

**Contract on the Provision of Financial Resources
from the International Visegrad Fund's
Strategic Grant No. 22430134**

(hereinafter only the "Contract")

1. CONTRACTING PARTIES

1.1 International Visegrad Fund

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hereinafter referred to as the "Fund"

and

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hereinafter referred to as the "Grantee"

1.3 The Fund and the Grantee are hereinafter jointly referred to as only "Contracting Parties".

1.4 The Contracting Parties enter into this Contract on the Provision of Financial Resources from the International Visegrad Fund under the conditions and with the subject matter stipulated below.

2. SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACT

2.1 The subject of this Contract is the definition of the conditions for the payment of financial support from the Fund to support the activities of the Grantee within the project named "**Visegrad Alliance for Digital Rights and Disinformation Defense**", on the basis of the Grantee's proposal in the application submitted via the Fund's Online System as defined below (the "Application") under serial No. **22430134** (the "Project"). To avoid any doubts, Contracting Parties declare and agree that after the Application is submitted via the Online System, it cannot be changed by either Contracting Party.

2.2 The Grantee specified the following project partners for the implementation of the Project:

Partner No. 1.

Name of the organization in its native language: Uniwersytet Szczeciński	
Name of the organization in English: University of Szczecin	
Address: Papieża Jana Pawła II 22a, Szczecin, 70-453, PL	PL
Statutory representative:	
BIN:	Registered VAT payer: yes

Partner No. 2.

Name of the organization in its native language: Ústav štátu a práva SAV	
Name of the organization in English: Institute of State and Law of the Slovak Academy of Sciences	
Address: Klemensova 19, Bratislava, 813 64, SK	SK
Statutory representative:	
BIN:	Registered VAT payer: yes

Partner No. 3.

Name of the organization in its native language: Társadalomtudományi Kutatóközpont	
Name of the organization in English: Centre for Social Sciences	
Address: Tóth Kálmán u. 4., Budapest, 1097, HU	HU
Statutory representative:	
BIN:	Registered VAT payer: yes

All of the above-mentioned partners are hereinafter jointly referred to only as the "Project Partners".

2.3 The subject of the Project shall be supported by the Fund with an amount of up to **€58,030.00** under conditions set forth below in this Contract (the "Grant").

2.4 The Grantee is obliged to implement the Project in compliance with the time frame and financial and other conditions stipulated in the Contract.

2.5 The Grantee is obliged to keep the Fund updated with regard to the Project via the grant management online system available at <http://ny.visegradfund.org/> (the "Online System"). The Grantee is also obliged to submit requests for budget changes and extensions of the implementation period of the Project through the Online System as further specified in the Grant Guidelines. Requests for substantial changes must be submitted to the Fund in writing and approved by the Fund as further specified in the Grant Guidelines. The Grantee is obliged to inform the Fund with no delay (max. within 10 calendar days from such a change) in writing of any internal changes of the Grantee, such as changes of the Grantee's official name, registered seat, statutory representatives, registration for VAT, etc.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT

3.1 The Contracting Parties agree that the Project shall last from **01/02/2025** to **20/01/2027** (the "Implementation Period").

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Particular stages of the Project implementation are specified in Attachments No. 1 and 2 hereof ("List of Outputs" and "Calendar of Events"). The Grantee is obliged to maintain an up-to-date Calendar of Events. Any change in the dates, venues and details of events originally stipulated in the Calendar of Events must be updated and confirmed in the Online System within 30 to 10 calendar days prior to the planned date. The Grantee is allowed to modify the Calendar of Events without the Fund's prior approval to the extent specified in the Grant Guidelines. Unconfirmed events and/or unauthorized modifications in the List of Outputs and/or Calendar of Events will be disregarded during the evaluation of the Interim/Final Report and their related costs will not be reimbursed.

4. GRANT PAYMENT

4.1 The Grant shall be paid to the Grantee under the conditions set forth in Section 4.2 hereof in 3 installments as follows:

- the 1st installment in the amount of **€26,100.00** within 15 working days after the delivery of the valid and effective Contract by the Grantee to the Fund (the "First Installment"); Contracting Parties agreed that the Grantee is obliged to deliver to the Fund an interim report, the contents and requisites of which are set forth in the Grants Guidelines published and available on the Fund's website, in the period under Article 6, section 6.2 of the Contract (the "Interim Report");
- the 2nd installment in the amount of **€20,324.00** within 15 working days after the Interim Report is approved by the Fund and at least 50% of the 1st installment is utilized; Contracting Parties agreed that the Grantee is obliged to deliver to the Fund a Final Report, Financial Statement, and Certificate on Financial Statements, the contents and requisites of which are set forth in the Grants Guidelines published and available on the Fund's website, in the period under Article 6, section 6.2 of the Contract (the "Final Report");
- the 3rd and final installment in the amount of **€11,606.00** within 15 working days after the Final Report, Financial Statement and Certificate on Financial Statements are approved by the Fund according to Article 6 hereof (the "Final Instalment"). Parties agreed that the Final Installment must be pre-financed by the Grantee and, if duly approved under conditions set forth hereof, the Fund reimburses the due amount of the Final Installment.

