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INVITATION

The German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) would like to invite you to the closing conference of the Visegrad Strategic Grant Project “Central European Perspectives – Integration Achievements and Challenges of the V4 States after Ten Years in the EU”

Germany and the Visegrad Countries (V4) Ten Years after the EU Enlargement: Achievements and Current Challenges

Monday, September 29, 2014, 9:30am–1:00pm

DGAP, Rauchstraße 17, 10787 Berlin

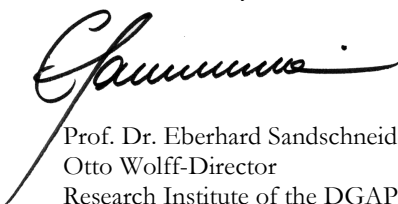
The year 2014 marks the ten-year anniversary of the accession of Central Europe's Visegrad countries (V4) to the European Union. In the past decade, not only have Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Hungary undergone enormous changes but the EU, too, is quite different from what it was in 2004. What effects have diverging domestic political and foreign policy developments had on cohesion within the Visegrad group as a whole? What impact have these changes had on the V4's position within the EU? How do the partners assess Berlin's role within the EU and on the international stage? How does each country view its own relations with Germany? And last but not least, what do they consider to be the cornerstones of Europe's future security architecture?

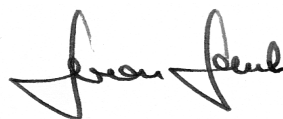
The conference is organized by the Robert Bosch Center for Central Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Asia at the DGAP and supported by the International Visegrad Fund.

The event will be held in English. Please find the agenda attached. Lunch will be served after the discussion. Please RSVP to Yulia Loeva by September 26 by e-mail or fax (loeva@dgap.org, 030/25 42 31 91).

We would be delighted to welcome you to this event.

Yours sincerely,


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Agenda

<i>9:00am</i>	Registration of participants
<i>9:30–11:00am</i>	Panel discussion Germany and the V4: Lessons Learned after Ten Years of Common EU Integration
<i>11:00–11:30am</i>	Coffee break
<i>11:30am–1:00pm</i>	Round table discussion The Current State of German-Visegrad Relations from the European Security Perspective
<i>1:00pm</i>	Lunch

Speakers:	Vít Dostál Director of the Research Institute, Association for International Affairs (AMO), Prague
	Professor Andrea Gawrich Justus-Liebig-University Gießen, Associate Fellow, DGAP
	Daniel Hegedűs Program Officer, DGAP
	Dominik P. Jankowski Head of the International Analysis Division, National Security Bureau, Warsaw
	Milan Nič Managing Director, Central European Policy Institute (CEPI), Bratislava
Chair:	Dr. Gereon Schuch (panel discussion) Deputy Director of the Research Institute, DGAP
	Dr. Henning Riecke (round table discussion) Head of Program, Transatlantic Relations, DGAP

Vít Dostál directs the research center of the Association for International Affairs (AMO) in Prague. He is pursuing his doctorate in European studies at the Faculty of Social Studies of the Masaryk University in Brno. He covers Polish domestic and foreign policy, Central-European cooperation, and Czech foreign and European policy.

Andrea Gawrich is professor of international integration at Justus-Liebig-University Gießen. She received her habilitation from the University of Kiel and her PhD from the University of Bochum. She served as acting professor at the Universities of Kiel and Duisburg-Essen and was guest lecturer at the Euro faculty-Lectureship at the University of Tartu/Estonia. She studied history and social sciences at the University of Bochum and has received research grants from the DAAD, the Thyssen-Foundation, and the Cusanuswerk. In 2002–03, she was head of the East Central Europe program at the DGAP.

Daniel Hegedűs is program officer of the Robert Bosch Center for Central Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Asia at the DGAP and a visiting lecturer at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Eötvös Loránd University Budapest.

Dominik P. Jankowski is acting head of the International Analysis Division at the National Security Bureau of the Republic of Poland. In 2012, he became a member of the Atlantic Council's Young Atlanticist Working Group and was granted two prestigious scholarships (2012 Marshall Memorial Fellowship by the German Marshall Fund; 2012 "Personnalités d'avenir défense" by the French Ministry of Defense). In 2014, he became a member of the Munich Young Leaders (a joint initiative of the Körber Foundation and the Munich Security Conference).

Milan Nič is executive director of the Central European Policy Institute, a Bratislava-based think tank. He previously worked for the Slovak foreign ministry, the PONTIS Foundation, and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty.