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Advancing Ideas for Sustainable Regional Cooperation in Central Europe

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- Visegrad Group = 1991; Visegrad Fund = 2000
- Established to develop and foster ties among citizens and institutions in the V4 region (bottom-up)
- Key principle: governmental funds → non-governmental recipients
- Principal beneficiaries: civil society organizations, public institutions, municipalities, local/regional governments, private citizens
- Search for an added value for the region
- Focus—internal and external on non-EU countries and regions (e.g. transfer of V4’s unique transformation know-how)

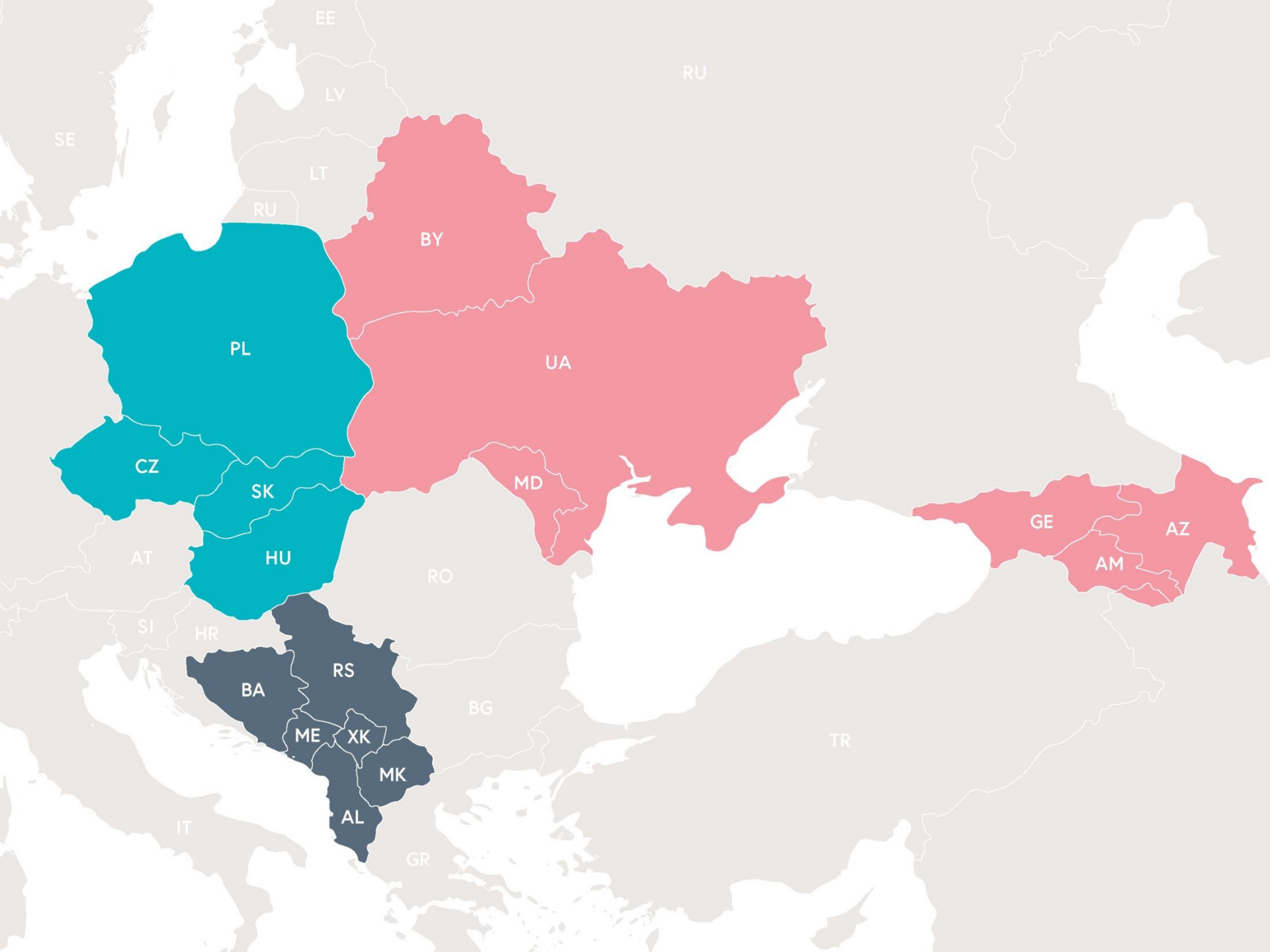


Basic characteristics

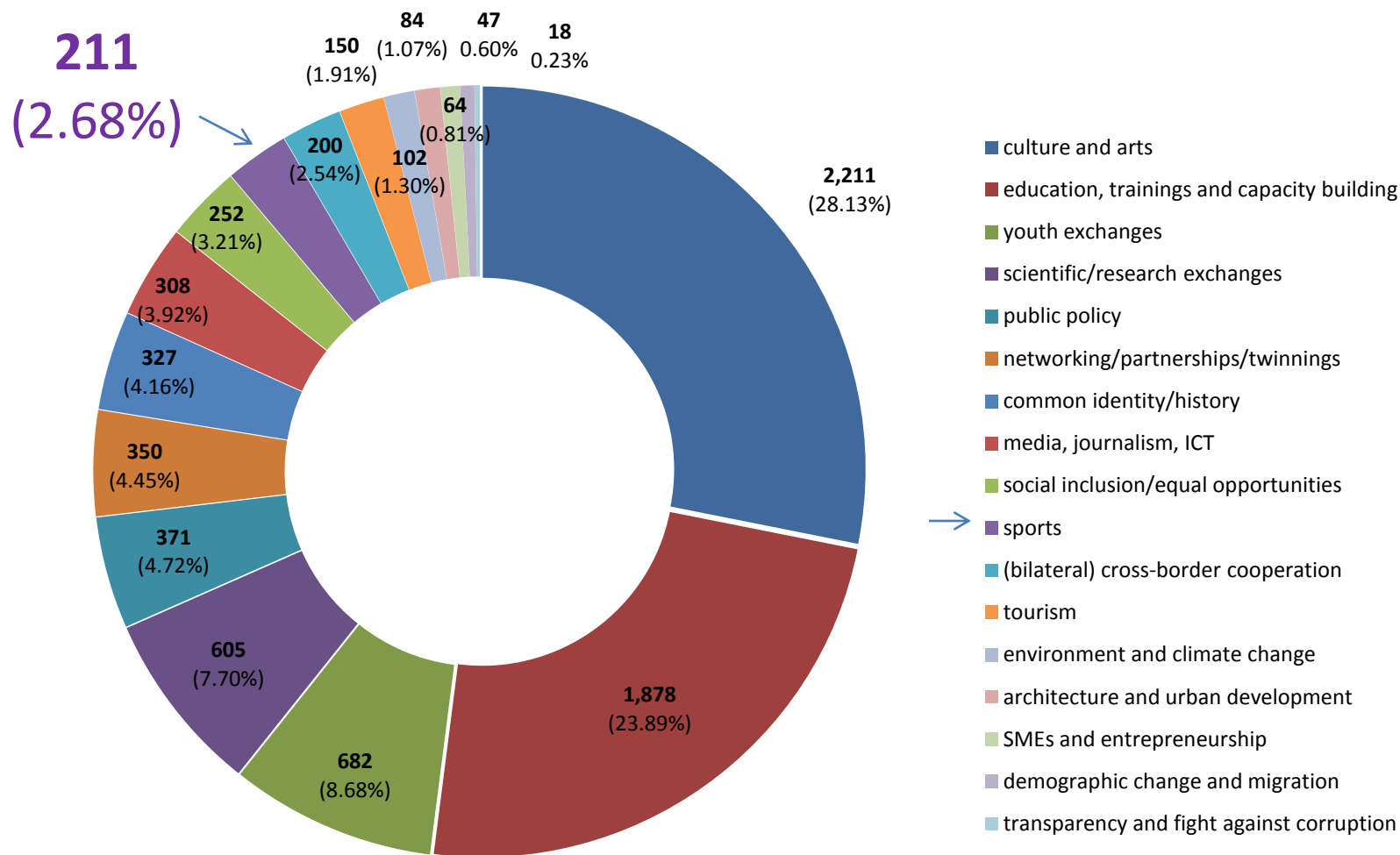
- V4's only (solid) organization to date
- Status of international organization with the seat in Bratislava
- Equal rights & equal duties of V4 member states:
 - rotating presidency in the fund/the group (January–December/July–June)
 - rotating management (3-year missions of Exec. Dir./Deputy Exec. Dir.)
 - consensus in decision-making (coordination by V4 MFAs)
- Budget = annual contributions (€2 million/country)
- Co-financing external chapters since 2012
(Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, South Korea, Switzerland, U.S.A.)
- Staff of 15

