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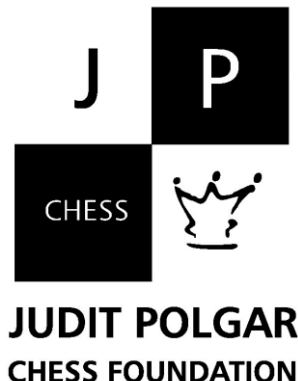
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V4 EDUCATIONAL CHESS SUMMIT

Think globally, act locally!

Dateline: online event, 15 Oct (Sunday) — V4 OVERVIEW – CHESS IN EDUCATION

The teaching of chess is gaining increasing attention around the world, with more and more countries recognising its benefits for children's development. Through a combination of play and learning, chess develops strategic thinking, problem-solving, creativity and analytical skills. Chess is also gaining ground in education in the V4 countries (Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia and Hungary) and a number of initiatives have been launched to promote and introduce chess into education systems.

With the support of the **Visegrad Fund**, we started a **joint project with our V4 partners** in this spring to **examine in detail the current situation of chess in education in the V4 countries**. The main goal of our project is to share knowledge, resources, and best practices and encourage regional cooperation for the promotion and successful implementation of chess in education programs in V4 countries.

As a **first step**, we conducted a thorough **research about chess education programs in the region**, involving major stakeholders like federations and educational organizations.

In the detailed survey of the V4 countries, a total of **2405 institutions and organisations responded to the questions, of which 1375 said they had some form of chess education**. Respondents included kindergartens, schools and chess clubs/academies.

As a **second step of the project**, we organise a **round table discussion and professional presentations** at the **“Global Chess Festival 2023”** to formally **present the results of the survey**.



The “**V4 Overview**” is a standalone segment of the “**Educational Chess Summit 2023**” to the general audience.

The main objective of the English-language roundtable discussion is to share knowledge, resources, and best practices, stimulate regional cooperation, promote chess, and ensure successful implementation of chess-related programs in the education systems of the V4 countries.

Topics include the most successful educational methods employed in each country, ideas, tools, curriculum materials, and possibilities for adapting them in other countries, challenges faced in jointly shared programs – financing, training, promotion – and opportunities for future collaboration.

Partners of the program:

- Czech Chess Federation
- Bratislava chess academy “BCA”
- Wasko Hetman GKS Katowice Chess Club
- Judit Polgar Chess Foundation

Come and join the webinar on 15 Oct from 1pm by clicking [HERE](#) and visit our [website](#) for the detailed programme and speakers!

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