Visegrad Countries in International Development Cooperation
21st January 2013, Budapest

Venue: House of the European Union, 4th floor Conference Room (Address: 1024 Budapest, Lövőház u. 35.)

The aim of the conference is to map the Visegrad4 capacities and opportunities for joint activities and programming in international development projects. Besides, the meeting provides opportunity to exchange ideas how to promote the topic of international development cooperation on the agenda in national parliaments and on the broader political agenda in the V4 countries.

Program

11:00 – 11:30 Registration

11:30 – 11:35 Opening Speech: Barbara Erős, Strategy Director of DemNet Foundation

11:35 – 12:35 Panel Discussion 1: Members of Parliaments engaging in development cooperation
Opportunities for Members of Parliaments to enhance the discussion on development cooperation in National Parliaments (lessons learnt in the Ethiopian study trip)

Moderator: Jan Svitálek
Panelists:
- Robin Böhnisch, People in Need, Head of Awareness Department, Czech Republic
- Virág Kaufer, EX-member of Parliament, Head of Programs Ecopolis Foundation, Hungary
- Killion Munyama, Member of Parliament, Chair of Polish - Ethiopian Parliamentarian Group, Slovakia
- Jozef Viskupič, Member of Parliament, Poland

12:35 – 12:45 Coffee break

12:45 – 14:00 Panel Discussion 2: Ministries of Foreign Affairs as leaders in national ODA discussions
Discussion on what has been done in the area of development cooperation among V4 countries, sharing best practices and discovering future areas for cooperation

Moderator: Branislav Tichý
Panelists:
- Petr Haláka, ODA Department, MFA, Czech Republic
- Ádám Kirchknopf, Deputy Head of International Development and Humanitarian Assistance Department, MFA, Slovakia
- Miroslaw Broiło, Head of EU Development Policy Unit, MFA, Slovakia
- Peter Hulényi, Head of Department for Development Assistance and Humanitarian Aid, MFA, Hungary
- Karla Wursterová, Executive Director of International Visegrad Fund

14:00 – 14:45 Buffet Lunch

Opening of Joint V4 Photo Exhibition

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14:45 – 16:00 Panel Discussion 3: V4 development cooperation from the perspective of academia
Potentials and challenges of V4 cooperation in development cooperation and analysis of Millenium Development Goals - fulfilling targets or still room for improvement?

Moderator: Kacper Kosowicz Warsaw School of Economics Poland
Panelists:
TBC
András Tétényi Corvinus University Hungary
Tomáš Profant University of Vienna Slovakia

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break Media briefing with MPs and MFA representatives

16:30 – 17:30 Roundtable - Practical discussion on the future of V4 development cooperation
Conclusions and remarks of the conference with NGDO experts and panelists on V4 cooperation

Moderator: Róbert Hodosi DemNet Foundation, Policy Officer Hungary
Panelists:
Jana Miléřová FoRS, Director Czech Republic
Izabela Wilczynska PAH, Senior Policy Officer Poland
Tomáš Bokor People in Peril, Board Member of Slovak NGDO Platform Slovakia

All participants are invited to contribute to this discussion.

17:30 End of the Conference

Accompanying event throughout the day: Joint V4 Photo Exhibition
The organizers cordially invite all the participants to the opening of the art exhibition of V4 countries on international development that will be open for the public from 21st January 2013 on the ground floor of the House of the European Union in Budapest.