

## **Digital V4 Group's position regarding the Visegrad Group Joint Declaration on Mutual Cooperation in Digital Projects**

As Digital V4, an initiative of the digital and advanced technologies industry organisations from the countries of Visegrad Group: Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary, aiming to create policies facilitating innovativeness and digitisation in Central and Eastern Europe and to strengthen the policy-making and economic cooperation in the Visegrad Group, we fully approve of the Declaration signed in Kraków by Prime Ministers of the Visegrad Group countries on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We are pleased to witness further cooperation between the V4 countries in the field of digitisation.

With great enthusiasm, we take note that the objectives outlined by the Declaration are perfectly aligned with our goals and will facilitate their completion. We believe that combining the technological potential in the V4 region is vital for its prosperity. It is crucial to join our efforts in scope of innovation and development of novel technological solutions, thus we welcome the Declaration's goal of establishing support for sharing knowledge resources, mutual promotion of digital achievements, building legislation promoting digital growth domestically and on the EU level and coordination of actions in scope of novel digital technologies.

Realising that close cooperation on digital issues began amongst our industry, we are proud to see that struggle for digitisation has been elevated to an international level, bringing our nations closer in a joint effort towards the digital. We are pleased that Prime Ministers of the Visegrad Group appreciate the importance of digital fields of development, including Big Data, cloud and edge networks, robotics, machine learning, telecommunication as well as smart and digital skills and competences.

In particular, we wholly agree with the signatories on the gravity of cybersecurity, which proves to be a true frontier of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, requiring our joint and focused action to assure safety for information society and modern business in the Visegrad Group. We also believe that digital infrastructure and advanced technologies are vital for a functioning digital economy and society. Efforts in that scope should especially recognise the importance of artificial intelligence, smart cities and technologically advanced services they make available for their inhabitants. These fields of development will play a vital role in the growth of our communities across the V4 Group.

We fully share the will to build and enhance the cooperation within the V4 group in the field of digitisation. Indeed, there's great potential to be tapped into in the digital economy of V4 countries. Joint efforts for digital growth will allow us to face modern challenges and threats ahead of a digital economy. We also sympathise with the idea of utilising the gifts of digitisation for the benefit of the public, business and administration as we stand for competitiveness, innovativeness and adoption of advanced technologies across the Visegrad Group.

All of the digital goals benefiting Visegrad Group's citizens and businesses has been at the very heart of our cooperation as Digital V4 Group since its inception in 2019. Thus, we would like to humbly offer



our expertise, professional support and active involvement in the fulfilment of the goals defined in the Declaration. We remain ready to share our combined experience and knowledge with Visegrad Group's governments, serving as a designated hub for consulting issues of digital cooperation in our region.

Acknowledging the key role of close cooperation on joint projects in assuring a safe and secure digital environment, we stand by Prime Ministers of the Visegrad Group in underlining the necessity for joint positions and statements in regard to digital issues, so we can represent our common best interest internationally. We are confident that closer, mutual cooperation will reinforce our position and make our voice even more significant in the field of digitisation for a great benefit of a truly digital Visegrad Group.



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## About Digital V4

*Digital V4 is a project by organisations from digital and advanced technologies industry in Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary with a goal of cooperatively creating a policy supporting development of innovativeness and digitisation in Central and Eastern Europe. The initiative refers to political and economical collaboration between the four countries in scope of the Visegrád Group (V4).*

*The enterprise has been established in October 2019 during Congress 590 in Rzeszów (Poland). The project is created in cooperation by four organisation: Digital Poland Association, IT Association of Slovakia – ITAS, Consumer Electronics Association in Czech Republic – ASE and ICT Association of Hungarian – IVSZ.*