

# V4 – Russia – EaP

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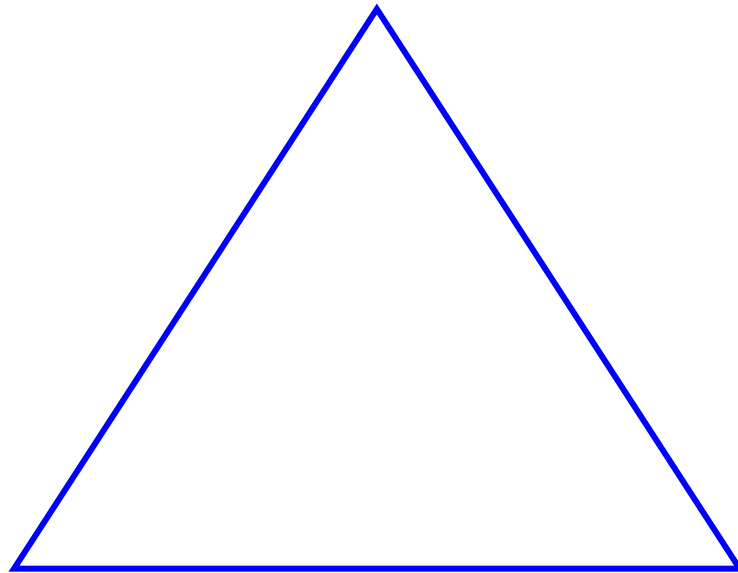
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# TRIANGLE

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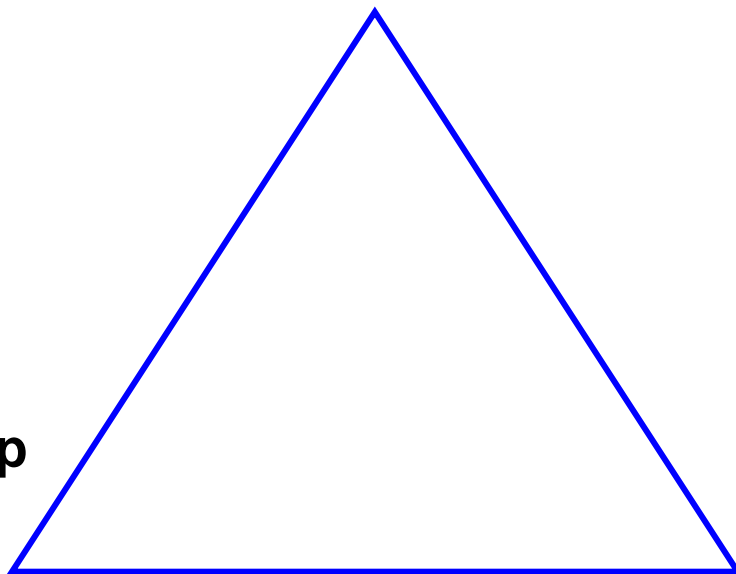


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Ukraine



## Are the EaP countries really important for the V4?

**IT DEPENDS**


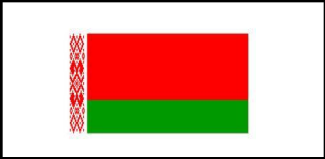






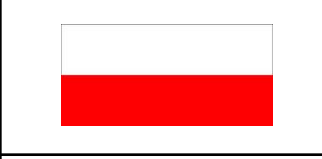




**European policies**



**Eastern policies**



## V4 – EaP contacts at the bilateral level, I

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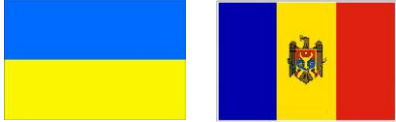


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*Source: Author's calculations based on data from the national statistical offices of the V4 countries as well as Armenia <sup>(1)</sup>, Azerbaijan <sup>(2)</sup>, Georgia <sup>(3)</sup> and Moldova <sup>(4)</sup>.*

## V4 – EaP contacts at the bilateral level

### CONCLUSIONS

1.  : time for the special relationship
2.  : almost exclusively an EU-level problem
3.  : very limited or precisely economic attention



## Russia as a moderating factor for the V4 in the East, I



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## Russia as a moderating factor for the V4 in the East, III

**TABLE 2. Dependence on Russian Energy Supplies, 2011**

	<b>CZECH REP.</b>	<b>HUNGARY</b>	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>SLOVAKIA</b>
<b>GAS</b>	59%	85%	62%	98%
<b>OIL</b>	73%	80%	93%	98%

