

Think Visegrad Platform represented by EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy -  
Brussels office would like to invite you to a roundtable titled:

# 30 Years of Visegrad: Role of the V4 countries in shaping the future of the EU

The conference will take place on **Monday, 22nd November 2021**,  
from **16:30 to 20:00**  
at Rue Caroly 15, 1050 Ixelles. You can register to the conference through the [registration link](#).

The event will be followed by a light reception

## Preliminary Agenda:

### 16:30 – 16:45 Opening Words:

H.E. **Edita Hrdá**, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the EU

**Petr Mareš**, Director of International Visegrad Fund

H.E. **Tibor Stelbaczyk**, Ambassador of Hungary to the EU

### 16:45 – 17:45 Panel Discussion: Perspectives of the Visegrad countries on the Conference of the Future of Europe

H.E. **Edita Hrdá**, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the EU

H.E. **Petra Vargová**, Ambassador of Slovak Republic to the EU

H.E. **Tibor Stelbaczyk**, Ambassador of Hungary to the EU

H.E. **Andrzej Sados**, Ambassador of Poland to the EU (TBC)

**Colin Scicluna**, Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Dubravka Šuica

Moderated by: **Aneta Zachová**, EurActiv

### 17:45 – 18:15 Coffee Break

### 18:15 – 19:15 Panel Discussion: 30 years of Visegrad: How did regional cooperation shape the countries of V4

**Alica Kizeková**, Senior Researcher, IIR Prague

**Daniel Bártha**, Director of International Relations, Equilibrium Institute

**Melchior Szczepanik**, Analyst, PISM

**Petr Mareš**, Director of International Visegrad Fund

Moderated by: **Jana Juzová**, Research Fellow, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy

### 19:15 – 19:30 - Closing Remarks

### 19:30 – 21:00 - Light reception

The organizers have taken into consideration all the rules and regulations set by the Belgian Federal government to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Participants of the event are obliged to follow health and safety measures in accordance with general guidelines.

### **About Think Visegrad:**

*Think Visegrad – V4 Think Tank Platform is a network for structured dialog on issues of strategic regional importance. The network analyzes key issues for the Visegrad Group (V4), and provides recommendations to the governments of V4 countries, the annual presidencies of the group, and the International Visegrad Fund. Think Visegrad covers thematic priorities of V4 including energy security, V4's internal cohesion, EU institutions and politics, the Western Balkans, relations with Eastern Partnership countries, development assistance, hard security, environmental protection, Roma-related issues, migration, transport, etc.*

*Formation of the network of V4 think-tanks was one of the priorities of the Czech Presidency in the Visegrad Group of 2011–2012. This idea reflected the long-term interest and willingness of Central European think-tanks to enhance their cooperation within the Visegrad Group and to deepen its cohesion. Think Visegrad was established in 2012 by eight V4 research centers and institutes and is funded by the International Visegrad Fund.*

*In the first half of 2016, eight think-tanks from the Visegrad Group that have been cooperating in the Think Visegrad platform, agreed on the idea proposed by the EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, to create a common representation office in Brussels. The main motivation for it is the need to encourage debate on issues of common interest to the EU and the V4 and explain the positions of the V4 to a wide audience. Think Visegrad in Brussels would like to project an image of constructive partners, to explain the dynamics of the debates within our regions and to highlight our active contributions to EU policy-making.*

