The issues explored in the publication significantly enrich our knowledge of the recent history of the Visegrad countries, above all, in a strictly political context. The book presents the first such comprehensive approach to the functioning of both the Visegrad Group and various aspects of the socio-political systems of its four Central European states. The authors of this monograph are researchers from leading academic centers in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Poland. They have made reference to studies in Polish, English and, above all, in the languages of the other Visegrad countries, i.e. Czech, Slovak and Hungarian. This extensive use of relevant political-geographical literature should be considered a major advantage of this work.