Key instruments—Grants & Individual mobility

- Internal & External Grant Vehicles
 - Visegrad Grants (ex-Small Grants + Standard Grants)
 - Visegrad Strategic Grants/Conferences
 - Visegrad+ (Eastern Partnership and Western Balkans)
 - Visegrad University Studies Grants
- Scholarships/Fellowships/Residencies, Capacity Building
 - Visegrad Scholarship Program
 - Fellowships at Open Society Archives
 - Research Fellowships with Taiwan
 - Visegrad Artist Residency Programs
 - Civil Servant Mobility Program (capacity building for UA, GE, MD)
- Other projects
 - Think Visegrad think-tank platform/Think Visegrad in Brussels



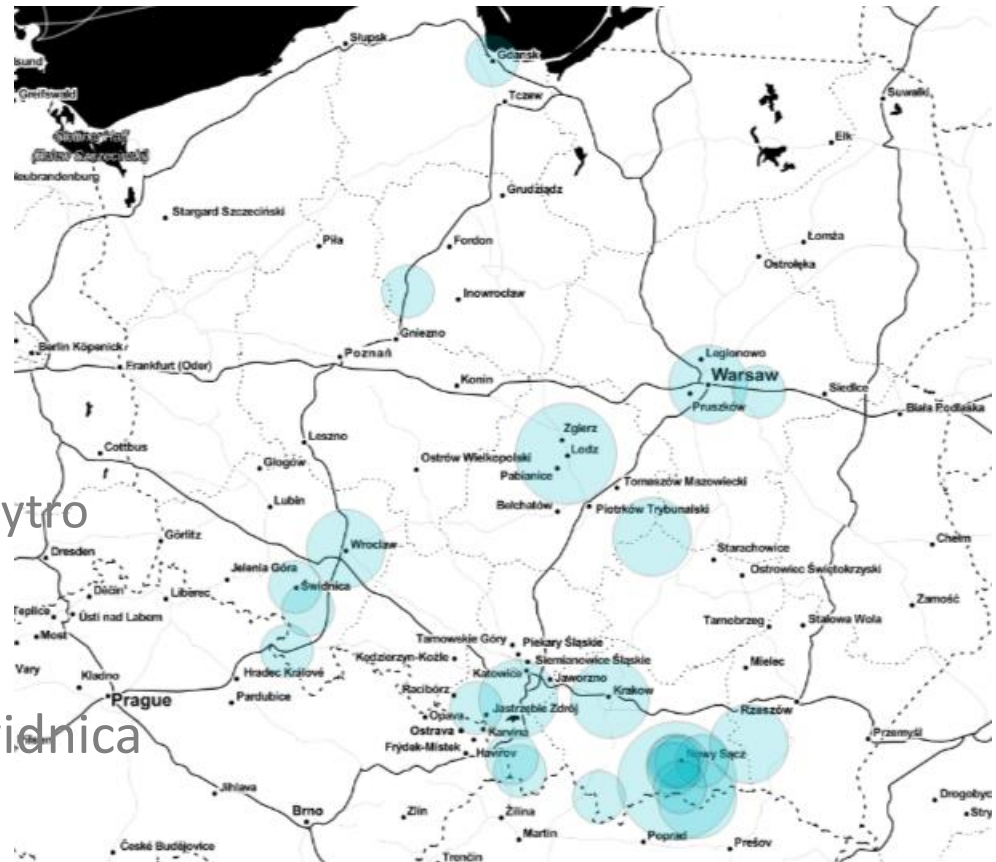
Main thematic fields



Data representing **4,976 grant projects** (2000–2015)