4.2 The Grantee shall be entitled to the 2nd Installment and Final Installment of the Grant solely upon the approval of the Fund provided (i) the relevant reports relating to the particular installment were delivered by the Grantee to the Fund within the periods stated in Article 6 hereof and in the Calendar of Events/Outputs as specified in Attachment No. 2 hereto and (ii) such reports were approved by the Fund pursuant to Article 6 hereof.

4.3 The Fund reserves the right to deny the disbursement of the Grant or any part of it, in case the Grantee does not comply either with the Grant Guidelines mentioned in 4.4 and applicable at the time of the Application's submission, or the provisions of the present Contract. In such case, the Grantee shall not be entitled to any disbursement. The Fund also reserves the right to reduce the Grant or any part of it, in case the Grantee is entitled for any tax (VAT) refund from local authorities.

4.4 The Grantee declares that prior to signing this Contract they have made themselves familiar with the Grant Guidelines of the Fund which are applied by the Fund for the organization and treatment of the grants, including the Grant provided to the Grantee under this Contract, and which are published on the website of the Fund (www.visegradfund.org). The Grantee shall be obliged to accept all such rules and principles of the Fund.

4.5 The Fund is entitled to unilaterally change and/or amend the Grant Guidelines even through validity of the Contract and is in such case obliged to make the valid version thereof available at the Fund's website (www.visegradfund.org). The Grantee is obliged to comply with the updated Grant Guidelines after receiving a notification about changes and/or amendments by the Fund.

5. GRANT UTILIZATION

5.1 The Grant shall be used by the Grantee only to cover the direct expenses of the Project during the Implementation Period of the Project according to the budget plan which forms Attachment No. 1 hereof (the "Budget"). Up to 15% of the Grant may be used to cover Project overhead costs (operating costs directly linked to the Project).

5.2 The expenses required for the Project from the Grant cannot exceed the approved amount.

5.3 The Grant may only be used during the contracted Implementation Period. The part of the Grant not used during the Implementation Period shall be returned by the Grantee to the Fund upon request within 15 working days.

5.4 The Grantee shall use the Grant according to the Budget in an efficient and cost-effective way.

5.5 Any change in the qualified expenses as stated in the Budget exceeding the amounts in individual budget categories as specified in the Grant Guidelines requires the prior approval of the statutory representative of the Fund. For such approval to be granted, a request must be submitted in the Online System with proper justification. Without the Fund's approval, the Grant may not be used to cover such changed expenses exceeding the amount qualified in the Budget.

5.6 The financial resources of the Grant other than overhead costs cannot be used for:

a) capital investments (tangible/intangible assets);
b) VAT refund for Grantees who request VAT compensation from local authorities;
c) the Grantee's own indirect costs (electricity/gas/water/telephone bills, etc.);
d) internal costs or invoices (rent of one's own premises, one's own accommodation and board); and
e) Grantee's own work—c.g. coordination of the Project, salaries, financial remuneration of employees (or any expenses related to employment based on the Labour Code, including daily allowances, part-time work, etc.).

6. REPORTING OBLIGATIONS AND RELATED CONTRACTUAL TERMS

6.1 The Grantee shall immediately inform the Fund in writing of any circumstance which may affect the realization of the Project or of any changes in the contractual conditions. The statutory representative of the Fund shall decide upon such circumstances and changes.

6.2 The Grantee shall deliver to the Fund:

<i>Report:</i>	<i>Covering the period from-to:</i>	<i>Latest delivery of report:</i>
Interim Report	01/02/2025–31/12/2025	28/01/2026
(Interim) Financial Statement	01/02/2025–31/12/2025	28/01/2026
Final Report	01/02/2025–20/01/2027	04/03/2027
(Final) Financial Statement	01/01/2026–20/01/2027	04/03/2027
Certificate on Financial Statements	01/02/2025–20/01/2027	04/03/2027

6.3 The reports under this Article hereof shall be drawn up in the qualified forms and according to the requirements and instructions published on the website of the Fund, mainly in the Grants Guidelines. The Fund reserves the right to deny any Report failing to meet this requirement.

