

Key Areas of the Presidency of the Visegrad Group 2009-2010

Since 1 July 2009, Hungary is presiding the Visegrad Group in accordance with the goals set forth in the Presidency Program approved by the V4 Prime Ministers during their summit on 3-4 June, held in Krakow. Amongst the issues included in the Presidency Program the five key areas are as follows: Euro-Atlantic integration of the Western Balkans, Eastern Partnership, energy security, regional and cohesion policy and the Central European Roma Strategy.

Apart from the objectives of the key areas of the Hungarian Presidency of the Visegrad Group, those actions are to be presented below, which can contribute to the achievement of such objectives.

Euro-Atlantic Integration of the Western Balkans

Objectives

We share the interest in a stable and prosperous Western Balkans that is fully integrated into the EU. We are convinced that the main instrument of the stabilization of the Western Balkan region is to provide the necessary frameworks for its Euro-Atlantic integration process, while on the other hand, strengthening, deepening and encouraging people to people contacts, in particular between young generations. The main objective of the common V4-policy towards the region (in accordance with the 2004 Visegrad Declaration) is to strengthen these processes, particularly at a time when the EU is confronted with many internal challenges..

The Hungarian Presidency intends to support the Stabilization and Association Process and the priorities set out within European partnership goals with the instruments, programs and experiences of the Visegrad Group. Taking into account that the countries of the region are in different SAP advancement stages, our goal is to provide support to these countries to reach the next stage.

The Hungarian Presidency attaches great importance to supporting Bosnia and Herzegovina's MAP-invitation and the endeavours of Montenegro as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina for full-fledged membership in NATO. Regarding the NATO integration of Macedonia, the V4 intends to continue the lobbying activity for the earliest invitation of the country. The V4 will pay special attention, possibly as well as in form of joint V4 actions, to the development of NATO-Serbian relationship, in particular via the Partnership for Peace (PfP).

It is desirable to maintain meaningful presence of KFOR in Kosovo, in line with the relevant decisions of the NAC and development of the security conditions. The Hungarian Presidency aims at promoting the harmonization and coordination of the positions of the Four on NATO integration of Macedonia, Montenegro, as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina; while identifying the opportunities of joint actions and available instruments.

In case of those Western Balkan countries that have already submitted (or submit in the future) their Application for EU membership, it is our goal to facilitate their progress towards the future decision on their candidate status and the opening of their accession negotiations (on the basis of the European Commission's avis) within the frameworks already laid down and proved to be efficient.

The V4 intends to encourage the governments of the region to meet the EU standards and criteria for the regional and country-specific problems, in particular those outlined in the 2009 Enlargement Package of the European Commission.

It is in our mutual interest to promote the visa liberalization process of the region. Consequently, these are necessary conditions for the successful implementation of those V4 programs promoting mobility. Bearing in mind the given regional interconnections, particular attention will be given to the promotion of visa liberalization progress with those countries that are still to meet the necessary conditions, with a view to enjoy visa free regime as soon as possible, ideally by the first half of 2010. In relations to the Western Balkan Countries, V4 should support EU cooperation in Justice and Home affairs by means of its particular V4 activities developing both current and newly envisaged EU initiatives like Stockholm Programme.

During the Hungarian Presidency, the Visegrad Group shall support the stabilization and reform processes in Kosovo. A common V4 policy – overcoming constructively the divergences over the status of Kosovo - could play a model role in this issue. We therefore attach particular importance to working out common solutions and discussions on possible frameworks.

Action plan

1. Objective: Encouraging public relationships

- Setting of common priorities in order to promote the coordination of development policies. Consider possible joint projects on, and the rationalization of micro projects in the Western Balkans.
- Requesting feedbacks from NGOs receiving IDC support about the efficiency of certain interventions (by the contribution of our embassies there is already an existing mechanism). Exchange of information.
- Enhancing communication with NGOs from the destination countries including through organizing expert meetings that would provide them an opportunity to introduce themselves and to share their own demands and experiences stemming from their application process.
- Preparing a summary publications and sharing them with V4 partners. Release of a publication on the websites of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs / other Ministries, about the benefits of the accomplished projects supported by the V4 countries.
- Convocation of a V4 Business Forum in Budapest in Spring 2010 (involvement of sponsors).

