

**Contract on the Provision of Financial Resources
from the International Visegrad Fund's
Visegrad Grant No. 22430220**

(hereinafter only the "Contract")

1. CONTRACTING PARTIES

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and

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hereinafter referred to as the "Grantee"

1.3 The Fund and the Grantee are hereinafter jointly referred to as only "Contracting Parties".

1.4 The Contracting Parties enter into this Contract on the Provision of Financial Resources from the International Visegrad Fund under the conditions and with the subject matter stipulated below.

2. SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACT

2.1 The subject of this Contract is the definition of the conditions for the payment of financial support from the Fund to support the activities of the Grantee within the project named "**How Generation Z perceives access to education and capacities in the V4 region**", on the basis of the Grantee's proposal in the application submitted via the Fund's Online System as defined below (the "Application") under serial No. **22430220** (the "Project"). To avoid any doubts, Contracting Parties declare and agree that after the Application is submitted via the Online System, it cannot be changed by either Contracting Party.

2.2 The Grantee specified the following project partners for the implementation of the Project:

Partner No. 1.

Name of the organization in its native language: Politechnika Rzeszowska	
Name of the organization in English: Rzeszow University of Technology	
Address: al. Powstańców Warszawy 12 , Rzeszów, 35-959 , PL	PL
Statutory representative: Piotr Koszelnik	
BIN:	Registered VAT payer: yes

Partner No. 2.

Name of the organization in its native language: Uniwersytet Szczeciński	
Name of the organization in English: University of Szczecin	
Address: al. Papieża Jana Pawła II 22a, Szczecin, 70-453, PL	PL
Statutory representative: Waldemar Tarczyński	
BIN: N	Registered VAT payer: yes

Partner No. 3.

Name of the organization in its native language: Mendelova univerzita v Brně	
Name of the organization in English: Mendel University in Brno	
Address: Zemědělská 1, Brno, 613 00, CZ	CZ
Statutory representative: Jan Mareš	
BIN:	Registered VAT payer: yes

Partner No. 4.

Name of the organization in its native language: AMBIS vysoká škola, a.s.	
Name of the organization in English: AMBIS University	
Address: Lindnerova 575/1, Prague, 180 00, CZ	CZ
Statutory representative: Martina Mannová (rector), Radek Stavinocha (CEO)	
BIN: 6	Registered VAT payer: yes

Partner No. 5.

Name of the organization in its native language: Žilinská univerzita v Žiline	
Name of the organization in English: University of Žilina	
Address: Univerzitná 8215/1, Žilina, 010 26, SK	SK
Statutory representative: Ján Čelko	
BIN: S	Registered VAT payer: yes

Partner No. 6.

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Name of the organization in its native language: Slovenská technická univerzita v Bratislave	
Name of the organization in English: The Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava	
Address: Vazovova 2757/5, Bratislava, 812 43, SK	SK
Statutory representative: Oliver Moravčík	
BIN: I	Registered VAT payer: yes

Partner No. 7.

Name of the organization in its native language: Pannon Egyetem	
Name of the organization in English: University of Pannonia	
Address: Egyetem u. 10, Veszprém, 8200, HU	HU
Statutory representative: dr. András Gelencsér (Rector), Zsolt Csillag (Chancellor) (will become the new Rector on 1 July: dr.	
BIN: I	Registered VAT payer: yes

All of the above-mentioned partners are hereinafter jointly referred to only as the "Project Partners".

2.3 The subject of the Project shall be supported by the Fund with an amount of up to **€20,000.00** under conditions set forth below in this Contract (the "Grant").

2.4 The Grantee is obliged to implement the Project in compliance with the time frame and financial and other conditions stipulated in the Contract.

