

## „Discovering migration between Eastern partners and Visegrad countries” conference programme

**Date: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013, 9.30-15.00**

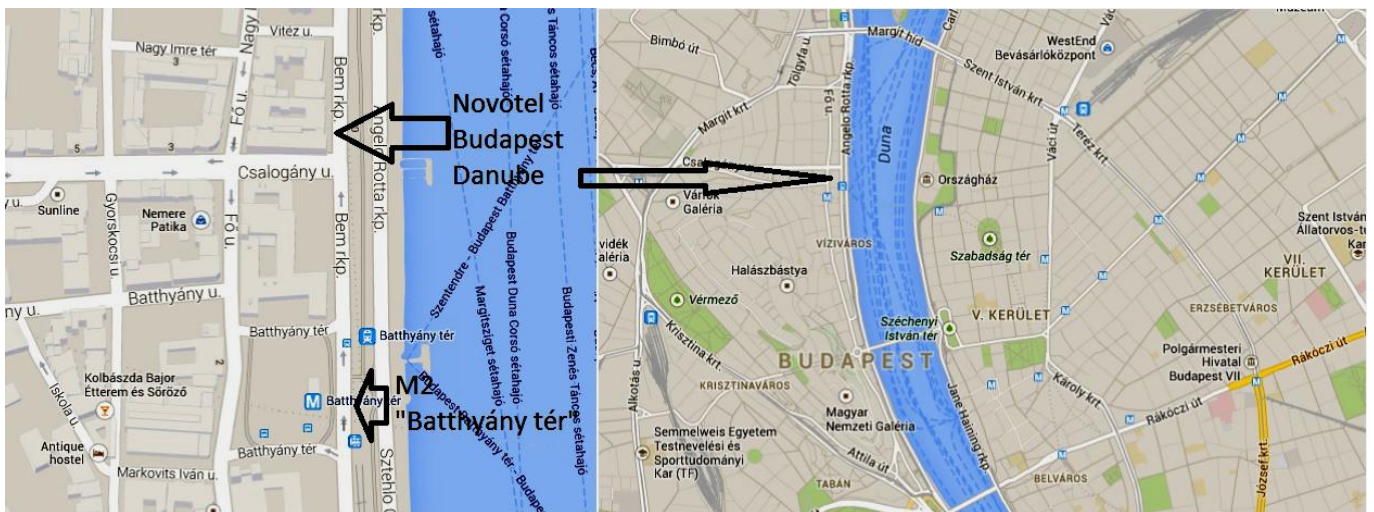
**Venue: Hotel Novotel Danube, H-1027 Budapest, Bem rakpart 33-34.**

In former socialist countries migration was strongly controlled by the state, border crossing was limited by strict administrative measures and even militarized along the iron curtain. After 1990 mobility has rapidly increased in the region generating mass (out)migration, and contributing to the evolvement of the lately described phenomena of circular migration. While the main direction of the migration is from Central and Eastern European countries to the older member states of the EU, V4 countries have also been effected as target (partly due to certain historic and ethnic linkages) and transit countries. EU integration of Visegrad counties, especially the implementation of Schengen border control system has installed new boundaries between the EU member V4 countries and their Eastern partners, hampering free movement and already existing personal, institutional and economic relations. Moreover, the global crisis has also redrawn the migratory processes in the region, inducing novel movements, some of them difficult to catch by statistics.

The aim of the conference is to offer possibility to experts from the Visegrad countries, Ukraine and Georgia to meet and share their knowledge and experiences about recent trends and social background of migration in given countries.

The Organizers

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## **9.30 – 12.30 Panel session**

**9.30 – 9.40 Károly Kocsis** (director of MTA RCAES Geographical Institute) - **Welcome address**

**9.40 – 10.00 Edit Szilágyiné Bátorfi** (Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs) – **Priorities of Hungarian V4 presidency in relation with the Eastern Partnership**

**10.00 – 10.20 László Dux** (Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs) – **Migratory challenges faced by the EU**

**10.20 – 10.40 Attila Melegh** (Demographic Research Institute, Budapest) – **Introduction of SEEMIG project**

**10.40 – 11.00 Béla Soltész** (Demographic Research Institute, Budapest) – **Forecasting migration between the EU, V4 and Eastern Europe: impact of visa abolition – project introduction**

**11.00 – 11.20 Discussion**

**11.20 – 11.40 Coffee break**

### **11.40 – 12.30 Session 1.**

#### **In focus: Social background of migration in Eastern Partners**

**11.40 – 12.00 Oleksii Poznyak** (Head of Migration Studies Department of Ptoukha Institute for Demography and Social Studies of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine) – **Socio-Economic preconditions for migration in Ukraine**

**12.00 – 12.20 Giorgi Meladze** (associate professor Department of Geography, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Tbilisi State University) – **Socioeconomic consequences of migration processes in Georgia**

**12.20 – 12.30 Discussion**

**12.30 – 13.30 Lunch break**

### **13.30 – 15.00 Session 2.**

#### **Visegrad countries: recent trends on outmigration and immigration**

**13.30 – 13.50 Yana Leontyieva** (Institute of Sociology of Academy of Science of the Czech Republic) – **Recent trends in migration in the Czech Republic, with special attention to economic migration**

**13.50 – 14.10 Zuzanna Brunarska** (Centre for Migration Research, University of Warsaw) – **Migration of Belarusians to Poland - determinants and newest trends**

**14.10 – 14.30 Dóra Bálint** (IOM Budapest Office) - **Assistance to Victims of Trafficking Returning to Hungary**

**14.30 – 14.50 Miloslav Bahna** (Institute for Sociology of Slovak Academy of Sciences) - **Diverse profiles, diverse strategies: Lessons from Slovak migration to the UK and Austria**

**14.50 – 15.10 Discussion**

**15.10 Conference closing, buffet**