- Student meeting: meeting of scholars from the Western Balkan countries in Budapest, at the Central European University, with the participation of the representatives of students from V4 countries (Topics: mobility, scholarships, etc.)
- Improving the knowledge on the EU, with special focus on universities (e.g. a road show in the region); providing assistance to the Western Balkan countries in drawing up their own EU communication strategies.

2. Objective: Political marketing, promotion of EU integration and approximation to EU acquis by the Western-Balkan countries

General steps for promoting the integration:

- The extended V4 Foreign Ministerial meeting held in Budapest, 6 October 2009 with the participation of the ministers of Belgium, Spain, as well as the Western Balkan countries and the representative of the Swedish EU Presidency.
- For the purpose of preparing the extended Foreign Ministerial meeting, a V4 expert meeting (heads of territorial departments in charge of the Western Balkans) was organised on 18 September 2009 in Budapest.
- International Conference on Bosnia and Herzegovina (organized by the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs)
Date: 5-6 November 2009
Invitees: senior Bosnian politicians + experts from Hungary, Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as from other countries.
- Joint Visit of V4 + German and UK political directors to Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to support progress in reforms aiming to strengthen functionality of the state.
- V4 expert consultation (3 times; at the level of heads of department) on the following topics:
 - o Visa-free regime, cooperation in border surveillance, migration
 - o International involvement in the Balkans, possibility of further steps
 - o Transfer of experience on the EU and NATO integration
- Joint visit of V4 deputy heads of mission to the EU integration offices/directorates in every Western Balkan country in order to collect information on the implementation of laws, its difficulties and deficiencies, and to serve as a mobile information point on EU events, V4-experiences, etc.
- Seminars (by V4 experts) for young public administration employees in the Western Balkan countries to assist in developing public administration that effectively addresses the requirements of EU integration.
- Promotion, according to the Ministerial Declaration of 6 October 2009, continuing of EUFOR/Althea in BiH under current mandate until the completion of OHR closure and its transition to a reinforced EUSR Office.

Sectoral events – to promote implementation of national integration programs

- Meeting of V4 (and like minded) ministers of transport + Western Balkan countries on the incorporation to the program of the Trans-European Transport Networks.

- Meeting of V4 (and like minded) energy ministers in order to improve energy interconnections in the region and between the region and the EU. (*This year's gas crisis and the Serbian need for Hungarian help makes it a very current issue.*)
- Meeting of V4 ministers of economy on the Western Balkans region, with special attention to assist in the social and economic development of Kosovo
- Providing technical/expert assistance to the countries that have not met the visa-liberalisation criteria yet (e.g. the integrated border management and other priority areas identified in the European Commission's Progress Reports).
- Examination of prospects for Twinning Programs with the competent Ministries.

3. Objective: Encouraging scientific researches and promoting their visibility:

- Meeting of the leaders of foundations dealing with the development of the Western Balkans, from V4 and like minded countries.
- Meeting of the directors of the V4 Institutes of International Affairs – working out a common V4 scientific research project for the Western Balkans, coordinated the Hungarian Institute of Foreign Affairs. The four institutes of international affairs have a common V4 project aiming at organising conferences focusing on the analysis of the foreign policies of the V4 countries.

Common V4 actions towards Eastern neighbours

Eastern Partnership

Objectives

It is of great importance that the V4 should provide active support to the efforts of the EU Presidencies and the Commission in implementation of the Eastern Partnership.

However, Eastern Partnership cannot be successful without the increased efforts of the partners. This must be communicated by the Visegrad Group countries in a consistent way towards the target countries of the region and made them aware of that currently the EU is not capable providing a better offer for them. The inspiration of the cooperation between the partners through transfer of the available exceptional V4 experiences is also an aim to be achieved. It must be clarified for them that the Eastern Partnership can significantly contribute to their preparation and European alignment even without ensuring perspective for their membership. The only way how the initiative can be successful is that if realistic targets are to be laid down.

The successful closure of negotiations between the EU and Ukraine concerning Association Agreement and the start of EU-Moldova Agreement negotiation shall be encouraged during the V4 Hungarian Presidency, in the framework of Eastern Partnership bilateral dimension. As for the relationship of the EU and its Eastern neighbors, particular attention should be paid to the promotion of Visa Facilitation Agreements and visa dialogue aiming at visa liberalization – in case of partners meeting the criteria. Further development of cooperation with Belarus is essential both on bilateral and on multilateral level in the framework of the Eastern Partnership in order to positively influence the political, economic and social transformation of the country.

