



Scientific diplomacy and cooperation: diplomats and science attachés from CEI Member States visit scientific institutions in Trieste

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Press Release

Among the topics covered in the framework of their visit in Trieste, diplomats and science attachés from Central and Eastern European countries and the Balkans are: enhancing the role the CEI is playing with regard to the promotion of scientific diplomacy; getting familiar with the international scientific institutions based in Trieste, and the opportunities these centers of excellence offer to the scientific and economic realities of the CEI Member States; fostering scientific cooperation and internationalisation of research, also within ESOF 2020.

The event, taking place on **Thursday, 4 October**, is featuring a first session at the **Science Park Area (9.15 - 11.45)** and a visit to the **Elettra Sincrotrone Laboratory (12.00 - 13.00)**.

The gathering will be opened by the President of Area Science Park, **Sergio Paoletti**, by the Councilor for Work, Training, Education, Research, University and Family, **Alessia Rosolen**, and by CEI Secretary General, **Giovanni Caracciolo di Vietri**.

Speakers will include representatives of the **National Institute of Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics (OGS)**, the **International Center for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)**, the **International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB)**, **Elettra Sincrotrone** and the **Central European Consortium for Research infrastructures (CERIC-ERIC)**.

Special attention will be paid to **ESOF 2020** with a speech by **Stefano Fantoni**, President of the *Fondazione Internazionale Trieste*, also in the light of the CEI's role in mobilising the interest of its Member States in the presentation phase of the candidature of Trieste: winner thanks to the international dimension and the projection of the city towards the countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

Scientific cooperation has always been one of the CEI's priorities. Over the years, the Organisation has developed solid partnerships with the scientific institutions of Trieste, the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research, and the scientific and academic realities of the member countries, focusing on the institutional and project dimensions where science represents an instrument of diplomacy for fostering international dialogue and to consolidate the international relations.

In this context, alongside the political and institutional actions, the CEI is promoting various initiatives for the benefit of its member countries, such as scholarships, training activities, thematic workshops and summer schools, encouraging the mobility of experts and researchers from throughout Central and Eastern Europe.

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