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NEW MOBILITY BEHAVIOUR IN POST COVID-19 WORLD – V4 PERSPECTIVE

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What is V4?



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V4 stands for Visegrad Four or the Visegrad Group formed on 15th of February 1991 at a meeting of the then presidents of Czechoslovakia, Poland and the prime minister of Hungary in ancient city of Visegrad, Hungary location very special, commemorating congress in Visegrad in 1335 attended by kings of Bohemia, Hungary and Poland both meetings aimed at intensification of mutual cooperation and friendship among the three Central European countries. In 1993 after “velvet divorce” of two nations of former Czechoslovakia, both successor countries: Czech republic and the Slovak Republic remained members of V4



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The V4 has no institutional structure other than rotating presidency

cooperation between the respective ministries plays an important within the V4 framework.

This resulted in a number of joint projects, also in the field of transportation and tourism

the best known is Via Carpathia route.





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V4 cooperation consists of mutual contacts at all levels—from the highest-level political summits to expert and diplomatic meetings, to activities of the non-governmental associations, the neighboring regions, cultural institutions.

In line with that general approach, we invited our friends from other V4 countries to tighten our mutual co-operation, which already existed. On December 3rd, 2019 the letter of intent of close cooperation between PIARC National Committees of the V4 countries was signed in Warsaw. The ultimate goal of close ties will be the establishment of the Visegrad Road Association - a regional agreement of national associations and committees.



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2020.12.03 Warsaw





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We planned an international conference in June 2020, located in the beautiful town of Lidzbark Warmiński in Northern Poland.

A conference was to focus on the role of bicycles and other means of personal transportation like scooters in tourism and everyday transportation, including commuting.

Conference

~~Covid-19~~





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Ironically, Covid-19 added topicality to the main theme of the canceled conference

Reasons for that:

fear and reluctance of overseas flights for tourism

more stress on healthy life-style and outdoor activities

boost of popularity of bicycles and other personal means of transportation