6.4 All the reports except the Certificate on Financial Statements shall be prepared and separately signed by the authorized representative of the Grantee. The Certificate on Financial Statements shall be prepared by a certified auditor registered in a Chamber of Auditors of the country where the auditor resides.

6.5 The Financial Statements shall conform to the budget and shall mention expenditures related to the Project and shall comply with financial documents evidencing the utilization of the Grant. All financial documents (receipts, bills, contracts and invoices, etc.) related to a project must be kept for a period of at least 10 years and copies thereof delivered to the Fund upon request.

6.6 The Fund has the right to verify any data provided by the Grantee to the Fund. The Grantee hereby grants the Fund authorization to carry out any acts necessary for verifying any data provided by the Grantee to the Fund.

6.7 In case of any reservations of the Fund to the provided reports or any documentation attached thereto, the Grantee shall be obliged to revise such reports or documentation according to the requirements of the Fund within the period stated by the Fund.

6.8 The Fund reserves the right to determine the eligibility of each cost to be covered by the Fund.

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The Grantee shall inform the Fund with no delay (max. within 10 calendar days from such a change) in writing of any internal changes of the Grantee, mainly but not limited to changes of the Grantee's official name, registered seat, statutory representatives, registration for VAT, etc.

7. OTHER CONTRACTUAL TERMS

7.1 All formal communication with the Fund must be conducted in English.

7.2 The Grantee is obliged to specify a bank account for the purposes of the grant disbursements realized by the Fund. All Project payments must be carried through the bank account owned by the Grantee.

7.3 The Grantee shall conduct bank transfer (non-cash) transactions only.

7.4 The Grantee is obliged to acknowledge the Fund's support of the Project (i) on all premises where events take place as part of the Project (in the form of a banner or flag), (ii) in all printed materials distributed as part of the Project, (iii) in all public statements and presentations and (iv) on all web pages connected with the Project. All acknowledgements must visibly carry the current version of the Fund's logo and, if online, must be directly linked to www.visegradfund.org. Acknowledgements in event venues must be present for the duration of the events; acknowledgements online must remain active for the whole Contractual Period of the Project, at a minimum. The Grantee shall ensure that any of its Project Partners acknowledge the Fund's support for the Project to the same extent that the Grantee is obliged under this Contract. Further obligations of the Grantee regarding the acknowledgement of the Fund's support of the Project are specified in the Logo and Acknowledgement Manual (annex to the Grant Guidelines) of the Fund published on the Fund's website and the Grantee declares that prior to signing this Contract they have made themselves familiar with the Grant Guidelines and shall abide by this policy.

7.5 The Fund reserves the right to carry out monitoring visits of the Project and implementation thereof and carry out financial inspection of the Project and, if necessary, request additional documentation regarding the Project. The Grantee is obliged to allow visits from the Fund's staff or from personnel authorized by the Fund to make such visits, allow financial inspections and provide any materials related to the Project upon request.

7.6 The Fund (or person authorized by the Fund) is entitled to carry out an audit of the Grantee during the Contract validity and for three additional years after providing the final installment of the Grant to the Grantee based on this Contract. The Grantee is obliged to bear such an audit and provide the Fund with any accounting and other documents related to the Grant, and make and deliver the Fund copies therefrom.

7.7 The Fund undertakes to extend to the Grantee necessary co-operative support.

7.8 Both Contractual Parties may disclose information on the Project and enable access of the public to participate in the Project.

7.9 The Grantee takes note of the fact that the Fund accepts no responsibility for any contents of any Project outputs.

7.10 The Grantee declares that he shall be the bearer of all intellectual property rights and/or copyrights to any outputs of the Project or any part thereof (the "Outputs"). The Grantee hereby grants to the Fund under provisions of the Act No. 185/2015 Coll. Copyright Act (the "Copyright Act") a non-exclusive royalty free license, without territorial, time, material and technological limitations, to any Outputs of the Project or part thereof, so the Fund shall have mainly right to:

a) publicly disclose the Outputs and publish the Outputs in any way, e.g. on the Fund's website, in any Fund's materials, etc.;
b) alter and process the Outputs, mainly use the Outputs to create new work, according to the needs of the Fund;
c) include the Outputs to a database under §131 of the Copyright Act;
d) merge the Outputs with any other outputs or work;
e) make copies of the Outputs;
f) publicly distribute the Outputs;
g) to deal with the Outputs in any other way that is attributable to the author under the provisions of the Copyright Act.