Sports

- 211 supported projects
- € 1,570,000
- Visegrad Marathon Association, Ryto
- Movement Sport Club, Gdańsk
- Youth Sport Club MOSiR, Jasło
- Boxing Association Polonia, Świdnica
- Vena Sport Foundation, Łódź
- Sądecka Foundation, Chełmiec



37 V4 sport projects
in Poland

- ... Running, Basketball, Canoeing, Water Polo, Football, Hockey, Cycling, Chess, Parkour, Table Tennis, Dance , Youth camps ...

Visegrad Maraton/Sport Festival



- Marathon race/Nordic walking/Relay race/Mini maraton
- Visegrad Maraton Rytro Society (PL), Town of Stara Lubovna (SK), Czech Athletic Federation (CZ), Balaton Színház Keszthely (HU)
- 10 years tradition
- 300+ runners
- 500+ volunteers
- 5,000+ tourists



Boxing Summer School

- 2-weeks summer school in 2016 for young people from PL/CZ/SK at risk of poverty
- Stowarzyszenie Opolski Klub Bokserski (PL), Box Club Triebel (SK), Association of combat sports (CZ),
- Personal coaching/Intercultural training/Healthy nutrition/First aid/Stress-management
- 18 young people
- 22 advanced boxers from PL/CZ/SK/HU

