

Review of selected events under the 2021/2022 Hungarian Presidency of the Visegrad Group

* Discussion on the French EU Council Energy and Climate Priorities – 12 January, online

V4 State Secretaries involved in energy and climate policy and French Minister for Ecological Transition Barbara Pompili discussed topics such as the European Commission's proposal on nuclear energy and natural gas, complementing the taxonomy regulation, and the main elements of the Fit for 55% legislative package of July 2021. The parties expressed willingness to cooperate on the question of taxonomy.

V4+Slovenia meeting of Chairmen of Parliamentary Committees for Defence and Law Enforcement – 27-28 January, Budapest

The parliamentary committees' representatives discussed issues related to the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum and on V4 defence cooperation. V4 representatives also adopted a **joint declaration**.

* V4+Austria, Germany informal energy ministerial meeting – 7-8 February, Budapest



At the V4 ministers' meeting (with Austria and Germany joining online), participants shared their views on the creation and design of a European hydrogen ecosystem and the challenges and opportunities the V4 countries face in strengthening the capability of the European Electricity Network. V4 ministers adopted a **joint declaration** on energy transformation and energy security, strengthening the European electricity grid and creating an interconnected European hydrogen ecosystem.

* V4+Korea consultation on the V4 high-speed railway network – 8-9 and 28 February, online

Experts from the V4 countries and Korea conducted two online consultations in order to introduce the V4 high-speed railway project to the Korean partners. Further discussion on this topic is expected.

V4+France meeting of Chairmen of Parliamentary Committees for Foreign Affairs – 17-18 February, Budapest, online

Foreign Affairs Committees of the V4 countries met with the Chairman of the French National Assembly, Jean-Louis Bourlanges and the Chairman of the French Senate, Christian Cambon to discuss current affairs, in particular Ukraine, French EU Council Presidency priorities and external border control issues.

Meeting of V4 ministers responsible for Cohesion Policy – 18 February, Budapest

At the traditional V4 ministerial meeting on cohesion policy, high-level representatives discussed the future role of Cohesion Policy and the experiences of the 2021-2027 programming negotiations. They agreed on the importance of maintaining Cohesion Policy, which is able to address both short- and long-term challenges, and that expert level cooperation with the Commission had been successful and effective during the ongoing programming negotiations, however, the speeding up of both the negotiation processes and the Commission's procedures were needed to reach the adoption of the Partnership Agreement and the programmes as soon as possible.



* Discover Central Europe Trade Event – 21-27 February, Budapest

The Hungarian Tourism Agency's event series included a large-scale 'Discover Central Europe' networking day, where international directors of the V4 national tourism organisations shared interesting facts about their countries' health, active and cultural tourism products, followed by business meetings.

V4 Tourism High-Level meeting – 23 February, Budapest

The regular V4 high-level tourism meeting was attended by tourism representatives and government officials. Parties approved the joint marketing plan for 2022 and signed the High-Level Meeting Protocol.

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***** V4+France meeting of the representatives of ministers of interior – 24 February, Budapest

V4 and French representatives assessed the situation in view of the state of emergency in Ukraine and reviewed current issues of the Schengen area and return, as well as cooperation with third countries. The participants issued a **joint declaration**.

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* V4+4 meeting of Ministers of Agriculture – 4 March, Visegrád

The second meeting of V4+ Ministers of Agriculture under the Presidency was held in the historic town of Visegrád, focusing on the strategic plans of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), also attended by Agriculture Commissioner Janusz Wojciechowski who presented the Commission's position. Ministers adopted a **joint declaration** on the CAP strategic plans. They agreed that the CAP should also contribute to the fight against climate change; however, the war in Ukraine has created new challenges, so the goals of the Green Deal must be reviewed to ensure that European security of supply is not jeopardised. The Presidency also prepared a summary



on the debate held with the participation of the agricultural ministers of the Visegrad Group and Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Slovenia on sustainable food systems.