2.5 The Grantee is obliged to keep the Fund updated with regard to the Project via the grant management online system available at <http://my.visegradfund.org/> (the "Online System"). The Grantee is also obliged to submit requests for budget changes and extensions of the implementation period of the Project through the Online System as further specified in the Grant Guidelines. Requests for substantial changes must be submitted to the Fund in writing and approved by the Fund as further specified in the Grant Guidelines. The Grantee is obliged to inform the Fund with no delay (max. within 10 calendar days from such a change) in writing of any internal changes of the Grantee, such as changes of the Grantee's official name, registered seat, statutory representatives, registration for VAT, etc.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT

3.1 The Contracting Parties agree that the Project shall last from **20/01/2025** to **20/04/2026** (the "Implementation Period").

3.2 Particular stages of the Project implementation are specified in Attachments No. 1 and 2 hereof ("List of Outputs" and "Calendar of Events"). The Grantee is obliged to maintain an up-to-date Calendar of Events. Any change in the dates, venues and details of events originally stipulated in the Calendar of Events must be updated and confirmed in the Online System within 30 to 10 calendar days prior to the planned date. The Grantee is allowed to modify the Calendar of Events without the Fund's prior approval to the extent specified in the Grant Guidelines. Unconfirmed events and/or unauthorized modifications in the List of Outputs and/or Calendar of Events will be disregarded during the evaluation of the Interim/Final Report and their related costs will not be reimbursed.

4. GRANT PAYMENT

4.1 The Grant shall be paid to the Grantee under the conditions set forth in Section 4.2 hereof in 2 installments as follows:

- the 1st installment in the amount of **€16,000.00** within 15 working days after the delivery of the valid and effective Contract by the Grantee to the Fund (the "First Installment"); Contracting Parties agreed that the Grantee is obliged to deliver to the Fund a final report, the contents and requisites of which are set forth in the Grants Guidelines published and available on the Fund's website, in the period under Article 6, section 6.2 of the Contract (the "Final Report");
- the 2nd (and final) installment in the amount of **€4,000.00** within 15 working days after the Final Report, Financial Statement and Certificate on Financial Statements are approved by the Fund according to Article 6 hereof (the "Final Installment"). Parties agreed that the Final Installment must be pre-financed by the Grantee and, if duly approved under the conditions set forth hereof, the Fund reimburses the due amount of the Final Installment.

4.2 The Grantee shall be entitled to the 2nd Installment and Final Installment of the Grant solely upon the approval of the Fund provided (i) the relevant reports relating to the particular installment were delivered by the Grantee to the Fund within the periods stated in Article 6 hereof and in the Calendar of Events/Outputs as specified in Attachment No. 2 hereto and (ii) such reports were approved by the Fund pursuant to Article 6 hereof.

4.3 The Fund reserves the right to deny the disbursement of the Grant or any part of it, in case the Grantee does not comply either with the Grant Guidelines mentioned in 4.4 and applicable at the time of the Application's submission, or the provisions of the present Contract. In such case, the Grantee shall not be entitled to any disbursement. The Fund also reserves the right to reduce the Grant or any part of it, in case the Grantee is entitled for any tax (VAT) refund from local authorities.

4.4 The Grantee declares that prior to signing this Contract they have made themselves familiar with the Grant Guidelines of the Fund which are applied by the Fund for the organization and treatment of the grants, including the Grant provided to the Grantee under this Contract, and which are published on the website of the Fund (www.visegradfund.org). The Grantee shall be obliged to accept all such rules and principles of the Fund.

4.5 The Fund is entitled to unilaterally change and/or amend the Grant Guidelines even through validity of the Contract and is in such case obliged to make the valid version thereof available at the Fund's website (www.visegradfund.org). The Grantee is obliged to comply with the updated Grant Guidelines after receiving a notification about changes and/or amendments by the Fund.

5. GRANT UTILIZATION

5.1 The Grant shall be used by the Grantee only to cover the direct expenses of the Project during the Implementation Period of the Project according to the budget plan which forms Attachment No. 1 hereof (the "Budget"). Up to 15% of the Grant may be used to cover Project overhead costs (operating costs directly linked to the Project).

5.2 The expenses required for the Project from the Grant cannot exceed the approved amount.

5.3 The Grant may only be used during the contracted Implementation Period. The part of the Grant not used during the Implementation Period shall be returned by the Grantee to the Fund upon request within 15 working days.

