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"Sticking together, Visegrad Group can achieve more"

Sticking together we can achieve more; such is the fundamental message from the 25-year long cooperation of Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary in the Visegrad Group, the Polish president said in Lancut (south-eastern Poland) on Friday.

The meeting in Lancut is attended by President Andrzej Duda as well as Presidents of Slovakia Andrej Kiska, the Czech Republic Milos Zeman and Hungary Janos Ader.



At the beginning of the meeting the four presidents honoured the late Michal Kovac with a minute of silence. Kovac was the first Slovak president after the dissolution of Czechoslovakia in early 1993.

According to President Duda, integration with Euroatlantic structures was the main goal of the four leaders who set up the Visegrad Group 25 years ago.

"This goal has been achieved. Today our four countries are EU and NATO members. The experience acquired on the common road to the EU and NATO showed that acting together we can achieve more," the Polish president said.

President Duda said during the meeting that the main aim of the four countries, which began working together as part of the Visegrad Group a quarter-century ago, was to join Euro-Atlantic structures. This goal was achieved and today all four countries are members of the European Union and NATO, Duda said.

He also said that the Visegrad Group should harness its political, economic and social potential to increase its role in Europe. He noted that Europe is facing a variety of challenges today, including what he described as the prospect of divisions.

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"We want to achieve our national goals and aspirations, but we want to do that in a common, united Europe," Duda said. "We do not want a union of countries better and worse, stronger and weaker. Therefore, the Visegrad

Group has to be an active and determined advocate of European unity today," he said.

The Visegrad Group comprises Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary. Poland has been holding its rotating presidency since July 1. (PAP)

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