V4+UK Summit of Prime Ministers – 8 March, London



V4 Prime Ministers visited London at the invitation of UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson. After an internal V4 consultation, the V4+UK summit at Lancaster House focussed on security, Ukraine, energy and cyber issues. The meeting was especially important in the context of the ongoing Russian invasion in Ukraine and provided an occasion to discuss joint responses to the conflict and show unity. In this spirit, V4+UK Prime Ministers adopted a **joint statement**.

On the same day, V4 countries also issued a **joint communiqué** on their decision to provide joint assistance to Ukraine and refugees from Ukraine via the Visegrad Fund with a support package of 1 million euros, focusing on improving the living conditions of refugees from Ukraine in the V4 countries.

* V4+Japan Innovation and Industry Joint Science Diplomacy Seminar – 9 March, Budapest

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Ministry for Innovation and Technology co-organized a highly successful seminar with the participation of the Japanese Embassy, which reviewed the future of the automotive industry and V4+Japan cooperation possibilities, as well as the results of the fruitful V4+Japan collaboration on advanced materials science, presented by the participating institutions.

V4 seminar on the 'Future of the labour market' – 17 March, Budapest

The event provided an opportunity to present labour market developments and share national experiences with a focus on labour market challenges during the pandemic. Programmes supporting disadvantaged groups and the challenges arising from changes in the world of labour were also in focus.

* V4+Germany Meeting of Defence Ministers – 21 March, Brussels

V4 Defence Ministers met their German counterpart on the margins of the EU Defence Ministerial Meeting in Brussels, to discuss the Russian aggression against Ukraine. They also exchanged views on the implementation of the EU Strategic Compass and the elaboration of NATO's new Strategic Concept.

* Conference on the Strategic Objectives of Water Utility Services in the V4 – 22 March, online

Water utilities professionals from the region (V4, Croatia, and Slovenia) discussed the sector's recent achievements, challenges and future directions of development and cooperation opportunities. They agreed that their common the goal is to ensure sustainable, consumer-friendly and environmentally friendly water services in the future.

* V4 expert meeting against designer fuel fraud – 22 March, online

The Hungarian National Tax and Customs Administration organized an online expert meeting jointly with its Slovak partner authority in order to better combat the misuse of designer fuels, on which cooperation started in 2011. Participants discussed recent progress and practical operational experiences, as well as



the Working Group's 2021 achievements, completed operations and the latest international trends in fuel fraud. They agreed to carry out four international customs operations and agreed on the need for spontaneous actions as well based on day-to-day information exchange.

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***** V4 meeting of the Senior Labour Inspector Committee (SLIC) – 24 March, Budapest

Members of the expert committee, made up of the heads of the European labour inspectorates, discussed national and international experiences, good practices and planned actions for future challenges in the field of public governance of health and safety at work.

Water Management event at Dubai EXPO – 25 March, Dubai

During the Dubai Expo Thematic Water Week, a joint event on water management in the V4 countries with special regard to climate change was held at the Slovak pavilion. The V4 countries agreed that tackling climate change, water scarcity and drought is one of the region's major challenges, which can only be mitigated through joint action. The parties decided to continue their close cooperation.

Meeting of V4 Territorial Defence Forces Commanders – 30 March, online

The V4 Territorial Defence Forces Commanders' teleconference was devoted to exchanging lessons learned concerning the development, training and engagement of reserve forces. The Commanders agreed that in the radically changed European security situation, the development of and the regional cooperation among territorial defence forces is more important than ever.

V4+Austria IPCEI meeting – 31 March, Budapest

Participants presented their IPCEI (Important Projects of Common European Interest) coordination strategies and past milestones in the field of Microelectronics, Hydrogen, Cloud, and Health industry. They agreed that the current industry tool should include more ownership and coordination from the European Commission's side and agreed to work together closely on proposing solutions to their common challenges. The next meeting of this format will be organised by the Slovak Presidency.

* V4+India consultation of territorial directors – 12 April, online

The MFA territorial directors exchanged views on the prospects of V4+India cooperation, underlining the growing global importance of India and the Indo-Pacific region, and that India is a major ally for the V4 countries. They discussed cooperation possibilities in e.g. science and technology, water management, people-to-people contacts, creative industries, tourism, health and the pharmaceutical industry.