5.4 The Grantee shall use the Grant according to the Budget in an efficient and cost-effective way.

5.5 Any change in the qualified expenses as stated in the Budget exceeding the amounts in individual budget categories as specified in the Grant Guidelines requires the prior approval of the statutory representative of the Fund. For such approval to be granted a request must be submitted in the Online System with proper justification. Without the Fund's approval, the Grant may not be used to cover such changed expenses exceeding the amount qualified in the Budget.

5.6 The financial resources of the Grant other than overhead costs cannot be used for:

a) capital investments (tangible/intangible assets);
b) VAT refund for Grantees who request VAT compensation from local authorities;
c) the Grantee's own indirect costs (electricity/gas/water/telephone bills, etc.);
d) internal costs or invoices (rent of one's own premises, one's own accommodation and board); and
e) Grantee's own work—e.g. coordination of the Project, salaries, financial remuneration of employees (or any expenses related to employment based on the Labour Code, including daily allowances, part-time work, etc.).

6. REPORTING OBLIGATIONS AND RELATED CONTRACTUAL TERMS

6.1 The Grantee shall immediately inform the Fund in writing of any circumstance which may affect the realization of the Project or of any changes in the contractual conditions. The statutory representative of the Fund shall decide upon such circumstances and changes.

6.2 The Grantee shall deliver to the Fund:

<i>Report:</i>	<i>Covering the period from-to:</i>	<i>Latest delivery of report:</i>
Final Report	20/01/2025–20/04/2026	02/06/2026
Financial Statement	20/01/2025–20/04/2026	02/06/2026
Certificate on Financial Statements	20/01/2025–20/04/2026	02/06/2026

6.3 The reports under this Article hereof shall be drawn up in the qualified forms and according to the requirements and instructions published on the website of the Fund, mainly in the Grants Guidelines. The Fund reserves the right to deny any Report failing to meet this requirement.

6.4 All the reports except the Certificate on Financial Statements shall be prepared and separately signed by the authorized representative of the Grantee. The Certificate on Financial Statements shall be prepared by a certified auditor registered in a Chamber of Auditors of the country where the auditor resides.

6.5 The Financial Statements shall conform to the budget and shall mention expenditures related to the Project and shall comply with financial documents evidencing the utilization of the Grant. All financial documents (receipts, bills, contracts and invoices, etc.) related to a project must be kept for a period of at least 10 years and copies thereof delivered to the Fund upon request.

6.6 The Fund has the right to verify any data provided by the Grantee to the Fund. The Grantee hereby grants the Fund authorization to carry out any acts necessary for verifying any data provided by the Grantee to the Fund.

6.7 In case of any reservations of the Fund to the provided reports or any documentation attached thereto, the Grantee shall be obliged to revise such reports or documentation according to the requirements of the Fund within the period stated by the Fund.

6.8 The Fund reserves the right to determine the eligibility of each cost to be covered by the Fund.

6.9 The Grantee shall inform the Fund with no delay (max. within 10 calendar days from such a change) in writing of any internal changes of the Grantee, mainly but not limited to changes of the Grantee's official name, registered seat, statutory representatives, registration for VAT, etc.

7. OTHER CONTRACTUAL TERMS

7.1 All formal communication with the Fund must be conducted in English.

7.2 The Grantee is obliged to specify a bank account for the purposes of the grant disbursements realized by the Fund. All Project payments must be carried through the bank account owned by the Grantee.