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7.11 The Parties agreed to adhere to the principles of environmental sustainability by all means possible in relation to the Project (saving electricity, water and other resources, preferring local goods and services and printing only if necessary and on both sides of the paper, etc.).

8. CONTRACTUAL SANCTIONS

8.1 The Fund shall be entitled against the Grantee for a contractual penalty in the amount of 20% of the amount of the Grant (the "Contractual Penalty"), if:

- a) any data provided by the Grantee turns out to be false or not up-to-date, or
- b) the Grantee fails to deliver to the Fund any of the reports according to this Contract in time, or
- c) the Grantee fails to observe the Budget or the Grant or any part of it is used in conflict with the terms stipulated in this Contract, or
- d) the Grantee breaches any of its obligations arising from Article 7 hereof.

8.2 The Contractual Penalty shall be paid by the Grantee within 15 working days from the written notice of the Fund. The Contractual Penalty payment shall not affect the Fund's right to request a damage compensation for any damages caused to the Fund.

8.3 The Fund shall be entitled to withdraw from the Contract, in case:

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| a) any kind of false/incorrect data/information is provided by the Grantee, or |
| b) any of the contractual requirements are not met by the Grantee or breached by the Grantee and the Grantee shall not remedy such deficiency or breach within an additional reasonable period provided by the Fund in the written call for the remedy, or |
| c) deficiencies are determined that could in a significant way affect the result or approved schedule during the implementation of the Project, mainly, but not limited to, the Project Outputs not meeting the requirements under this Contract and its attachments, or |
| d) the good reputation of the Fund is damaged by the Grantee, or |
| e) the Fund learns about a misuse of any funds granted to the Grantee by the Fund or the funds provided by the Fund are used, intentionally or negligently, for any other purposes than those specified in the Project. |

8.4 The notice of withdrawal shall be delivered in writing in person or by registered mail to the address of the relevant Contracting Party stated in this Contract. The notice of withdrawal shall be considered received on the date of its delivery. If the delivery of the withdrawal notice is rejected by the relevant Contracting Party, the rejection date shall represent the date of delivery. In the case of postal deliveries, the withdrawal notice shall be considered received on the third day of its postal deposit, irrespective of the addressee's knowledge of such deposit.

8.5 If the Contract is terminated upon the withdrawal of the Fund therefrom, the Grantee shall automatically be obliged to return to the Fund the amount of the paid Grant within 15 working days.

8.6 In case the Grantee fails to observe the Budget or the Grant or any part of it is used in conflict with the terms stipulated in this Contract, the Grantee shall be obliged to return the amount of the paid Grant to the Fund within 15 working days at the call of the Fund.

8.7 When the Fund determines deficiencies that could significantly affect the result or approved schedule during the implementation of the Project, the Fund reserves the right to suspend the payment of the Grant or any part of it for a definite period.

8.8 If at any time (i.e., also after implementation of the Project) the Fund learns about a misuse of any funds granted to the Grantee by the Fund, and/or about unannounced and/or unauthorized changes within the Project and internal changes of the Grantee affecting the utilization of the provided Grant (mainly, but not limited to, changes of the Grantee's name, registered seat, statutory representatives, registration for VAT, etc.), the Grantee shall be obliged to return the full granted amount to the Fund within 15 working days at the call of the Fund.

9. FINAL PROVISIONS

9.1 This Contract shall be governed by Slovak law. Relevant provisions of the Civil Code of the Slovak Republic and other related regulations of the Slovak Republic shall apply to the relations regulated in this Contract, resulting from it and related to it.

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Any disputes resulting from this Contract which could not be settled by mutual agreement of the Contracting Parties shall be resolved by Slovak courts.

8.3 This Contract shall enter into force on the day of its signing by both Parties. This Contract is concluded for a definite time period until 31/03/2027 (i.e., the implementation period + 50 working days), except the stipulations in Section 8.8 hereof which shall remain valid and effective for an indefinite time period.

8.4 Both Contracting Parties declare that they conclude this Contract of their free will, they have read its content and as evidence of their consent to its wording they voluntarily sign it as correct.

8.5 The Contract is drawn up in two identical counterparts in English. Each Contracting Party shall receive one counterpart of the Contract.

