


Visegrad is (not) dead

Foreign policy and
Image management

Interest-oriented community

- ▶ Homo Visegradicus was dead before it was born
 - ▶ Interests are agreed upon on political level
 - ▶ Epistemic community – a group of people who do not have any specific history together, but search for a common idea
 - ▶ Common Visegrad security identity as part of a long-term project by four Visegrad security think-tanks
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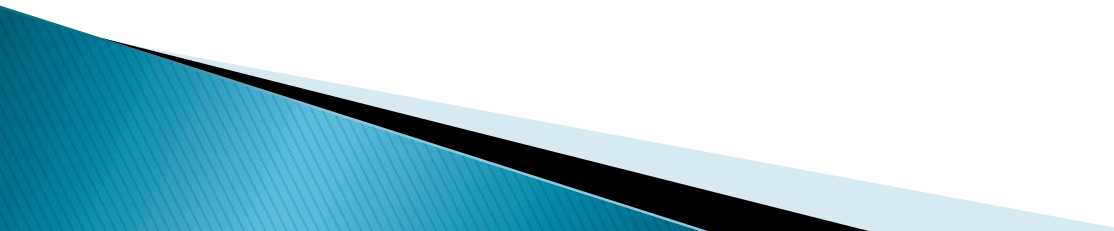
Common interests?

- ▶ Have to be defined against external aspects:
 - Russian policy towards EE,
 - energy policy,
 - assistance in transition and democratization
 - ...
- ▶ EU as union of thematic rather than regional coalitions

Foreign policy agenda

- ▶ New Visegrad Declaration of Kroměříž (2004)
 - jointly contribute to the fulfilment of the European Union's common goals
 - assist countries aspiring for EU membership by sharing and transmitting their knowledge and experience
 - contribute to shaping and implementing the European Union's policies towards the countries of Eastern and Southeastern Europe
 - ready to cooperate in specific areas of common interest

Image management

- ▶ Visegrad Houses (Cape town, Crimea)
 - ▶ International Visegrad Fund
 - ▶ Visegrad battle group (as of 2016)
 - ▶ Meetings of ministers in V4+ format
 - ▶ Numerous cultural and scientific projects
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DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- ▶ HOW TO PRESENT
V4 ACTIVITIES?

- ▶ WHAT INTERESTS
TO FURTHER ON EU
LEVEL?