7.3 The Grantee shall conduct bank transfer (non-cash) transactions only.

7.4 The Grantee is obliged to acknowledge the Fund's support of the Project (i) on all premises where events take place as part of the Project (in the form of a banner or flag), (ii) in all printed materials distributed as part of the Project, (iii) in all public statements and presentations and (iv) on all web pages connected with the Project. All acknowledgements must visibly carry the current version of the Fund's logo and, if online, must be directly linked to www.visegradfund.org. Acknowledgements in event venues must be present for the duration of the events; acknowledgements online must remain active for the whole Contractual Period of the Project, at a minimum. The Grantee shall ensure that any of its Project Partners acknowledge the Fund's support for the Project to the same extent that the Grantee is obliged under this Contract. Further obligations of the Grantee regarding the acknowledgement of the Fund's support of the Project are specified in the Logo and Acknowledgement Manual (annex to the Grant Guidelines) of the Fund published on the Fund's website and the Grantee declares that prior to signing this Contract they have made themselves familiar with the Grant Guidelines and shall abide by this policy.

7.5 The Fund reserves the right to carry out monitoring visits of the Project and implementation thereof and carry out financial inspection of the Project and, if necessary, request additional documentation regarding the Project. The Grantee is obliged to allow visits from the Fund's staff or from personnel authorized by the Fund to make such visits, allow financial inspections and provide any materials related to the Project upon request.

7.6 The Fund (or person authorized by the Fund) is entitled to carry out an audit of the Grantee during the Contract validity and for three additional years after providing the final installment of the Grant to the Grantee based on this Contract. The Grantee is obliged to bear such an audit and provide the Fund with any accounting and other documents related to the Grant, and make and deliver the Fund copies therefrom.

7.7 The Fund undertakes to extend to the Grantee necessary co-operative support.

7.8 Both Contractual Parties may disclose information on the Project and enable access of the public to participate in the Project.

7.9 The Grantee takes note of the fact that the Fund accepts no responsibility for any contents of any Project outputs.

7.10 The Grantee declares that he shall be the bearer of all intellectual property rights and/or copyrights to any outputs of the Project or any part thereof (the "Outputs"). The Grantee hereby grants to the Fund under provisions of the Act No. 185/2015 Coll. Copyright Act (the "Copyright Act") a non-exclusive royalty free license, without territorial, time, material and technological limitations, to any Outputs of the Project or part thereof, so the Fund shall have mainly right to:

a) publicly disclose the Outputs and publish the Outputs in any way, e.g. on the Fund's website, in any Fund's materials, etc.;
b) alter and process the Outputs, mainly use the Outputs to create new work, according to the needs of the Fund;
c) include the Outputs to a database under §131 of the Copyright Act;
d) merge the Outputs with any other outputs or work;
e) make copies of the Outputs;
f) publicly distribute the Outputs;
g) to deal with the Outputs in any other way that is attributable to the author under the provisions of the Copyright Act.

7.11 The Parties agreed to adhere to the principles of environmental sustainability by all means possible in relation to the Project (saving electricity, water and other resources, preferring local goods and services and printing only if necessary and on both sides of the paper, etc.).

8. CONTRACTUAL SANCTIONS

8.1 The Fund shall be entitled against the Grantee for a contractual penalty in the amount of 20% of the amount of the Grant (the "Contractual Penalty"), if:

- a) any data provided by the Grantee turns out to be false or not up-to-date, or
- b) the Grantee fails to deliver to the Fund any of the reports according to this Contract in time, or
- c) the Grantee fails to observe the Budget or the Grant or any part of it is used in conflict with the terms stipulated in this Contract, or
- d) the Grantee breaches any of its obligations arising from Article 7 hereof.

8.2 The Contractual Penalty shall be paid by the Grantee within 15 working days from the written notice of the Fund. The Contractual Penalty payment shall not affect the Fund's right to request a damage compensation for any damages caused to the Fund.

8.3 The Fund shall be entitled to withdraw from the Contract, in case:

a) any kind of false/incorrect data/information is provided by the Grantee, or
b) any of the contractual requirements are not met by the Grantee or breached by the Grantee and the Grantee shall not remedy such deficiency or breach within an additional reasonable period provided by the Fund in the written call for the remedy, or
c) deficiencies are determined that could in a significant way affect the result or approved schedule during the implementation of the Project, mainly, but not limited to, the Project Outputs not meeting the requirements under this Contract and its attachments, or
d) the good reputation of the Fund is damaged by the Grantee, or
e) the Fund learns about a misuse of any funds granted to the Grantee by the Fund or the funds provided by the Fund are used, intentionally or negligently, for any other purposes than those specified in the Project.

