



# Visegrad Fund

## DEVELOPING CITIES BEYOND CAPITALS

### FOR A MORE POLYCENTRIC DEVELOPMENT OF VISEGRAD COUNTRIES

A JOINT CENTRAL EUROPEAN SEMINAR EVENT FOR ACADEMICS AND PLANNING AND POLICY PROFESSIONALS

17th March 2026. Budapest

organised by

**Budapesti Corvinus Egyetem (HU)** and the **Hungarian Society for Urban and Spatial Planning (Magyar Urbanisztikai Társaság) (HU)**

in collaboration with **University of Wrocław (PL)**, **Šafárik University in Košice (SK)**, **University of South Bohemia (CZ)**

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Venue: Corvinus University of Budapest 1093 Budapest, Fővám tér 8. , Main Building, Lecture Hall E.III (ground floor)

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## Draft Agenda

<b>9.30</b>	Registration
<b>10.00</b>	Welcome <b>Tamás Bartus</b> , Vice-rector Corvinus University of Budapest <b>György Alföldi</b> , President of Hungarian Society for Urban and Spatial Planning (MUT)
<b>10.15</b>	<b>Géza Salamin</b> (Head of Doctoral Programme, Corvinus University of Budapest, Vice-president of MUT): The challenge of developing second-tier cities in Visegrad countries
<b>10.25</b>	<b>Robert Szmytkie</b> (Head of Institute, University of Wrocław): Urban hierarchies and policentricity of the Visegrad four region –
<b>10.45</b>	<b>Bence Tarnóczy</b> (Chief Economic Analyst, EDC Debrecen Nonprofit Ltd): Developing as a regional development pole: The case of Debrecen
<b>11.05</b>	Coffee break
<b>11.40</b>	<b>Stanislav Kraft</b> (Vice-dean, South Bohemian University): The impact of urban systems on spatial justice - The case of educational deserts in the Visegrad 4 region
<b>12.00</b>	Round table discussion about the challenges and development of the regional role of cities <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Bence Tarnóczy</b> (EDC Debrecen Nonprofit Kft.) (Debrecen)</li><li>• <b>Ladislav Novotny</b> (Head of Institute, Safarik University of Kosice )</li><li>• <b>Márton Péti</b> (Institute for National Strategy, University of Pannonia – Veszprém, HU)</li><li>• <b>Gábor Mayer</b> - Government Commissioner responsible for the complex development of the Northwest Hungarian Economic Development Zone</li><li>• Moderator: <b>Géza Salamin</b></li></ul>
<b>13:00</b>	Lunch

Participation is free of charge, but registration is required **by 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**.

### Registration



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