Done in Bratislava, on 09/01/2025

Signature of the Fund's statutory representative



Signature of the Grantee's statutory representative

Attachment 1

to the Contract on the Provision of Financial Resources from the International Visegrad Fund's Strategic Grant No. 22430134

List of Outputs:

Total approved sum: €58,030.00

NO. 22430134

Conference on Internet Content Regulation in the V4 region (Event-Public), Prague, CZ

01/02/2025–14/11/2025

The upcoming conference on internet content regulation in the V4 region, to be held in Prague, Czech Republic, at the Faculty of Law of Charles University, promises to be a special event for policymakers, legal experts, and administrators. This conference will delve into a comprehensive analysis of internet content regulation laws within the V4 region, incorporating a multidimensional perspective that includes case-law from the European Court of Human Rights, relevant EU law, and local judicial decisions. Participants will also gain insights into the administrative viewpoints from each country, providing a holistic understanding of the mechanisms and implications of internet regulation. The event aims to foster dialogue, share best practices, and explore effective strategies for balancing national security concerns with the protection of fundamental rights in the digital age. The primary target group is the academic community of the V4 countries, but Papers will be accepted also from outside of the region, if the topic is sufficiently relevant. The event will give the best opportunity to promote the research project and present our results in a specific panel. It is planned to hold side events (round-tables) with lawyers, government officials and other stakeholders.

Direct target groups:

Policy-making units of the V4 governments; implementing authorities of the V4 countries: 10

Selection/outreach: The target audiences will be reached by the invitation.

Scholarly/academic audience in and outside of the V4 region: 40

Selection/outreach: The target audiences will be reached by the invitation.

Universities, law faculties: 80

Selection/outreach: The target audiences will be reached by the invitation.

National authorities of the V4 countries: 20

Selection/outreach: The target audiences will be reached by the invitation.

Dissemination/promotion

The results of the conference will be summarized in a series of blog posts and podcasts shared in the website of the project. The experts will consult continuously during the preparation of the national reports and the conference, and during the conference, they will formally found a regional network of experts to secure a permanent forum to discuss project topic issues within the region.

Role of the applicant and project partners

The applicant is responsible for organizing the event, including logistics, scheduling, and overall coordination. This involves securing the venue, managing invitations, and overseeing the agenda to ensure a smooth execution. The applicant also leads promotional efforts, collaborating with project partners to develop materials and outreach strategies. All project partners actively participate in the event, contributing their expertise to discussions. They assist in facilitating sessions, providing resources, and engaging with attendees. After the event, the applicant and partners will work together to disseminate the outcomes, sharing insights and findings through reports, social media, ensuring broad visibility and impact.

2 National report and local roundtable in each V4 country (Product)

01/02/2025–30/11/2025

Based on the available experience and the alleged perspectives, the experts of the consortium will investigate the legal environment of internet content regulation in V4 countries. The country reports (approx. 15 pages) will shed light on the policy backgrounds and explain the detailed legal framework of the internet content regulation in the respective countries. Specific focus will be given to identify what domestic interests and concerns are lying behind the constraints, restrictions and control mechanisms introduced and applied by the V4 countries, and what are the fundamental rights behind these measures. The national reports will open the door to the comparative analysis, which will make attempts to show the similar policy considerations and common patterns of the reflections on the pandemic laws of the V4 countries in terms of the internet space. One of the most important objectives of the project is to develop policy recommendations concerning the internet content regulation of the V4 countries. This goal will substantially add to the implementation of our comparative research findings and will reach directly the important target audiences of the project. One national report will be drafted from each V4 country. These national reports will be discussed and disseminated via local roundtables in each country. To minimize risk in exceptional situations, the roles of experts in all outputs may shift slightly as the project progresses in consultation with partners.

Direct target groups:

Policy-making units of the V4 governments: 10

Selection/outreach: Implementing authorities of the V4 countries

National authorities of the V4 countries: 10

Selection/outreach: Representatives of the judiciary and administrative authorities.

Universities, law faculties: 35

Selection/outreach: Mainly from V4 countries, but not exclusively.

Scholarly/academic audience in and outside of the V4 region: 40

Selection/outreach: Especially from the social sciences - lawyers, political scientists, sociologists, etc.

Dissemination/promotion

The national reports will be published on the website of the project and the partners, sent to stakeholders and through the social media platforms of the project, and will be also discussed in local roundtables.

Role of the applicant and project partners

The applicant will take charge of coordinating the overall preparation of the national reports, ensuring smooth communication and collaboration between all project partners. Doc. JUDr. PhDr. Marek Antoš, Ph.D., LL.M., is the head of the Department of Constitutional Law at Charles University, specializing in technological aspects of constitutional law with extensive expertise in legal academia. Another members of the Department of Constitutional Law included in the project are JUDr. Petr Gangur, who is a member of the Department of Constitutional Law, known for his notable contribution to a monograph on internet blocking in the Czech Republic and Mgr. Jakub Hodulík currently preparing a book on the constitutional prohibition of censorship.