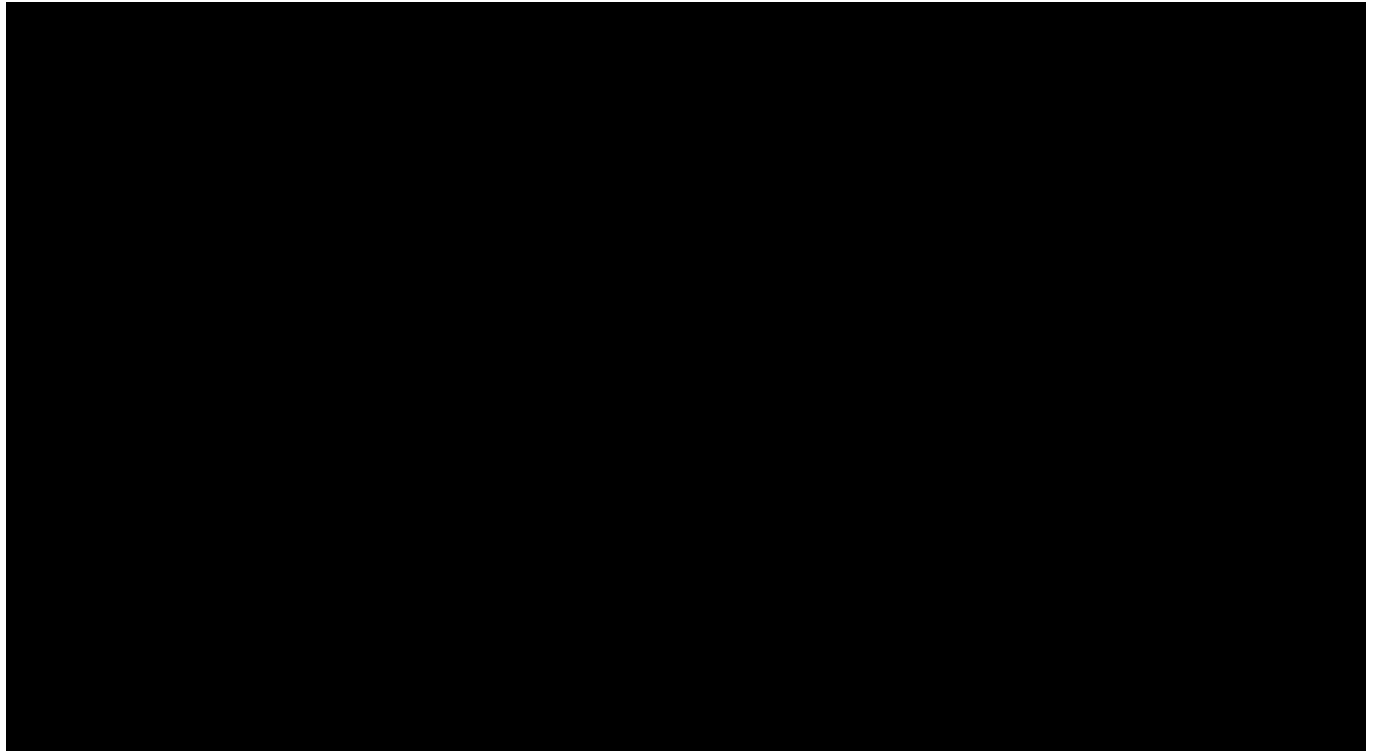


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Visegrad 4 Bicycle Race

- The Visegrad 4 Bicycle Race is a set of one-day road bicycle races held annually in Poland, Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic
- since 2013
- 500+ km
- 25+ teams
- 150+ cyclists



Main results in numbers:

<u>68,434,074</u>	total approved sum (€)
<u>4,976</u>	total number of approved grant projects
<u>1,806</u>	total number of supported individual scholars
<u>601</u>	number of cities with approved grants
<u>344</u>	total number of approved artist residencies
<u>200</u>	number of universities hosting supported scholars
<u>36</u>	number of countries with supported projects
<u>15</u>	number of currently operated programs
<u>32.80%</u>	average application “success rate”