* V4 CITES meeting on protecting endangered species – 20-21 April, Budapest & Kunpeszér

A technical meeting on the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) was attended by V4 and Romanian professionals of the administrative authorities, scientific institutes and executive bodies, aiming to strengthen regional cooperation and coordinate implementation in order to effectively protect endangered species and reduce their illegal trade.

* Meeting of V4 & V4+Ukraine Parliaments' EU Affairs Committees – 24-26 April, Košice

The meeting of the V4 countries' European Affairs Committees, chaired by Slovak Committee Chair Vladimira Marcinková, delegations discussed the situation in Ukraine, migration and energy security, and adopted a <u>final document</u>. The event was also joined online by Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze, Chairwoman of the European Integration Committee of the Ukrainian Parliament.

* Tourism promotion of the V4 countries at various events – May & June

The Visegrad region as a tourist destination was promoted by the Hungarian Tourism Agency and/or the other V4 tourism promotion organisations at several occasions. The event 'Incentive Live' (I-3 May 2022) was attended by prestigious incentive business representatives, as well as exhibitors from Europe and mainly the Americas, providing a platform for the V4 for regional promotion and professional networking. At the Dubai ATM Tourism exhibition (8-12 May), the V4 countries were introduced to the Arab market. The International Luxury Travel Market (ILTM) Latin America conference (9-13 May) in Sao Paolo was another event where the V4 region was promoted to increase the knowledge and business of interested travel professionals. In Seoul, a V4 workshop (17 June) was organised for South-Korean tour operators, travel agencies, wholesalers and potential professional buyers selling European tourism products, given Korean outgoing visitors' preference to visit the Visegrad countries.



* Meeting of V4 Space Policy officials – 17 May, Budapest

The first V4 meeting of ministry officials in charge of space policy, hosted by the Hungarian MFA's Ministerial Commissioner for Space Research, Orsolya Ferencz, discussed forms of cooperation as a follow-up to the MoU on space-related cooperation signed by the four Prime Ministers in December 2021.

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V4+Japan meeting of political directors – 22-23 May, Tokyo

V4 MFA political directors met with their Japanese counterpart to have a discussion on matters of common interest, including V4-Japan cooperation, EU-Japan and NATO-Japan relations. The political directors assessed the latest developments of the war in Ukraine and their strategic implications on the security architecture of Europe and Asia, and discussed challenges of the Indo-Pacific region as well.



* V4+2 meeting of the Automatic Information Exchange Working Group – 30-31 May, online

At the Automatic Information Exchange Working Group meeting, organised by the Hungarian National Tax and Customs Administration, V4, Austrian and Slovenian experts shared their experiences on tax authorities' controls in the field of compliance with the Common Reporting Standards (CRS); the EU Directive on administrative cooperation in the field of taxation (DAC) for the automatic exchange of financial account information; the Peer Review process conducted by the OECD Global Forum; and the state of play of the preparations for the new DAC7 reporting requirements for digital platform operators.

Meeting of V4+3 Customs Laboratory Managers – 1-2 June, online

The virtual meeting of the heads of customs laboratories of the V4 countries, Austria, Croatia and Romania was aimed at discussing current customs laboratory issues to ensure a common interpretation of laboratory test results between the countries concerned, and thus to develop a common classification practice (e.g. new types of tobacco products). Parties also discussed patterns of abuse in the different countries, such as the typical composition of designer fuels, types of counterfeit alcohol products.

* Meeting of V4 Chiefs of Defence & V4 Innovation Challenge Day – 13-15 June, Debrecen

The V4 Chiefs of Defence met to assess the implementation of the Hungarian V4 presidency programme as well as the regional security situation in light of the ongoing war in Ukraine. Participants also visited the first V4 Innovation Challenge Day aiming to demonstrate the potential use of autonomous systems under real-time operational conditions.