In connection with the multilateral dimension of the Eastern Partnership the V4 should endeavor that multilateral meetings and projects provide real support for the European alignment of our partners, convergence to EU policies and the necessary democratic and economic reforms and effective regional cooperation. The multilateral dimension provides an efficient framework for sharing V4 experiences and for the coordination of V4 supports towards the eastern partners.

It is of utmost importance to harmonize the positions of the Four on the issues of Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Belarus, Armenia and Azerbaijan furthermore to identify the possibilities of joint actions and the available instruments.

The Hungarian Presidency aims at providing support for the smooth Euro-Atlantic integration process of Ukraine.

Action Plan

- As a demonstration of our political commitment, the Hungarian Presidency of the Visegrad Group plans to organise an extended V4 Foreign Ministerial meeting with the participation of the Foreign Ministers of Belgium, Spain and the Baltic states and the Eastern Partnership (February 2010).
- The issue of the Eastern Partnership is to be put onto the agenda of the consultation of ministers for development cooperation (level of state secretaries) to be held on the margin of GAERC (16-17 November): exchange of experiences gained in the countries of the Eastern Partnership; identification of common priorities (states, sectors).
- V4 consultation of the Heads of departments on the issue of the implementation of the Eastern Partnership, more precisely the identification of opportunities for involvement regarding concrete projects. Topics are as follows:
 - o Taking into account the experiences of the V4 countries related to their EU integration and that of gained during their economic transition period, common institutional development programmes should be worked out for our Eastern European partners.
 - o Coordination of bilateral projects of the Four towards the eastern countries, elaboration a possible register, including experiences in the field of monitoring activities. (This register could be worked out via electronic mail, in case of an agreement made at the appropriate level, e.g. at the level of DG.DEV.)
- Joint visit of V4 Political Directors in Belarus in order to enhance the cooperation and deliver our political messages.
- Joint meetings of the V4 ambassadors based in Chisinau for the purpose of delivering our political messages to the Moldovan partners and assessing the interests, position and demands for projects of Chisinau in connection with the Eastern Partnership.
- In connection with the cooperation of our diplomatic missions (for the facilitation of people-to-people contacts); issues related to the necessary steps for visa liberalisation; supporting the preparation of our partners for agreements on visa facilitation and for the visa dialogue aiming at visa liberalisation in the long run:
 - o Reaffirming/relaunch of the already existing V4 cooperation related to the reduction of visa fees for Belorussian citizens (e.g. by common non-paper); strengthening of consular cooperation between V4 Consulates.
 - o Considering the opportunities for a cooperation of our diplomatic missions in the partner states on visa issues (based on the existing network of diplomatic missions and proposals).
- Consultations on security policy for the exchange and coordination of V4 positions. Similar consultations would be desirable with the participation of

Ukraine and Russia (*even jointly with other meetings or on the margin of other events*):

- Closed V4 security policy consultations on Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova and Belarus at the level of the Political Directors. Proposed date: October – November 2009.
- Consultation at the level of head of departments on V4+Ukraine. Proposed date: end of 2009. Issues: NATO-Ukraine relationship; Ukraine-Russia relationship; Crimea; energy security.
- V4+Ukraine consultations of NATO ambassadors on objectives and implementation of NATO Annual National Plan, discussion on communication strategy. Proposed date: end of 2009.
- Closed V4 security policy consultation on Russia at the level of Political Directors. Topics: NATO – Russia relations; Medvedev's proposal; energy security; possibilities of counterbalancing Russian politics in the region of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Consultation at the level of head of departments in the framework of V4+Russia format. Topics: NATO – Russia relations; Medvedev's proposal; new forms of security policy challenges.

Energy security

Objectives

Countries of the Visegrad Group must strengthen their contribution to the establishment of a regional electricity and natural gas markets, in particular in the field of national, intraregional and cross border gas and electricity interconnectors and interconnections, within the framework of European Economic Recovery Plan.

