

Introduction

Dear Reader!

You hold a book in your hand, which is very close to my heart. The idea to prepare some kind of publication about the Visegrád Group (V4) and Brazil first arose during my visit at *Fundação Alexandre de Gusmão* (FUNAG in 2017). The then President of FUNAG, Ambassador *Sérgio Eduardo Moreira Lima* and the Ambassador of Hungary in Brasília (2014–2018), *Norbert Konkoly* supported the idea and asked me to organise the authors and edit the book. As senior research fellow of the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade, I turned first to our V4 partners (in Czechia, Poland and Slovakia) and to the Itamaraty to find the best experts for the job. Finally, after a period of research, we managed to collect a very enthusiastic and dedicated collective of authors from all these countries. Let me thank *them* first of all for writing their chapters and contributing to the book with data, ideas and contact.

Furthermore, I have to thank the Hungarian Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for the help provided in publishing a book in this unique and less known topic outside of the European Union. Last but not least I have to thank wholeheartedly Ambassador Lima and Ambassador Konkoly for the starting idea and the support they showed during our work.

I hope You will enjoy the book and learn a lot from it, as much as I did while writing and editing it.

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