* 7th Annual Central and Eastern European Energy Security Conference – 14 June, Washington DC

The Atlantic Council Global Energy Centre in cooperation with the Hungarian V4 Presidency launched the 7th Annual Central and Eastern European Energy Security Conference, where Central and Eastern European and U.S. decision-makers and energy professionals shared their views on the current energy crisis and potential future solutions through joint action. Topics included the future of natural gas supply in the CEE region; rebuilding Ukraine into a clean energy innovation powerhouse; defending critical energy infrastructure against hybrid threats, and reconciling security and climate priorities.

* Meeting of V4 and V4+UK Defence Ministers – 16 June, Brussels

The V4 Ministers of Defence held their closing meeting during the Hungarian Presidency on the margins of the NATO Defence Ministerial Meeting in Brussels, to assess results achieved during the past year. At the first part of the meeting, V4 ministers were joined by UK Secretary of State for Defence Ben Wallace, to discuss the impacts of the war in Ukraine on the security of Europe as well as the responses of NATO to the deteriorating security environment.



* V4 street festival marking the conclusion of the presidency – 19 June, Budapest



The Presidency's conclusion was celebrated with a public family festival at Castle Garden Bazaar, main event venue of the Presidency. Attended by thousands of visitors, the event offered cultural and children's programmes, concerts and sports activities, and was closed by fireworks. On the margins of the event, representatives of the V4 national tourism organisations held a meeting at the invitation of Zsófia Jakab, Deputy CEO for Marketing and Communications of the Hungarian Tourism Agency.



Working dinner of the V4 High-speed Railway Working Group – 22 June, Budapest

The V4 High-Speed Railway Working Group held its last meeting during the Presidency, where deputy state secretary Péter Kiss-Parciu handed over the chairmanship of the working group to Slovakia.

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* V4+ consultation on 'Regulation of digital financial instruments' – 23 June, online

Hungary's tax and customs authority organised a virtual V4+Austria, Slovenia expert meeting focused on the respective legal systems' and tax laws' approach to income from digital financial instruments, in particular crypto-assets. Participants presented current policies and expected legislative changes.

* V4 meeting of State Secretaries for Transportation – 24 June, Budapest



State Secretaries and Deputy Ministers discussed speeding up the necessary preparations of the high-speed railway connections between the V4, as well as pushing for a more effective promotion of Ukrainian grain exports. The meeting concluded with the signing of a **memorandum of understanding** on cooperation in the field of automated and connected mobility.

Meeting of V4 National Armaments Directors – 24 June, online

The aim of the V4 National Armaments Directors' online meeting was to discuss the draft of the Common V4 Defence Industry Strategy initiated by Hungary and other possible V4 cooperative projects.

* V4 + Austria, Slovenia expert meeting on transfer pricing – 29 June, online

Tax and customs offices' representatives discussed the expected impacts of OECD's Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 taxation reform, in particular the difficulties linked to its introduction, and measures taken by the V4 countries to perform the related tasks, participate in international fora and analyse the impact of Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 expected in the future. Experts agreed that capacity expansion is a priority but the shortage of experts with the right expertise is a difficulty. V4+2 experts will continue cooperation on this issue.

* V4 Migration Crisis Response Mechanism (MCRM) expert meeting – 29 June, Prague

The MCRM National Contact Points' meeting for the implementation of the project was held in Prague. The Hungarian National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing was also involved in drafting the MCRM project implementation report 2020-2022 and the action plan 2022-2024, which foresees the continuation of activities previously approved by Member States and postponed due to the pandemic.

* V4 Meeting of Directors-General for Disaster Management – 29-30 June, Balatonföldvár

Participants discussed national resilience; the experience of urban search and rescue teams in complying with and preparing for the UN INSARAG guidelines; exploring the possibility of joint participation in EU tenders for disaster management activities in the V4 region; and assessing and managing the risks of gradual deterioration of hazardous materials plants over time, raising operator awareness.