8.4 The notice of withdrawal shall be delivered in writing in person or by registered mail to the address of the relevant Contracting Party stated in this Contract. The notice of withdrawal shall be considered received on the date of its delivery. If the delivery of the withdrawal notice is rejected by the relevant Contracting Party, the rejection date shall represent the date of delivery. In the case of postal deliveries, the withdrawal notice shall be considered received on the third day of its postal deposit, irrespective of the addressee's knowledge of such deposit.

8.5 If the Contract is terminated upon the withdrawal of the Fund therefrom, the Grantee shall automatically be obliged to return to the Fund the amount of the paid Grant within 15 working days.

8.6 In case the Grantee fails to observe the Budget or the Grant or any part of it is used in conflict with the terms stipulated in this Contract, the Grantee shall be obliged to return the amount of the paid Grant to the Fund within 15 working days at the call of the Fund.

8.7 When the Fund determines deficiencies that could significantly affect the result or approved schedule during the implementation of the Project, the Fund reserves the right to suspend the payment of the Grant or any part of it for a definite period.

8.8 If at any time (i.e., also after implementation of the Project) the Fund learns about a misuse of any funds granted to the Grantee by the Fund, and/or about unannounced and/or unauthorized changes within the Project and internal changes of the Grantee affecting the utilization of the provided Grant (mainly, but not limited to, changes of the Grantee's name, registered seat, statutory representatives, registration for VAT, etc.), the Grantee shall be obliged to return the full granted amount to the Fund within 15 working days at the call of the Fund.

9. FINAL PROVISIONS

9.1 This Contract shall be governed by Slovak law. Relevant provisions of the Civil Code of the Slovak Republic and other related regulations of the Slovak Republic shall apply to the relations regulated in this Contract, resulting from it and related to it.

9.2 Any disputes resulting from this Contract which could not be settled by mutual agreement of the Contracting Parties shall be resolved by Slovak courts.

9.3 This Contract shall enter into force on the day of its signing by both Parties. This Contract is concluded for a definite time period until 29/06/2026 (i.e., the implementation period + 50 working days), except the stipulations in Section 8.8 hereof which shall remain valid and effective for an indefinite time period.

9.4 Both Contracting Parties declare that they conclude this Contract of their free will, they have read its content and as evidence of their consent to its wording they voluntarily sign it as correct.

9.5 The Contract is drawn up in two identical counterparts in English. Each Contracting Party shall receive one counterpart of the Contract.

Done in Bratislava, on 17/01/2025

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Attachment 1

to the Contract on the Provision of Financial Resources from the International Visegrad Fund's Visegrad Grant No. **22430220**

List of Outputs:

Total approved sum: **€20,000.00**

1 Proceedings of scientific results (Product)

01/02/2026–28/02/2026

Proceedings will be collected from conference attendees and published online in an open access folder on the event website and in a certified open access repository.

Direct target groups:

PhD students and young researchers in economics and management: 24

Selection/outreach: Authors of scientific papers

Researchers in economics and management: 24

Selection/outreach: Authors of scientific papers

Dissemination/promotion

The proceedings of the scientific studies will be collected from the authors and placed in an open access folder on the event website and in a certified open access repository. It will be freely distributed to all conference attendees.

Role of the applicant and project partners

The applicant will coordinate all processes related to the publication of the proceedings (ISBN registration, communication with the reviewers, editing, graphic design, official publication) and its distribution. All partners will promote the conference in order to attract as many scientific contributions as possible and will participate in the evaluation of the scientific excellence of the submitted papers. New scientific results published in the Proceedings will contribute to broaden the involvement of academia in transdisciplinary research and in collaboration with industrial partners within the V4 region. The published information will help students and young researchers to propose new topics and areas that could be the focus of their studies or research.

