



## The application process for Model V4+

Dear applicants,

In this document you may find all the necessary information about the application process to Model V4+ including the requirements and evaluation guidelines for your application essay. In case of any further questions, do not hesitate to contact the organizers at [sp@amo.cz](mailto:sp@amo.cz)

Hereafter attached criteria will be followed. Application cannot be accepted unless all the necessary preconditions are fulfilled.

### **1. Fulfilment of the formal necessities**

- a) The due date for your application is **25th January** by means of completion of the application form located in the IT platform of the Prague Student Summit – AZBO [www.azbo.cz](http://www.azbo.cz).  
In case of any problems, follow the instructions at [www.studentsummit.cz](http://www.studentsummit.cz)
- b) Filling of all your contact details, the essay and the motivational letter
- c) The essay and all the answers must be submitted in **english only**
- d) Each applicant has to be a student of Bachelor or Master University program and citizen of one of the participating countries (the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Germany)

### **2. Particular parts of the application**

#### **a) Motivational letter (max. 30 points)**

Each participant shall submit a short motivational letter of maximum 1000 characters including spaces. In the letter the applicant should explain why he wants to attend the program, what he expects to draw from the program, how he could contribute to it etc.

Long story short - why the organizers should pick him from all the applicants. Try to be original and to the point.

#### **b) Essay (max. 70 points)**

Each applicant is also supposed to submit short opinion essay of maximum **3600 characters** including spaces. **Sources** shall be stated by the end of the essay and are not counted into the limit of characters. Topic of the essay is chosen by the organizers and stated in this document below. We are aware of the fact that the number of characters is quite low and can be limiting but try to write a good essay nonetheless. Be original, accurate, clear and try to write an interesting piece of work. We highly recommend to start writing soon and re-read the essay before the submission.

**Topic: Role of Central European Cooperation in the Upcoming Years.**



### **3. Evaluation of the application essay**

Essays are going to be evaluated according to following criteria. Essays will be evaluated by the organizers and experts of the Association for International Affairs anonymously, without determining the author's name:

a) **Self-determined opinion and the elaboration of sources**

Our objective is not to make you create or invent any groundbreaking outputs, your goal should be to study the subject as in reading as many research papers and articles related to the issue as possible, to determine your own personal judgment about the particular matter and try to substantiate it. If you want to quote someone, please state your source, we are in no way tolerant towards "ctrl+c, ctrl+v" methods. Essays containing signs of plagiarism will be discarded immediately.

b) **Originality and creativity**

In order to make your essay stand out, focus as well onto the uniqueness of the text within reach of fulfilment of the requirements set in the definition of the topic.

c) **Factual accuracy**

All the essays must be elaborated according to the contemporary situation and supported by actual events and occurrences or expert predictions

d) **Grammar and stylistics**

You must write in English language, in an appropriate style, use grammatically correct sentences with accurate spelling and punctuation in a style appropriate to the topic and situation

### **4. Procedure in case of equality of score**

a) If more than one application receives the same amount of points, the preference will be given to the applicant who scored more points in the motivational letter.

b) In case of impossibility of decision by means of the previously mentioned clue, the decision will be made through draw.

The results of the application process will be published on the webpage [www.VisegradModel.eu](http://www.VisegradModel.eu) at the latest by **31<sup>st</sup> January 2015**.

We wish you the best of luck.