V4+RO+BG+ROK high-level consultation on international climate policy – 30 June, Budapest

The consultation, hosted by the Ministry for Technology and Industry, involved high-level V4 and Romanian, Bulgarian and Korean government representatives and experts, and, in a pioneering way, civil society and financial actors as well. In addition to governmental climate protection measures, the agenda also included a presentation of activities by non-state actors, with the participation of the Green Policy Center, 'V4SDG' and the Global Green Growth Institute's Budapest office. The Western Balkans Green Centre and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank also presented their climate finance results.

Meeting of V4 Ministers of Interior – 30 June, Budapest

Ministers reviewed the situation in Ukraine, and the main challenges of illegal migration in their respective countries, including the future of the Temporary Protection Directive, the long-term care and integration of asylum seekers, and the illegal smuggling of arms and human beings. They agreed that asylum crises represent a threat to not only the V4 but also the whole of Europe, which needs to be tackled at the EU-level. The ministers adopted a joint statement on the meeting.



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* Cultural presidency closing gala – 30 June, Nagymaros

The cultural closing event of the Hungarian Presidency was held at the venue of the annual VéNégy (V4) Festival and Theatre Meeting, which offers concerts, theatre programmes and other activities to the audience, involving performers from the V4 countries as well. The gala was also a symbolic handover of the cultural presidency to Slovakia, with high-level diplomatic attendance.

OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

* V4 coordination meetings before EU Council meetings

V4 countries' representatives (e.g. ministers, permanent representations) continued to hold coordination meetings on EU-related issues and before EU Council meetings.

* V4 Information Exchange Centre for Covid-19

The Presidency continued the work of the V4 Information Exchange Centre for COVID-19, established in October 2020. The agenda of meetings from spring 2022 was extended with the refugee crisis in the wake of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict and the health and epidemiological challenges of monkey pox.

* Events of V4 embassies and consulates worldwide

Hungarian diplomatic missions abroad, in cooperation with their local V4 partners, organised joint meetings with the respective host country's high-ranking officials, media appearances, as well as cultural, scientific, business, academic and touristic events promoting the Visegrad Group worldwide, including travelling exhibitions and concerts performed by V4 musicians. During the Hungarian Presidency, altogether more than 180 such <u>events</u> were organised.

* Visegrad Fund activities; joint assistance to refugees from Ukraine

The V4 countries' joint institution, the **Visegrad Fund** continued supporting grant projects, scholarships and residency programs, and other flagship projects.

In reaction to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the V4 countries agreed to jointly support refugees from Ukraine through the Visegrad Fund. An extraordinary call was published in March, for projects helping to mitigate the effects of war on the refugees from/in Ukraine, to strengthen the capacities of V4 local authorities, public institutions and civil society organizations that provide the necessary assistance in terms of health and social services in the short- and mid-term. The call received huge interest (almost 600 applications) and 72 projects were <u>selected for support</u> in the total amount of 1 million € by May.

In the field of innovation, the Presidency coordinated preparations for the third <u>call for applications</u> of the 'V4 Innovators in Israel' program partly financed by the Visegrad Fund. Young entrepreneurs, startuppers and optionally incubators' representatives working in ICT, Health/Biotechnology; Smart mobility; Fintech; and Cybersecurity/Artificial intelligence/Cybernetics were invited to apply to take part in a training in Israel at the Golda Meir Mount Carmel International Training Center, planned for autumn 2022.

Furthermore, another edition of the **'V4 Startup Force'** mentor program, a flagship project supported by the Visegrad Fund, was concluded in Budapest in spring 2022, with the participation of four promising startups from the V4, BeiT (CZ), B-LOCK (HU), Ecobean (PL), and Try the colors (SK), whose representatives took part in meetings with potential business partners, as well as community-building events.

V4 Smart Platform 2 project (V4SP2)

As part of the Presidency Program, the Hungarian National Mobile Payment Plc.'s 'V4 Smart Platform 2 (V4SP2)' project continued with the goal to define a pilot project, based on a commonly defined use case. The deliverable of the project is the preparation of possible services (mobility, tourism and health sectors) in a frame of technological and business models in a proof of concept proposal format. The goal is also to build a professional network.