EU information toxicology original increase guests industrial Jewish design program V4 artistic law sport technologies e-culture diplomacy accessible memory contest NGOs technology **Visegrad** protection Christmas chess dialogue systems practices document clay kitchen speech medical language communication century **Eastern** university creative capella encounter eco-friendly market partner strengthening Nitra source pediatric campus machining **cross-border** multicultural musical Hungary CEE **Slovak** three teaching Prague zeolite hello breeding neighbour thinking promoting teachers Hungarian **political studies** old bridge blues **workshop** gate sports area export others sectors early process Georgia western football campaigns fluid pitching brownfield change carnival institutions innovation mountains multiple 1989 promotional managers neighbours organizations tradition **integration** road Balkans congress friendship deaf eyes river roots applied romantic umbrella higher migration better **total** 21st women prix crossroads carousel implications picture symphonic centre politics literature **young** analysis wine time junior point you transition series flora function comparison improve artists countries **children** drama Jihlava mountain aspects tourist living reform settlements blood opportunity Atlantic concert night each services third manufacturing **traditional** criticism practice issue live opportunities anthropology teacher ageing CSR integrity methods garden projects **review** borderland **group** initiative comparative diaspora element post-communist natural enlargement inclusion village academic frontiers decision-making volunteerism entertainment state center short golden **student** who let's orchestra high focused **Roma** birthday pulse my strategic focus policies **Slovakia** reality Central European travel meet civic 1956 stars measures restoration publication level nature autumn Moldova Caucasus flowers railways athletic primary competency award enhancing spirit solar competence initial discourses bloom adventure opening situation convention fund bonds talent violin database gallery 1989 computer Esztergom image library survey closer **architecture** independent birth framework possibilities working performing **Poland** championship light ways tennis miniuni defense emerging goods values active mirror **social** freedom kingdom model programme **festival** trends lessons ethnic musicians Hradec Králové ballroom **meetings** philanthropy polymer concept millennium quartett investment standards transparency antique modernity plus paving totalitarian West effective **folklore** mitteleuropäisches let think glass reflection professionals forming shadow infection lifestyle interactive solidarity part park food graphics **cup** Czech disabilities places enterprises activity competitiveness **civil** changing critical mathematics duels introduction discussion events wave agriculture ecology universities self-identification villages lectures zoom funds potential camps alternative vision transfer route ethnicity involvement assembly puppet neighbourhood **heritage** globe historic large alive **perspectives** union weekend handicapped control **schools** publishing sector guide place effect connect Pécs effectiveness cancer renewable carnivores metamorphoses carols trumpets minutes communities **folk** Euroregions activities creating creation languages gothic kings paedagogical snow rising marketing holidays house enlarged rozstaje stereotypes search portal conservation they **European** consciousness ceramics journalism rethinking Nograd origins destinations child evolution **experience** Wallachian approach PhD engineers rescued residencies puppeteer fly choral Polish dynamical ceremonial touring gateway before radioactive horse access multiplace evaluation train session material membrane responsibility advocacy contact monodrama getting over cycling fellowship economics outside biophysics works cycle legends **films** corporate different administrative festivities Vistula textile neighboring current **regional** fourth idea dissemination feature site motion facing set words medicine visa match neighbor **Polish** myth poets order V4+ Silesian Baltic markets cemeteries promote volunteering athletes **promotion** magazine fundraising demoludy raising DNA integrated selfportrait parallel babylon painting discipline speaking structural **four** barriers empowering sites hypochondria mediator Kolin theatrical creativity digital crafts gypsy upper county communes extremism sphere fight families nation **tournament** **role** diseases concepts seen innovations explorations Levice side **documentary** break multimedia communal wind defence faculties blue faces visibility mobile period academies intercultural members **history** basin clinical basic U.S. startup rare medium-sized content responsibility-building reunion shaping representatives hay pro wellness yes employees colour circus smart hospital court population Globsec home **day** strenghtening action spatial labour crisis daily front sixth fresh expert encounters recycling quartette reconstruction societies **workshops** East contacts Central Eastern phurta heat chambers Kysuce elders productivity jamboree normal **cinema** enamel leaders justice chances cooperative procedures canoeing wider gay post-socialism plasma making scholars Olympic representation **conference** versus well experiment hate save crowns apparatus circle actions syndrome intellectual **between** industries capital traffic brasswind cluster summer school press ballet graphic harmony patronage success scenes economical fashion stability farmers enhance presentations means door friendly prosperity forestry decade welfare zone island economies cohesion therapy **knowledge** crescendo Latin **policy** topic game postgraduate approaches reduction intensifying publications immunog economics Silesia league Armenia **symposium** panic looking keeping **nations** museums excavation **cooperation** biennale patterns confrontation preserving youths liaison service debating celebration frame identifying vocal interpretative artist touching efficient fungi permanent form carol Balaton plates lower ethnology settlement strings wooden fun me remembrance immigration oral that Kosovo dream Carpathian **world** environmental legacy revitalization proposal anthropological **society** archives tanks flower frames capitals standard **meeting** revival 1960s archaeological basis monuments multiculturalism picnic intelligence lake countryside entrepreneurial jewellery researching analytical tank just outward wall welcome prize marathon video infrastructure applications governments borderless **exhibition** philosophy **water** handicrafts triangle distorting beat convergence **sustainable** general sounds dimension anti-corruption capacities rescue couriers bambiriada homeless juggling beginning transferring solo iron NATO influence anticoagulation land Belgrade cyber connections inspiration joy **tourism** corridors move filmmaking sea **national** battle pillars little foster emphasis politics deserted colony parade carolling **management** modes tomorrow **arts** lute mental hub answers hope executive handicraft **energy** preservation chance awards religions physics **east** cooking lamantin plaque dancing scene **Ukraine** conditions key sing graphs **context** conflicts coverage conversion practical tasks reduce lung streets elements **school** growing parks **small** symposium migrations

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