2 Challenges, Trends, and Inspirations in Education" - CTIE (Event–Public), High Tatras (on the basis of a competitive procurement), SK

23/03/2026–24/03/2026

A conference to present the results of the project with the participation of all stakeholders. At the same time, the possibility to register for the conference (participants from outside the partner universities) will be added. The conference programme will be as follows: First day: - 10:00 - 11:30 registration - 11:30 - 12:30 lunch - 12:30 - 13:00 Opening ceremony and welcome to guests, introduction of speakers - 13:00 - 14:00 Differences in the value orientation of Generation Z in the V4 countries (lecture) - 14:00 - 15:00 - Educational Trends in the V4 Region: Expectations of Generation Z (lecture) - 15:00 - 15:30 - Break - 15:30 - 16:30 - Use of new methods of education in relation to Generation Z (lecture) - 16:30 - 17:30 - Future-Proofing Education: Insights from Generation Z's Expectations and Regional Capacities (lecture) - 18:00 - 19:00 Dinner - 19:00 - 22:00 social programme Second two: - 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast - 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. breakout sessions - 11:30 - 12:30 lunch - 12:30 - 15:00 breakout sessions (Session titles: Innovations in Education for Generation Z; Adapting the Educational System for the Future; Regional Challenges in Ensuring Educational Capacities).

Direct target groups:

PhD students and young researchers in economics and management: 24

Selection/outreach: Networking for PhD students from the V4 partners to broaden their professional knowledge, raise awareness of new developments and trends in economics, get information on possible topics for project submissions and joint scientific publications. This networking will help to form teams for future activities.

Other experts in economics and management: 25

Selection/outreach: Public from the subject area.

Researchers in economics and management: 24

Selection/outreach: Invited participants will take part in the plenary sessions and lecture blocks of the CITE conference.

Dissemination/promotion

Promotion will take place through the website, direct contact with experts, and university social media networks (of all participating universities).

Role of the applicant and project partners

All partners will participate in a conference at a specified date, which will be coordinated by the interested party and the acquisition of goods and services will be arranged. During the conference, PhD students will have the opportunity to build new networks and discuss common topics for future research. This is a good opportunity to start preparing teams after the conference. Researchers will discuss PhD student visits to partner institutions and guest lectures by experienced researchers.

3 Website (Product)

20/01/2025–20/04/2026

A web-based information hub that will provide comprehensive data and resources for researchers, PhD students, and the general public. The web booth will include outputs produced by the project organizers and will serve as a common documentation base for all partners of the event.

Direct target groups:

Project participants and the general public: 1000

Selection/outreach: These are the primary visitors to the website who are seeking to resolve the issue in question.

Dissemination/promotion

A variety of content will be made available, including images, videos, invitations to the event, reports, or a link to the proceedings. Partners will be actively involved in providing up-to-date information for the website and in disseminating the results of the event to their respective networks. This will facilitate the transmission of information presented at the event to a wider audience.

Role of the applicant and project partners

The applicant will create a website that will enable the organizers to disseminate the results to a vast but also targeted audience, maximizing the impact of the event and the successful use of the event results. Through the website, the applicant will establish new networks in the V4 region, not only with universities but also with industrial patrons. The applicant will also utilize the website as a tool to attract PhD students in economics and management, not only from Slovakia but also from other countries.

Budget

Accommodation and board	9,000.00
Expert fees/Fees for authors or artists	500.00
Printing/publishing costs	2,250.00
Promotional costs	500.00
Rent and related technical services	1,000.00
Translation and interpreting costs	1,750.00
Transportation and postage	5,000.00
Total	20,000.00

Done in Bratislava, on 17/01/2025



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Attachment 2

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Calendar of Events:

Implementation period: from 20/01/2025 to 20/04/2026

	Event	City	Country	From	Until
1	Challenges, Trends, and Inspirations in Education" - CTIE	High Tatras (on the basis of a competitive procurement)	SK	23/03/2026	24/03/2026

Financial Statement, Final Report, and Certificate on Financial Statements deadline: 02/06/2026

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