* V4 development cooperation in Kenya

Through the cooperation of the Visegrad countries, the Operational Committee of the EU Trust Fund Africa decided in 2016 to support a Kenyan cashew farm development project (Farm Africa). The amount of support disbursed through EUTF Africa was 2 million euros. The project concluded on 31 May 2022, having provided a livelihood for 15.000 people in the country, as well as created jobs and developed the local economy through the development of processing activities in Nairobi.

LIST OF HIGH-LEVEL EVENTS				
27 January 2022	Budapest, online	"ÉRTÉK VAGY!" ("You Are Value!" Economic Responsibility Summit)		
27-28 January 2022	Debrecen	V4 + Slovenia meeting of the Chairmen of the Parliamentary Committees for Defence and Law Enforcement		
7-8 February 2022	Budapest, online	V4 + Austria, Germany Meeting of Energy Ministers		
17-18 February 2022	Budapest	V4 + France Meeting of the Chairmen of the Parliamentary Committees for Foreign Affairs		
18 February 2022	Budapest	V4 meeting of ministers responsible for cohesion policy		
22-23 February 2022	Budapest/online	V4 Tourism High-level Meeting		
24 February 2022	Budapest	V4 Meeting of the Representatives of the Ministers of Interior		
4 March 2022	Visegrád	V4 + Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania, Slovenia Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture		
8 March 2022	London	V4 + United Kingdom Summit of Prime Ministers		
21 March 2022	Brussels	V4 + Germany Defence Ministers' Meeting (on the margins of EU Defence Ministers' Meeting)		
25 April 2022	Košice	V4 and V4+Ukraine consultation of chairmen of the European Affairs Parliamentary Committees		
13-15 June 2022	Debrecen	V4 Chiefs of Defence Meeting		
16 June 2022	Brussels	V4 + United Kingdom Defence Ministers' Meeting (on the margins of the NATO Defence Ministerial)		
24 June 2022	Budapest	V4 Meeting of Transport Ministers / Deputy Ministers		
30 June 2022	Budapest	Closing Meeting of V4+ Ministers of Interior		
Throughout the Presidency		V4 consultations of Prime Ministers before European Council meetings		
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LIST OF OTHER EVENTS				
9-15 January 2022	Dubai	Travel and Connectivity Week at Dubai EXPO 2020; Putting tourism back on track – V4 Smart Platform 2 expert forum		
12 January 2022	online	Discussion on the French EU Council Energy and Climate Priorities + Review of the actions taken to achieve the 2030 climate target		
19-20 January 2022	online	V4 Legal Conference on the status of NATO Military Headquarters		
26 January 2022	online	V4 expert meeting on TEN-T revision (videoconference)		
27 January 2022	Budapest, online	"ÉRTÉK VAGY!" ("You Are Value!" Economic Responsibility Summit)		
27 January 2022	Budapest	V4+UK meeting of Heads of Western Balkans Departments		
2 February 2022	online	V4 Horizon Europe Task Force meeting		
8-9 February 2022	online	V4 + Korea virtual consultation on the V4 high-speed railway network		
10 February 2022	online	Expert-level meeting on digital finances and payments		
22-23 February 2022	Budapest/online	V4 Tourism High-level Meeting		
23-24 February 2022	Budapest	V4 sherpa meeting		
25 February 2022	Budapest	Budapest Balkans Forum (IVF strategic conference)		
28 February 2022	online	V4 + Korea virtual consultation on the V4 high-speed railway network		
9 March 2022	Budapest	V4 + Japan science diplomacy seminar "Innovation and Industry"		
17 March 2022	Budapest	V4 Seminar on the future of the labour market		
22 March 2022	online	Strategic objectives of water utility services in the V4 countries		
22 March 2022	online	V4 + 4 (Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania, Slovenia) Working Group meeting on Urban Matters		
22 March 2022	online	Extended V4 action against designer fuel fraud		
24 March 2022	Budapest	V4 Senior Labour Inspectors' Committee (SLIC) meeting (Sharing of good practices for improving working conditions; Occupational safety and health)		
30 March 2022	Budapest	IPCEI (Important Projects of Common European Interest) V4+Austria Summit		
30 March 2022	online	V4 Territorial Defence Forces Commanders' Meeting		