Continuous, coordinated actions shall be taken on all competent EU fora for a higher allocation of EU financial resources to all projects with the potential of increase the energy security of the region. In accordance with the decision of the V4 Prime Ministers, the “V4 High Level Working Group on Energy Issues” was set up for a better coordination of V4 cooperation on energy issues.

In order to diversify the natural gas supply of the V4 countries additional resources should be involved. For this purpose cooperation should be strengthened in creating of an intergrated V4 regional gas network, the Southern Corridor and the Nabucco Project as its integral part, the building of the north-south transportation corridor through the region, as well as the establishing of the planned Croatian and Polish Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminals. It also considered important to have bidirectional interconnections, supporting first of all short term disruption management.

The Hungarian Presidency intends to encourage cooperation for the long-term settlement of Ukrainian gas transit disputes. Common regional projects of planning and implementation are necessary to prevent further gas crises. The support of the membership of Ukraine in the Energy Community is also considered as an important factor of the energy security of the region.

Coordinated actions shall be taken on competent EU fora to reach a political agreement on EC Regulation on the natural gas supply security, in a spirit of solidarity. A community based awareness and preparedness should be raised to respond of an eventual gas crisis. It reflects the interests of all Member States and the V4 region.

Coordination of the V4 position at regular basis is desirable as well as coordinated steps, when it needed, in the field of energy security in particular at the European forum and in relation to Russia.

Action plan

Proposal for the activity of the V4 High Level Working Group

- Definition and construction of missing interconnections in our region are important in avoiding of short term disruptions of supply and for the creation of the internal EU energy market. The Head of the HLWG initiates regular consultations with the contribution of our attachés in Brussels to acquire further political, financial and energy political support, furthermore convenes

the meetings of the HLWG, prepares the text of the common positions to be taken by the competent EU fora and forwards it to the actual EU Presidency.

- The Head of the HLWG initiates regular consultations of the attachés in Brussels and convenes HLWG meetings in order to coordinate the efforts of introducing the interests towards an increase of energy supply security of the region in the EU 2010-2012 Energy Security and Solidarity Action Plan. If necessary, the Head of HLWG prepares the draft texts of V4 common positions to be represented on competent EU fora.
- The Head of the HLWG convenes consultations in V4 format, with the participation of our energy attachés, in connection with the creation of new framework and financial basis of the Trans European Energy Networks (TEN-E). The Head prepares the draft V4 common positions to be represented on competent EU fora in order to represent involved projects and corridors, which are affecting V4, East-Central-European and South-East-European regional energy security more strongly than before.
- Coordination of positions of V4 countries in order to facilitate the work-out of EC Regulation on the security of natural gas supply and effective gas crisis management mechanisms on the national as well as on the Community level should be based on European common market and solidarity mechanism. The Head prepares the joint text of V4 common position if needed, to be represented on competent EU fora.

In respect of security policy and security of supply

- Consultations are to be held every six months on issues concerning the energy security of V4 region, with the participation of ambassadors/responsible persons (and other experts if needed). Because of the diversification demands, measures by Russia, etc., the Presidency initiates exchange of information and harmonisation of our positions and assessments on the above mentioned questions and their security policy aspects.
- Since we cannot exclude the possibility of the recurrence of the January gas crisis, ad hoc consultations on the Russia-Ukraine relations are needed. Combined assessment of the developments of the energy contacts of the two countries, as well as the events and expectable outcomes of the crisis is of utmost importance, which also makes possible the harmonization of our actions, messages and proposals to Brussels.

Cohesion and Regional Policy

Objectives

The Hungarian Presidency of the Visegrad Group intends to identify the issues in the area of Cohesion Policy to be represented by all the four countries in connection with the topical questions of the implementation system, as well as the framework of the future Cohesion Policy being in preparation. This is an important area of the V4 cooperation, bearing in mind that Hungary and Poland will chair the EU presidency in a crucial period for the future of the Cohesion Policy. The potential for representing national interests during the Hungarian EU Presidency is rather limited, therefore common interests shall be identified prior to the presidential periods as a basis for future V4 common positions.

