

*Connecting V4 And Other Regional Expert Network:
Visegrad Group and EU Nordic Countries*

EU Climate Policy and Regional Cooperation: Can Visegrad Group and EU Nordic Countries Do More Together?

Roundtable discussion
8-9 December 2020
10:00 - 11:30 AM CET
via Zoom

Visegrad Insight and Res Publica Foundation invite you to join a **roundtable discussion on the regional cooperation between V4 and EU Nordic Countries** that will take place online on **8-9 December 2020 at 10:00 - 11:30 AM CET**.

The United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union (EU) will inevitably reshape the dynamics of decision-making within the EU with the new alliances among the Member States established. Although the Visegrad Group is perceived as a strong regional player, there is still plenty of potential for it to build broader coalitions on a variety of issues. At the roundtable we intend to explore the potential for such a coalition between V4 and EU Nordic Countries.

Tuesday, 8 December 2020, 10:00 - 11:30 AM CET

On the Day 1 of the roundtable we will look into the current state of cooperation between V4 and EU Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland and Sweden), as well as whether there is a potential for the coalition between these two groups of countries within the EU in the future, and in which areas.

Invited speakers:

- Ambassador Juha Ottman, Embassy of Finland in Poland (TBC);
- Hans Mouritzen, Senior Researcher, Danish Institute for International Studies (Denmark);
- Juha Jokela, Programme Director, Finnish Institute of International Affairs (Finland);
- Mark Rhinard, Senior Research Fellow, Swedish Institute of International Affairs (Sweden).

Wednesday, 9 December 2020, 10:00 - 11:30 AM CET

On the Day 2 of the roundtable we plan to explore touch points between Visegrad Group and EU Nordic Countries with regard to the EU climate policy/Green Deal, and in particular look into what has been the level of cooperation in that regard so far; which areas of the policy could be of a common interest for both groups of countries in the future; can the groups do more acting together in this context, or whether the cooperation on a bilateral level is a better option.

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Invited speakers:

- Catharina Sørensen, Deputy Director, Think-tank EUROPA (Denmark);
- Henri Vogt, Professor, University of Turku (Finland);
- Jakob Lewander, Researcher, Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies (Sweden).

The roundtable discussions will be moderated by **Wojciech Przybylski**, Editor-In-Chief, Visegrad Insight, and involve contributions by the experts from the project partner organizations.

To participate in the event please [register here](#).

*The roundtable is part of the project “**Connecting V4 and other regional expert networks & researching potential for future EU coalitions**” aimed at building inter-regional connections across the EU through connecting V4 and other regional expert networks. The project is being implemented in partnership with the Association for International Affairs (AMO) (Czechia), Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy (CEID) (Hungary) and Slovak Foreign Policy Association (SFPA) (Slovakia) with the support of the [International Visegrad Fund](#) (IVF).*

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