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3 General report (Product)

01/12/2025–30/09/2026

The "General Report" will provide a comprehensive summary of the key findings from the international conference on internet content regulation in the V4 region, held at the Faculty of Law, Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic. This report (approx. 50 pages) will serve as a vital resource for a diverse audience, ranging from legal academics and policymakers to the general public. It will synthesize insights from the conference's in-depth discussions, which covered case-law from the European Court of Human Rights, EU regulations, and local judicial decisions, while addressing national security concerns and the protection of fundamental rights in the digital age. Additionally, the report will consolidate findings from national reports, each offering a detailed analysis of the legal environment in the V4 countries. These reports will highlight domestic concerns, constraints, and the underlying policy motivations shaping internet content regulation. The General Report will also integrate findings from summarizing studies published (or yet to be published) in national languages, which aim to engage non-English speaking legal professionals and academics, as well as comparative research articles that examine commonalities and divergences in V4 internet content regulation. The General Report will ultimately provide key policy recommendations, informed by comparative research, to foster more balanced and effective internet regulation across the V4 region.

Direct target groups:

Policy-making units of the V4 governments; implementing authorities of the V4 countries: 30

Selection/outreach: We will directly promote the summarizing articles for the target groups. Articles will also be available in libraries, etc.

Scholarly/academic audience in and outside of the V4 region: 1200

Selection/outreach: We will directly promote the summarizing articles for the target groups. Articles will also be available in libraries, etc.

Universities, law faculties: 800

Selection/outreach: We will directly promote the summarizing articles for the target groups. Articles will also be available in libraries, etc.

General public: 300

Selection/outreach: These target audiences will be approached directly by invitation, or the promotion of the project results, publications, media coverage of our events will reach them.

National authorities of the V4 countries: 30

Selection/outreach: We will directly promote the summarizing articles for the target groups. Articles will also be available in libraries, etc.

Dissemination/promotion

The Report will be disseminated widely through academic, governmental, and public channels. It will be promoted via the alliance website, partner institutions' platforms, and legal networks across the V4 region. By summarizing key findings and offering policy recommendations, it will inform stakeholders, guide legislative reforms, and contribute to public debates in the V4 and beyond.

Role of the applicant and project partners

The applicant will lead the coordination, drafting, and finalization of the "General Report," ensuring coherence across all findings and consistency in methodology. Each project partner will prepare national reports, contribute to comparative analyses, and offer valuable local perspectives. Partners will also provide feedback during the drafting process, ensuring the report reflects diverse viewpoints. Furthermore, all partners will be actively involved in disseminating the report, leveraging their networks to organize events, workshops, and discussions to promote the findings at both regional and international levels.

4 Summarizing studies on the project on national languages (Product)

01/12/2025–20/01/2027

To ensure that our research findings reach a wider audience and are fully integrated into the legal discourses of each V4 country, a summarizing study will be published in the national language of each V4 country. These studies, approximately 20 pages in length, will be featured in prestigious national legal reviews, chosen for their influence and reach within the respective countries. By producing these national-language publications, we aim to bridge the gap for stakeholders, legal professionals, and policymakers who may not be proficient in English, thus making our findings accessible and relevant at a local level. These publications will allow key players in each country to understand the project's outcomes in their own legal and cultural context, facilitating a more nuanced engagement with our work. Moreover, these academic pieces serve a dual purpose. Not only do they make our research accessible to a broader audience, but they also help embed the project into the national constitutional discourses of the V4 region. By addressing local legal scholars, practitioners, and policymakers in their native languages, we contribute directly to ongoing discussions about internet content regulation and judicial review within each country. This approach ensures that our findings are not only disseminated but actively integrated into the regional debates that shape national policies.

Direct target groups:

Scholarly/academic audience in and outside of the V4 region: 300

Selection/outreach: We will directly promote the summarizing articles for the target groups. Articles will also be available in libraries, etc.

Policy-making units of the V4 governments; implementing authorities of the V4 countries: 10

Selection/outreach: We will directly promote the summarizing articles for the target groups. Articles will also be available in libraries, etc.

National authorities of the V4 countries: 10

Selection/outreach: We will directly promote the summarizing articles for the target groups. Articles will also be available in libraries, etc.

Universities, law faculties: 300

Selection/outreach: We will directly promote the summarizing articles for the target groups. Articles will also be available in libraries, etc.