The debate on the Cohesion Policy of the next programming period beginning with 2014 is still on the agenda since May 2007. Now, the first documents adopted by the Commission are already available, providing an orientation for the further debate on the frameworks of the future Cohesion Policy. At the current stage, the Hungarian Presidency considers that we shall focus on the issues of the allocation of resources, as well as a more efficient and flexible implementation system. The Hungarian Presidency intends to consider the possibilities of financing the integrated developments at expert level, analyzing the obstacles and difficulties stemming from the existing system in order to find appropriate approaches for the future.

Besides these intentions, topical issues of the implementation of the current programs will remain on the agenda of our usual V4 meetings. In the second year of launching the programs of the 2007-2013 period, the focus is more and more on the irregularities. Upon the Hungarian experience, a significant number of such irregularities are in connection with public procurement provisions. In accordance with this observation, the Hungarian Presidency of the Visegrad Group is to hold consultations at expert level on the issue of irregularities related to public procurement aiming at especially exchanging of experience of the V4 countries in the given issue.

Regarding the issue of regional development, a common regional planning and development document will be worked out for the territory of the V4 countries as well as Romania and Bulgaria in accordance with the points set forth in the ministerial declaration signed in June 2008, during the Czech Presidency. This common project was launched during the Czech Presidency, nevertheless in the forthcoming year our Presidency intends to give new impetus to the process. This activity shall aim in particular at working out a common strategy of regional development for the V4+2. Such a document would promote a more harmonic and efficient spatial development of the macro region and contribute to setting up a common platform with the purpose of influencing the fundamental policies of the EU in line with our common interests.

Action plan

Each of the following events and consultations specified below represent another step of the discourse on the future of the Cohesion Policy launched in 2007. These

events are to promote the establishment of the conditionality of the Cohesion Policy for the next period starting with 2014.

1./ Regarding the Cohesion Policy the events to be held during the Hungarian Presidency are as follows:

- Consultation of experts for a better coordination of positions and a more efficient promotion of our common interests (on the role of the Cohesion Policy within the economic policies of the Member States and the EU). Objective: establishing coordinated positions.
- High level expert meeting dealing with the long term sustainability of the Cohesion Policy (identification of fields, programs and projects as a contribution to intensifying the competitiveness; interconnections between the Cohesion Policy and other policies of the European Community, the possible role of the Cohesion Policy in the management of new challenges) – February 2010. Objective: establishing and enforcing common positions in the debates on the future of the Cohesion Policy.
- Expert meeting on the issue of integrated developments - November 2009
- Expert meeting on the issue of financial management and control – May 2010
- Informal ministerial meeting: the thematic priority of the meeting will be the signing of the declaration on the common strategic position of V4+2 countries on regional development.
- Expert meeting on irregularities in connection with public procurements - October 2009. Objective: establishing common positions for the prevention of such irregularities.

2./ Regarding the Regional Policy, the following elements are involved in the common regional planning and development cooperation of the V4+2 countries:

- The Hungarian Presidency of the Visegrad Group intends to make further progress in the preparation of the document aiming at defining the common V4+2 domains and axes of transportation and development.
- Contribution to finalizing the document defining the domains and axes of cooperation in transport and development of the V4+2 countries, coordinated by the Czech Institute for Territorial Development (simultaneous presentation of the current situation and national intentions).
- Further progress is to be made in order to establish a common professional terminology on regional development for the countries involved (V4 glossary) on the basis of the Hungarian-Slovak territorial development glossary. Objective: creating a multilingual glossary on regional planning.

- Development of the frameworks of the common V4+2 regional development strategy; adoption of a common strategic position/declaration on regional development during the Hungarian presidency at expert and ministerial level. This common position/declaration is to map out the further steps of the cooperation towards the establishment of a common strategy, and the adoption of common positions on processes shaping the EU's future. This would be the basis of a detailed common regional strategy.
- Mapping the potentially available national and EU resources as an initial step towards the establishment of the common strategy. Objective: mapping potentially available resources in the countries involved.
- Meeting at ministerial level in Budapest related to the above specified actions as a support for their implementation.

Time schedule for the implementation of the specified tasks:

1. February 2010: one or two day meeting: "Macro-regional strategies", Budapest, among other topics on the overview of the current situation of the V4+2 common regional development strategy.
2. February 2010: one day meeting of experts, Budapest, on the adoption of the common strategic positions of the V4+2 countries on regional development ; final drafting of the declaration to be adopted on the meeting of the ministers.
3. March – April 2010: V4+2 meeting of the ministers of regional development in Budapest (adoption of the declaration previously adopted at expert level, in February 2010).

