

Visegrad Insight Fellowship – Call for Applications

Join our team of leading voices. Leave your mark on CEE.

The threats that Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) is facing, such as **reduced trust in rule-based governance, increased vulnerability to Russia, China and other non-democratic powers, digital disruption of political culture, rapid green transformation, social and political polarization and the general decline of democratic values**, alienate civil society and media from democratic agency and generate instability in the greater neighbourhood. Democratic performance in CEE is also undermined because of a lack of information sovereignty, i.e. strong and independent media that develop countermeasures to push back against aggressive disinformation campaigns.

To protect democracy, Western values and good Transatlantic relations, we focus on these perils originating from both within and outside of the CEE. More than ever before, there **is a demand for strong voices that explain risks, develop scenarios and map out solutions**.

These voices are Visegrad Insight Fellows; they speak **on the region from the region**; they are focused on **finding future-oriented solutions and shaping narratives through thought leadership and analysis** but also “learning by doing” activities to empower next-generation authorities and develop connections within CEE. In turn, the Fellows and other contributors can exchange experiences and gain broader publicity through a large network of cooperation with national language media.

Visegrad Insight is the main Central European platform of debate and analysis that generates future policy directions for Europe and transatlantic partners. It was established in 2012 by the **Res Publica Foundation** – an independent think tank in Warsaw. This program is supported by the National Endowment for Democracy.

We are looking for:

- Public opinion leaders from Central and Eastern Europe with a background in policy analysis, journalism, civil society engagement or academia
- People with original and impactful thoughts on the challenges of democracy in Central and Eastern Europe. Expertise in economy, tech, security, energy, media and information sovereignty, regional cooperation formats (V4, 3SI, ...) and/or digital civil society is desirable
- A proven track record of writing, analysis or as a civil society practitioner at the regional, national or international level, in a think tank, at a university, or in public and private sectors
- A desire and availability to engage with the Visegrad Insight network and audiences through our regular online chats and events
- A commitment to producing five or more high-quality articles which will generate public opinion impact in the national sphere, international press and social media

Our offer:

- A ten-month long non-resident fellowship
- Access to the Visegrad Insight network of media and journalists as well as in-house support
- Publication and promotion of articles to a regional and international audience
- Collaboration with experts on a joint scenario-based report on the Three Seas Initiative
- Participation in a public conference before summer 2021
- The fellowship includes a lump sum of 1,500 US dollars, travel and accommodation for the conference and participation in workshops

How to apply:

- Prepare a motivation letter, a short bio and provide a writing sample (article, report, op-ed)
- Submit the above to editor@visegradinsight.eu before **15 October 2020**