*Source: Author's calculations based on data from Eurostat*



## Visegrad Group – Russia THESIS no 1:



***V4 is unable to speak with one voice with Russia on any major issue, and no one wants to modify it***



## Visegrad Group – Russia THESIS no 2:



***It is hard to find any humanitarian or pro-democratic accents in the V4 policies towards Russia***



## Visegrad Group – Russia THESIS no 3:



***The V4 governments change, but the policy towards  
Russia remains unchanged***



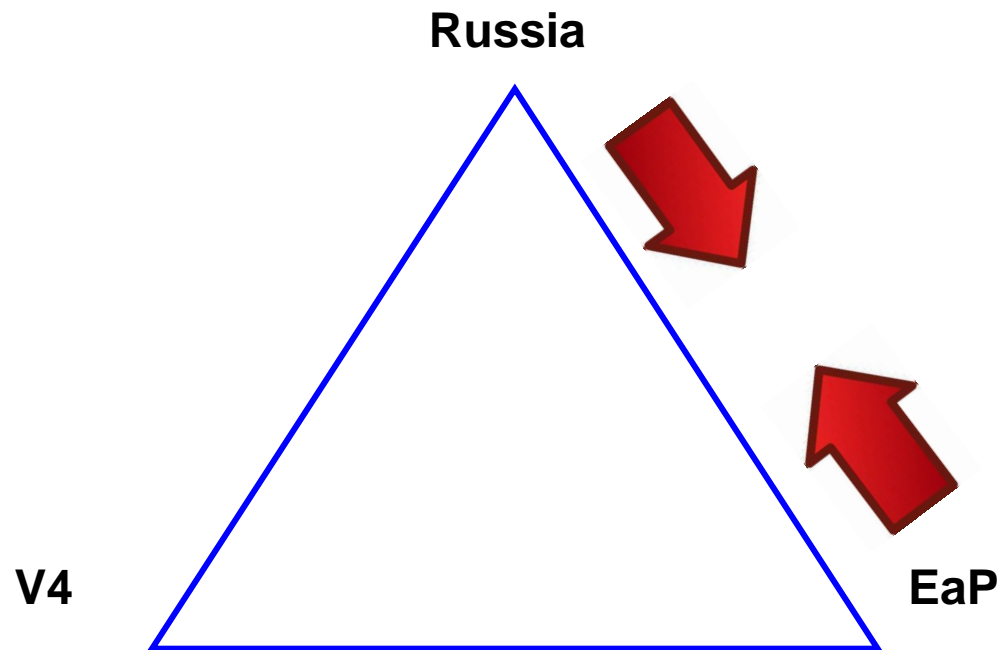
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### THESIS no 4:



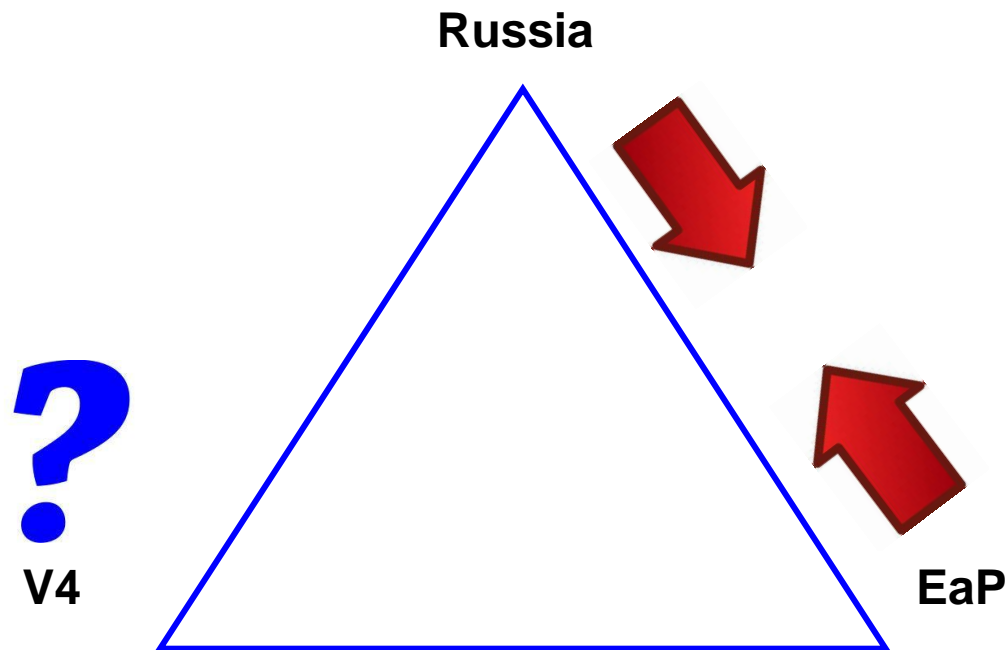
***The very first commandment of each V4 country's eastern policy is not to alienate Russia***

## In a case of the confrontation: RUSSIA vs EaP













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## Case study: WAR IN GEORGIA, 2008

		WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONFLICT?	
	PRESIDENT:		GOVERNMENT:
	GOVERNMENT:		OPPOSITION:
			
			

# FINAL CONCLUSIONS

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# Thank you for your attention

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