Dissemination/promotion

The summarizing articles on national languages will be published in prestigious national legal reviews; notifications from their publication will also appear on the project website and also in our social media platforms.

Role of the applicant and project partners

The applicant will take on the role of project coordinator. This includes organizing meetings, setting deadlines, and facilitating communication among all partners. The applicant will also contribute significantly to the research and writing of the academic pieces, leveraging their expertise to enhance content quality. Project partners will each bring specialized knowledge, collaborating on literature reviews, data analysis, and drafting sections of the output. They will share insights during brainstorming sessions and contribute to revisions based on collective feedback. In the dissemination phase, the applicant and partners will jointly present findings at conferences and co-author articles for publication.

Website of the project and social media platforms (Product)

01/03/2025–20/01/2027

The project team will establish a dedicated website to serve as the primary hub for all project-related information. In tandem with the website, social media channels on platforms such as Facebook and Twitter will also be launched to expand outreach and foster interactive engagement. These channels are critical for effective communication, allowing the project team to directly reach their target audiences. The website will feature a variety of content, including news updates, an overview of the project's objectives and research plan, and profiles of project members, including alliance members, partners, and the international network. Importantly, it will also provide access to the project's outputs—such as publications, events, blog posts, and podcasts—as well as a curated bibliography with a special focus on the V4 region. Beyond the website, the project's social media presence will play a key role in maintaining an ongoing dialogue with the audience. All project developments will be shared promptly on these platforms. This immediate sharing provides an opportunity for followers to stay up-to-date with the latest insights and activities in real time. The combination of the website and social media channels ensures that the project is accessible, and its progress is highly visible, thereby facilitating communication with both academic and non-academic audiences and supporting the dissemination of knowledge across different interest groups.

Direct target groups:

Policy-making units of the V4 governments: implementing authorities of the V4 countries: 10

Selection/outreach: These target audiences will be approached directly by invitation, or the promotion of the project results, publications, media coverage of our events will reach them.

Universities, law faculties: 35

Selection/outreach: These target audiences will be approached directly by invitation, or the promotion of the project results, publications, media coverage of our events will reach them.

General public: 1000

Selection/outreach: These target audiences will be approached directly by invitation, or the promotion of the project results, publications, media coverage of our events will reach them.

National authorities of the V4 countries: 10

Selection/outreach: These target audiences will be approached directly by invitation, or the promotion of the project results, publications, media coverage of our events will reach them.

Scholarly/academic audience in and outside of the V4 region: 40

Selection/outreach: These target audiences will be approached directly by invitation, or the promotion of the project results, publications, media coverage of our events will reach them.

Dissemination/promotion

The goal of the website will be twofold. On the one hand, this platform will provide information about the project, the objectives and the members; on the other hand, it will make place for communicating our results effectively and sustainably for the long term.

Role of the applicant and project partners

The applicant will be responsible for setting up and maintaining the website, ensuring its functionality, accessibility, and regular updates. Both the applicant and the project partners will collaborate on producing content for the website. The applicant will manage the coordination of content creation, overseeing consistency with the project's goals and timelines. Project partners will contribute specialized content based on their areas of expertise, ensuring diverse perspectives are represented. Together, they will ensure the website serves as a comprehensive platform for disseminating project results and engaging a broad audience.

6 Comparative research article (Product)

01/03/2025–20/01/2027

In addition to broader dissemination efforts, our research findings will be distilled into a focused scientific research article. This article will specifically explore whether a common model for judicial review and policy design of internet content regulation exists across the V4 countries. By systematically examining the similarities and differences in domestic laws, policies, and relevant case-law among these nations, we aim to identify both shared patterns and divergent approaches. This targeted analysis will help clarify whether a unified regulatory framework could be feasible or if significant legal and cultural differences present obstacles to a common approach within the region. The resulting academic study will be submitted to an international legal journal of high repute, ideally one classified as a Q1 or Q2 in the relevant field, by the conclusion of the project. This approach ensures that our research reaches an audience of experts who are well-placed to evaluate its findings and consider their implications for future policy and legal reforms. By sharing our findings through a research article, we aim to influence scholarly discussions on internet regulation, particularly within the context of judicial review, and contribute to a more nuanced understanding of the regulatory landscapes in the V4 region. To minimize risk in exceptional situations, the roles of experts in all outputs may shift slightly as the project progresses in consultation with partners.

Direct target groups:

Scholarly/academic audience in and outside of the V4 region: 300

Selection/outreach: In addition to the journal itself, which will reach its academic audiences, we will promote also the research article.

