

CALL FOR PARTNERS

FLOW V4 – Future Leaders for Our Waters

Programme: International Visegrad Fund – Visegrad Grants

Strategic priority: V4@35: Generation Future

Planned duration: 14 months in 2027–2028

Applicant: [Youth Bridges Budapest](#), Hungary

Partners sought: Organisations from Czechia, Poland and Slovakia

Project idea

FLOW V4 aims to strengthen cooperation among young people in the Visegrad countries around shared environmental challenges, with particular attention to **water protection**, responsible resource and energy use, and environmental awareness. The project will involve youth workers and **young people aged 16-22**. Through community mapping, international study visits and locally implemented initiatives, participants will explore how environmental challenges affect their communities and how young people can contribute to practical, locally relevant solutions. The project will combine regional exchange with concrete local engagement. Young participants will learn from organisations, experts and good practices across the V4, while also developing and implementing their own **community initiatives**.

Main objectives

- Strengthen connections and **long-term cooperation** among young people and youth organisations in the V4 countries;
- Increase young people's understanding of **shared regional challenges** related to water, energy and environmental sustainability;
- Identify and share relevant **local practices and community-based solutions** across the four countries;
- Develop young people's capacity to initiate and implement **environmental activities** in their own communities;
- Create space for young people to discuss **environmental cooperation** and the future role of the V4.

Main activities

1. Community mapping

Based on a common mapping framework, each organisation will conduct local focus groups involving young people and relevant stakeholders and collect examples of local environmental challenges, initiatives and good practices. The findings will be brought together in a joint V4 community map and promoted in all participating countries.

2. Capacity building and study visits

The project will include two international study visits involving participants from all four V4 countries. The visits will introduce practical approaches to water protection, sustainable resource and energy use, environmental education and community engagement. The experiences and transferable practices identified during the visits will be summarised in a joint booklet provisionally titled: *Shared Challenges, Local Solutions – Lessons from V4 Study Visits*

3. Local youth-led environmental initiatives

Following the study visits, each partner will organise local workshops where young people can learn about environmental awareness and develop ideas responding to an environmental issue in their community. Selected ideas will be implemented as small-scale youth-led environmental initiatives with support from the partner organisations and relevant local stakeholders.

4. V4 Youth Summit in Hungary

The project will conclude with an international Youth Summit in Budapest, Hungary. Participants will present their local initiatives, exchange experiences and formulate their perspectives on future environmental cooperation within the V4. The summit will also create opportunities for dialogue between young people, civil society organisations, experts and other relevant stakeholders.

Expected results

- a common framework for mapping local environmental challenges and practices;
- four local focus-group processes and a joint V4 water community map;
- two international study visits and a booklet presenting relevant practices and lessons from the visits;
- local workshops in each participating country and youth-led environmental initiatives implemented across the V4;
- a final V4 Youth Summit in Hungary;
- stronger cooperation among young people and organisations in the Visegrad region.

Profile of partners sought

We are looking for organisations that:

- are based in the Czechia, Poland or Slovakia;
- work with young people and have the capacity to involve them throughout the project;
- have experience or a strong interest in environmental education, water protection, sustainability, community development or active citizenship;
- can cooperate with local experts, municipalities, educational institutions or environmental organisations;
- are able to organise local activities and contribute actively to international project activities;
- can communicate and work in English.

Experience with International Visegrad Fund projects is welcome but not required.

Expected role of each partner

- contribute to project planning and regular online coordination meetings;
- adapt and apply the common community-mapping framework;
- organise local focus groups with young people and stakeholders;

- contribute local findings and practices to the joint map and booklet;
- recruit and prepare participants for the international study visits;
- organise local workshops;
- support young people in developing and implementing a local environmental initiative;
- participate in the final Youth Summit in Hungary;
- contribute to communication and dissemination activities throughout the project.

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