Perception of Visegrad in V4 Countries

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Methodological note

- Public opinion polls conducted in May – July 2015
- Sample sizes:  
  - Czech Republic, N=1065
  - Hungary, N=1001
  - Poland, N=1000
  - Slovakia, N=1067
- Basic frequencies in %
- Samples are representative for the adult population (age 18+) in each country
- Fieldworks have been conducted by:
  
  - STEM (Czech Republic)
  - Tárki (Hungary)
  - Stratega Poland (Poland)
  - FOCUS (Slovakia)

- The project is financially supported by International Visegrad Fund and coordinated by the Institute for Public Affairs (Slovakia)
• Public Awareness of the V4 Cooperation
• Perception of its Importance
• Trust within the Visegrad and Beyond
• Images about us and the others
• Contacts and Interactions within V4
Have you heard about a group of countries, called Visegrad Four, or Visegrad group? (responses in %)

Source: IVF, 2015

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Slovaks, Czechs, Hungarians, Poles
I have heard about the V4 and I know what it is (responses in %)

Cooperation among V4 started in early 1990s. Is it still important and has a mission to fulfill? (responses “definitely + rather yes” in %)

Source: IVF, 2003 and 2015
In your opinion, what are the most important priority areas for the Visegrad cooperation?

(pick three which do you find most important; responses in %)

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Source: IVF, 2015
What do you think to what extent could we trust on following nations and rely on them? **Czechs about:**
(responses „definitely + rather trust“ and „definitely + rather distrust“, in %)

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What do you think to what extent could we trust on following nations and rely on them? Hungarians about:
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(responses „definitely + rather trust“ and „definitely + rather distrust“, in %)

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What do you think to what extent could we trust on following nations and rely on them? **Slovaks about:**
(responses „definitely + rather trust“ and „definitely + rather distrust“, in %)

- **Czechs**: 78% trust, 5% distrust
- **Austrians**: 49% trust, 13% distrust
- **Poles**: 44% trust, 18% distrust
- **Croats**: 40% trust, 18% distrust
- **Germans**: 40% trust, 27% distrust
- **French**: 35% trust, 38% distrust
- **English**: 31% trust, 30% distrust
- **Russians**: 30% trust, 28% distrust
- **Hungarians**: 27% trust, 27% distrust
- **Slovenian**: 17% trust, 45% distrust
- **Americans**: 17% trust, 44% distrust
- **Ukrainians**: 17% trust, 45% distrust

Source: IVF, 2015
Evaluate according to the following criteria
**Czechs about:**
(responses in %)

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Source: IVF, 2015
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**Hungarians about:**

(responses in %)

![Category Chart with data](chart.png)

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Source: IVF, 2015
Is anybody in your family – in broader kinship – who lives:...
(responses „yes“ in %)

Source: IVF, 2015
Do you have friends or acquaintances among:...
(responses „yes“ in %)

Source: IVF, 2015
Have you ever visited Czech Republic as a tourist or for recreational reasons? (responses „yes“ in %)

- 21% (responses „yes“)
- 35% (responses „yes“)
- 75% (responses „yes“)

If yes, how would you assess the attractiveness of the Czech Republic as a tourist destination?

- 39% High
- 61% Neither high nor low
- 1% Low
- 1% Don’t know

- 40% High
- 57% Neither high nor low
- 2% Low
- 1% Don’t know

- 31% High
- 68% Neither high nor low
- 1% Low
- 1% Don’t know

Source: IVF, 2015
Have you ever visited Hungary as a tourist or for recreational reasons?
(responses „yes“ in %)

46 %
18 %
60 %

If yes, how would you assess the attractiveness of the Hungary as a tourist destination?

Source: IVF, 2015
Have you ever visited **Poland** as a tourist or for recreational reasons? (responses "yes" in %)

- **43%**
- **18%**
- **49%**

If yes, how would you assess the attractiveness of the **Poland** as a tourist destination?

Source: IVF, 2015
Have you ever visited **Slovakia** as a tourist or for recreational reasons? (responses „yes“ in %)

- **76 %**
  - High: 39%
  - Neither high nor low: 59%

- **31 %**
  - High: 53%
  - Neither high nor low: 43%

- **27 %**
  - High: 43%
  - Neither high nor low: 53%

If yes, how would you assess the attractiveness of the **Slovakia** as a tourist destination?

- **76 %**
  - High: 3%
  - Neither high nor low: 1%
  - Low: 94%
  - Don’t know: 0%

- **31 %**
  - High: 2%
  - Neither high nor low: 2%
  - Low: 95%
  - Don’t know: 0%

- **27 %**
  - High: 3%
  - Neither high nor low: 2%
  - Low: 94%
  - Don’t know: 0%

Source: IVF, 2015
In last years have you seen a movie, a theatre performance or have you read a book by author/s coming from:...
(responses „yes“ in %)

Source: IVF, 2015
Have you ever bought consumer durables products like for example car, household’s equipment, electronics and alike, made in the **Czech Republic**?

(responses „yes“ in %)

11 %

If yes, how would you assess/evaluate the quality of these products made in the **Czech Republic**?

- **High**
- Neither high nor low
- **Low**
- Don’t know

Source: IVF, 2015
Have you ever bought consumer durables products like for example car, household’s equipment, electronics and alike, made in the Hungary?
(responses „yes“ in %)

13 %

If yes, how would you assess/evaluate the quality of these products made in the Hungary?

- High: 63%
- Neither high nor low: 33%
- Low: 4%
- Don’t know: 4%

Source: IVF, 2015
Have you ever bought consumer durables products like for example car, household’s equipment, electronics and alike, made in the Poland?
(responses „yes“ in %)

27 % 10 % 29 %

If yes, how would you assess/evaluate the quality of these products made in the Poland?

Source: IVF, 2015
Have you ever bought consumer durables products like for example car, household’s equipment, electronics and alike, made in the Slovakia?
(responses „yes“ in %)

33 % 10 % 5 %

If yes, how would you assess/evaluate the quality of these products made in the Slovakia?

Source: IVF, 2015
Have you ever bought food or beverages, which were produced in the **Czech Republic**?
(responses „yes“ in %)

- **27 %**
- **34 %**
- **86 %**

If yes, how would you assess/evaluate the quality of these products made in the **Czech Republic**?

- **High**:
  - **35 %**
  - **48 %**
  - **39 %**

- **Neither high nor low**:  
  - **64 %**
  - **49 %**
  - **60 %**

- **Low**:  
  - **1 %**
  - **1 %**
  - **1 %**

- **Don’t know**
  - **2 %**
  - **1 %**
  - **49 %**

Source: IVF, 2015
Have you ever bought food or beverages, which were produced in the **Hungary**?
(responses „yes“ in %)

58 %

19 %

64 %

If yes, how would you assess/evaluate the quality of these products made in the **Hungary**?

- **High**
- **Neither high nor low**
- **Low**
- **Don’t know**

Source: IVF, 2015
Have you ever bought food or beverages, which were produced in the **Poland**?
(responses „yes“ in %)

If yes, how would you assess/evaluate the quality of these products made in the **Poland**?

Source: IVF, 2015
Have you ever bought food or beverages, which were produced in the Slovakia?
(responses „yes“ in %)

83 %
32 %
22 %

If yes, how would you assess/evaluate the quality of these products made in the Slovakia?

Source: IVF, 2015
Ďakujeme za pozornosť.