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31 March 2022	online	E-Sport regulation expert conference & workshop
24 March 2022	Dubai	Water management event at the Dubai EXPO on the margins of the World Water Day
12 April 2022	online	V4 + India meeting of MFA heads of territorial departments on V4+India cooperation
20-21 April 2022	Budapest	Expert consultation on the harmonised implementation of CITES rules
21-22 April 2022	Budapest	Expert-level meeting on financial regulation
27 April 2022	Visegrád	V4 Export Credit Agencies' Forum
27 April 2022	Budapest	V4 Conference on Competition Law
April – May 2022	V4 countries	V4 start-up roadshow and selection ahead of the Regional Startup Innovation Day
10-12 May 2022	Budapest	V4 Training, Education and Exercise Synchronization Conference (V4 TEESC) and V4 Simulation and Training Technologies Workshop (defence)
11-12 May 2022	Budapest	In and beyond friendship. Regional artistic cultural transfers in the art of the seventies. International Art History Conference at the Central European Art History Research Institute (KEMKI)
13 May 2022	Szeged/hybrid	Open Source Software in Public Administration – workshop
17 May 2022	Budapest	V4 Space Policy Officials' Meeting
23 May 2022	Tokyo	V4 + Japan meeting of political directors
24-26 May 2022	Budapest, Szolnok	V4 Capability Directors' Meeting (defence)
30-31 May 2022	online	Automated Exchange of Information (National Tax and Customs Administration)
31 May 2022	Budapest	V4 expert-level meeting on civil judicial cooperation
1-2 June 2022	Budapest, online	Meeting of V4 Customs Laboratory Managers
2 June 2022	Budapest	Regional Startup and Innovation Day – "Get in the Ring" start-up competition V4 final
8-9 June 2022	Zalaegerszeg	V4 conference "Hydrogen – present and future in mobility"
10 June 2022	online	V4 Planning Group Meeting
14 June 2022	Washington DC	7 th Annual Central and Eastern European Energy Security Conference
13-15 June 2022	Debrecen	Innovation Challenge Day (on the margins of the V4 Chiefs of Defence Meeting)
15-16 June 2022	Budapest	PROFFORMANCE project closing event - Higher Education

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19 June 2022	Budapest	Closing street festival of the Hungarian V4 Presidency, consultation of V4 tourism marketing directors
20-21 June 2022	Budapest	V4 public procurement expert meetings
21 June 2022	Hybrid (online, Budapest)	Memory of Generations - Archive family photos in the digital space
21 June 2022	Hybrid, Budapest	Central European Learning Platform (CELP) professional workshop
22 June 2022	online	V4 Digital Champions Meetup Conference
22 June 2022	Budapest	Working dinner of the V4 High-Speed Railway Working Group
23 June 2022	Budapest	V4 Rail CEO Summit
23 June 2022	online	V4 consultation on the regulation of digital financial instruments
22-24 June 2022	Budapest	V4 + Germany youth conference on the European Green Deal
24 June 2022	online	V4 National Armaments Directors' Meeting
23-26 and 30 June 2022	Nagymaros	V4 ("VéNégy") Festival and theatre meeting with a cultural V4 presidency handover gala on 30 June
29 June 2022	online	Transfer Pricing – Implementation of Pillar I and II, related challenges
29 June 2022	online	Civitas Sapiens V4 Toolbox Workshop
29 June 2022	Prague	V4 Migration Crisis Response Mechanism expert meeting
29-30 June 2022	Balatonföldvár	V4 Meeting of Directors-General for Disaster Management
30 June 2022	Budapest	V4 + Bulgaria, Romania and Korea consultation on international climate policy
30 June 2022	Budapest	Presentation of the National Sports Informatics System - professional workshop