Central European Roma Strategy

Objectives

Our aim is to strengthen the cooperation in the field of the Roma integration between the V4 countries, making use of the experience gained by the Decade of Roma Inclusion Program. Regarding the issue of Roma integration cannot be raised to Community level but in an indirect way, therefore exchange of experiences and best practices shall be realised at regional level, as well as working out common proposals with the purpose of giving new impetus to a positive EU decision making in this issue.

Due to the complex nature of the issue, it is necessary to prepare and elaborate the appropriate expert background, background materials and proposals, as well as work out a summary analysis of the situation. Particular attention should be paid to the social status of the Roma population, legal environment of the fight against discrimination, implementation of criminal law provisions related to protection of human dignity and hate crime, justice, as well as to mechanisms of cooperation between governments and non-governmental organisations.

The Central-European Roma Strategy aims at providing possible answers to the most important two questions regarding the social inclusion of the Roma population based on the experiences from the previous years and particularly on the Decade of Roma Inclusion Program. Moreover in line of the adopted Common Basic Principles for Roma Inclusion, which were annexed to the EPSCO Council Conclusions of 8 June 2009, this strategy shall be an example of effective application of these principles into concrete answers in the two questions regarding the social inclusion. Firstly, the way to insure the equal access of Roma to sources (especially EU funds) in the field of education, employment, housing and health. Secondly, summarizing the instruments against discrimination and social exclusion, by which anti-gypsism and extreme powers which instigate against Roma, indicate fear in the society and endanger the constitutional state, can be effectively managed.

Action plan

The following events are planned to be organised during the Hungarian V4 Presidency:

- Expert meetings in 2010 (February, April and June) with the participation of experts of governments and non-governmental organisations from the countries involved (2 experts and 1 Roma non-governmental organisation from each country);
- Conference with representatives of the leaders of the Roma Community and young people.

The above mentioned events will contribute to achieving the following goals described in the "Objectives" section:

1. Strengthening of debating mechanisms in Roma issues on a regular basis in the frame of the Decade of Roma Inclusion. Poland will consider participating in the Decade as an observer."
2. In V4 countries, preparation of comparative studies,, change of existing best practices and make proposals in order to ensure the equal access of Roma to development sources (mainly EU funds) .
3. Comparing practices of national managing authorities in V4 countries and change of experiences for creating common actions and possible cooperation. Common proposals based on good practices of V4 countries should be made for the governments of the countries, of the European Union's institutions as well as for policy-makers in order to ensure better access of Roma to sources.
4. By studying the legal system, the law, the practice of law enforcement in the four countries, and considering the experiences of the other countries.
 - a. Constitution, law on the right to association, law on the right to assembly and law on the freedom of expression.
 - b. Studying the law enforcement concerning the above-mentioned law.
 - c. Criminal sanctions of hate speech.
5. Comparing experiences and good practices regarding hate crimes, involving V4 countries' judicial and law enforcement authorities, as well as regional human rights organisations.
6. Collecting effective measures which can contribute to preventing the extension of extreme ideologies in our countries, and in Europe.
7. As a result of the above mentioned, we submit proposals for preparing the Central- European Roma Strategy.
8. In order to implement the Central-European Roma Strategy, the European Commission should be involved in preparation of monitoring (follow-up and evaluation) system based on a concrete, detailed scheduled.
9. Preparation and implementation the public debate of the Central-European Roma Strategy.

November 2009 – June 2010 – V4 Roma Strategic Program

Following the "V4 Response to the Decade of Roma Inclusion" priority of the Visegrad Strategic Program set for 2010, preparatory steps had been started to set up a consultation forum of municipalities in the region who deal with the Roma agenda. The events of the project are the followings:

1. Consultations with experts (October 2009)
2. Selection of cases in each country (November 2009)
3. Fact-finding tours of the selected municipalities; invitation of their representatives to the conference (November 2009)
4. Application within the Visegrad Strategic Program (February 2010)
4. Conference: representatives of municipalities per country, government officials, experts, journalists (May-June 2010)
5. Creating a stable forum of municipalities who deal with Roma agenda (follow-up grant projects)