KUŽMA

Mr Pavel MINÁŘ

Poland: Mr Stanisław STOBIECKI

Slovakia: Ms Bronislava ŠKARBOVÁ

Austria: Mr Robert WOMASTEK

Mr Johann KOHL

3) *CEUREQ* Forum Future?

**It is
up to you
to decide!**



Thank you for your attention!

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