Universities, law faculties: 300

Selection/outreach: In addition to the journal itself, which will reach its academic audiences, we will promote also the research article.

Dissemination/promotion

The ultimate aim is to submit this article for publication in a prestigious Q1 or Q2 law journal such as International Journal of Law and Information Technology (ISSN 0967-0769), Internet Policy Review (ISSN 2197-6775) and Information & Communications Technology Law (ISSN 1360-0834). Alternatively, there could be journals devoted to constitutional law or human rights in a more general perspective.

Role of the applicant and project partners

Both the applicant and the project partners will collaborate closely on the preparation, research, and drafting of the scientific article. The applicant will take the lead in coordinating research efforts, compiling data, and overseeing the writing process, ensuring that the output meets the required academic standards. Project partners will provide expert insights, contribute to specific sections based on their areas of expertise, and assist in the review and revision process. Together, they will also work on disseminating the findings through academic conferences, publications, and relevant networks.

7 Blog posts and podcasts (Product)

01/02/2025–20/01/2027

The project team plans to actively engage the public and academic community by regularly publishing blog posts and podcasts that present preliminary findings and reflections on current issues. These media formats will serve as dynamic tools for promoting the project and the Alliance, ensuring that its results are widely disseminated and accessible. In addition to contributions from the primary researchers, university students will also play an essential role by authoring blog posts and participating in the creation of podcast episodes. This involvement will not only provide students with valuable research communication experience but will also bring fresh perspectives to the project's outputs. As part of this initiative, the team expects to publish two or three conference reviews, specifically reflecting on the proceedings of the main conference related to the project's field of study. These reviews will provide insights into the latest developments in the area and connect the conference themes to the ongoing research. Overall, the goal is to produce at least 15 blog posts or podcast episodes over the entire research period, ensuring a steady flow of content that keeps audiences informed and engaged. This consistent output will help maintain momentum in project promotion and contribute to the body of knowledge in the field, while also providing an accessible entry point for both academic and non-academic audiences interested in the project's topics.

Direct target groups:

General public: 1000

Selection/outreach: The web sites, where the blog post/podcast will be published should easily reach the professional audiences, and also the project website will promote our blog posts/podcasts towards the target groups.

Policy-making units of the V4 governments; implementing authorities of the V4 countries: 35

Selection/outreach: The web sites, where the blog post/podcast will be published should easily reach the professional audiences, and also the project website will promote our blog posts/podcasts towards the target groups.

Scholarly/academic audience in and outside of the V4 region: 40

Selection/outreach: The web sites, where the blog post/podcast will be published should easily reach the professional audiences, and also the project website will promote our blog posts/podcasts towards the target groups.

Universities, law faculties: 80

Selection/outreach: The web sites, where the blog post/podcast will be published should easily reach the professional audiences, and also the project website will promote our blog posts/podcasts towards the target groups.

National authorities of the V4 countries: 20

Selection/outreach: The web sites, where the blog post/podcasts will be published should easily reach the professional audiences, and also the project website will promote our blog posts/podcasts towards the target groups.

Dissemination/promotion

The blog posts and podcasts will be published in the website and the social media platforms of the project.

Role of the applicant and project partners

The applicant will coordinate the production process for both blog posts and podcasts, overseeing their development from conception to publication. This includes managing timelines, ensuring the alignment of content with the project's objectives, and editing materials for quality, coherence, and consistency. Both the applicant and project partners will actively contribute to creating content, with partners providing specialized insights from their respective fields. Additionally, the applicant will ensure that content is accessible to target audiences and aligns with dissemination strategies. Together, they will produce informative and engaging blog posts and podcasts, which will be shared through various platforms to maximize outreach and impact.

Budget

Accommodation and board	8,400.00
Expert fees/Fees for authors or artists	30,050.00
Printing/publishing costs	8,380.00
Promotional costs	1,000.00
Transportation and postage	2,700.00
Project overhead costs	7,500.00
Total	58,030.00

Done in Bratislava, on 09/01/2021:

Signature of the Fund's statutory representative

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Attachment 2

to the Contract on the Provision of Financial Resources from the International Visegrad Fund's Strategic Grant No. 22430134

Calendar of Events:

Implementation period: from 01/02/2025 to 20/01/2027

	Event	City	Country	From	To
1	Conference on Internet Content Regulation in the V4 region	Prague	CZ	13/11/2025	14/11/2025

Financial Statement, Final Report, and Certificate on Financial Statements deadline: 04/03/2027

Done in Bratislava on 09/01/2025

Signature of the Fund's statutory representative

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