Visegrad is (not) dead

Foreign policy and Image management
Interest-oriented community

- Homo Visegradicus was dead before it was born.
- Interests are agreed upon on political level.
- Epistemic community – a group of people who do not have any specific history together, but search for a common idea.
- Common Visegrad security identity as part of a long-term project by four Visegrad security think-tanks.
Common interests?

- Have to be defined against external aspects:
  - Russian policy towards EE,
  - energy policy,
  - assistance in transition and democratization
  - ...
- EU as union of thematic rather than regional coalitions

- jointly contribute to the fulfilment of the European Union's common goals
- assist countries aspiring for EU membership by sharing and transmitting their knowledge and experience
- contribute to shaping and implementing the European Union's policies towards the countries of Eastern and Southeastern Europe
- ready to cooperate in specific areas of common interest
Image management

- Visegrad Houses (Cape town, Crimea)
- International Visegrad Fund
- Visegrad battle group (as of 2016)
- Meetings of ministers in V4+ format
- Numerous cultural and scientific projects
DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- HOW TO PRESENT V4 ACTIVITIES?
- WHAT INTERESTS TO FURTHER ON EU LEVEL?