

# Bridging Europe since 1989





## **17 MEMBER STATES**

Albania, Belarus\*, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine.

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# Who We Are

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The Central European Initiative (CEI) is a regional intergovernmental forum established in 1989, following the fall of the Berlin wall. It gathers countries of Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe.

**One central mission:** working towards European integration and sustainable development through regional cooperation.

It supports a united Europe with shared values embracing all countries, regions, peoples and citizens; and fosters the strengthening of capacities of its Member States towards good governance, rule of law and sustainable economic development for stability, social cohesion, environmental sustainability, security and prosperity.

- A platform for **political dialogue** through a 4-pillar system;
- A resource for people, businesses and communities through a strong, result-oriented and multi-partnership approach.

**Overall activities are led and endorsed by Prime Ministers' Summit & Foreign Ministers' Meeting.**

## Pillar system

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### Governmental Dimension

Composed of government representatives responsible for CEI cooperation. Annual rotating Presidency.

### Parliamentary Dimension

Representatives of national Parliaments cooperate and meet in framework of the Parliamentary Assembly, the Parliamentary Committee and the General Committees.

### Economic Dimension

Promotes an active participation of the business communities fostering inputs, open discussions and recommendations for cooperation.

### Local Dimension

Supports cooperation between local and regional entities in CEI Member States and their actions in addressing local challenges in sustainable growth.

# What We Do

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## Thematic Agenda

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**Good governance & institutional development**



**Youth, women & other vulnerable groups**



**Better health & well-being**



**Connectivity & sustainable mobility**



**Renewable energy, energy efficiency & energy security**



**Circular bioeconomy**



**Environmental protection, risk-reduction & resilience**



**Sustainable communities, cities & territories**



**Business environment & entrepreneurship**



**Research & innovation through science diplomacy**



**Media freedom & pluralism**



**Cultural cooperation**

# How We Do It

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**We create cooperation opportunities for European integration and sustainable development thanks to the transfer of innovative solutions and best practices and by building synergies and partnerships.**

## **CEI Cooperation Fund**

Provided by all Member States, it supports projects of small scale and limited duration such as seminars, workshops, training courses or other kinds of meetings focusing on mobility and networking.

## **CEI Fund at the EBRD**

Financed by Italy, it provides grants for the *Technical Cooperation Programme* in support of investments and operations of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). The Fund also supports the *CEI Know-how Exchange Programme* which fosters capacity building and transfer of good practices from EU to non-EU CEI Member States.

## **Project management**

Through its Project Management Office, the CEI-Executive Secretariat designs and manages projects funded by external sources, ranging from the European Union to the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia, thus turning shared priorities into regional actions for the ultimate benefit of CEI Member States and their citizens.



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