

LA 4 V4 LEGAL ACCESSIBILITY among the V4 COUNTRIES

WHAT IS THIS?

Legal accessibility is an initiative taken at the level of Visegrad Four countries (Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia) which – in compliance with the most recent EU level developments – aims at alleviating cross-border mobility of workers, students, entrepreneurs, service providers, tourists, etc.

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

The project co-funded by the International Visegrad Fund included activities by which the partners aimed to create the background for a permanent V4 level mechanism envisaged to eliminate the legal and administrative obstacles between the four countries:

Information and Cooperation Handbook facilitating the set-up and operation of the new mechanism

Study on the Nordic Model (the Freedom of Movement Council) and **study tour** to Copenhagen

Consultation with the four governments and dissemination of the results

Proposal on a V4 level solution (Study on the Mobility Council)

WHY DOES LEGAL ACCESSIBILITY MATTER?

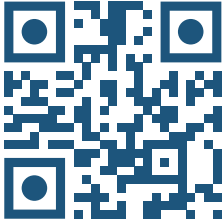
Since its establishment in 1991 and mainly during the last few years, V4 became a regional brand known worldwide. At the same time, regardless of the efforts made by the V4 Fund, the cooperation hardly influences the population's daily life: it is not simpler to work, to live, to study, to do business, to get married, etc. in other V4 countries. The difficulties stem from the differences between the national legislations and administrative rules. In order to strengthen the internal cohesion and cooperation of the four strategic partners, these obstacles should be decreased or even eliminated. The topic becomes more challenging when speaking about the development of integrated transport networks and economic ties. The initiative is in harmony with the efforts made by the European Commission (see the Cross-Border Review project, the Communication Boosting Growth and Cohesion in EU Border Regions and the EU Regulation on a European Cross-Border Mechanism).

WHAT IS THE PROPOSED SOLUTION?

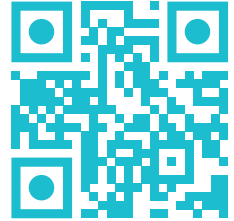
The partners drafted three alternative solutions from a really loose model through an easily operational solution to an overall institutional reform. The decision-makers of the four countries are invited to select one of these options. The core element of each model is a solution for coordination with a view to identify and resolve those obstacles hindering cross-border mobility and the realisation of integrated developments.

CESCI's Legal accessibility website

<http://legalaccess.cesci-net.eu/en/about-the-v4-project/>



Where can I find
MORE INFORMATION
on the topic?



Boosting Growth and Cohesion in EU Border Regions

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/information/publications/communications/2017/boosting-growth-and-cohesion-in-eu-border-regions

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More information: <https://www.visegradfund.org/>