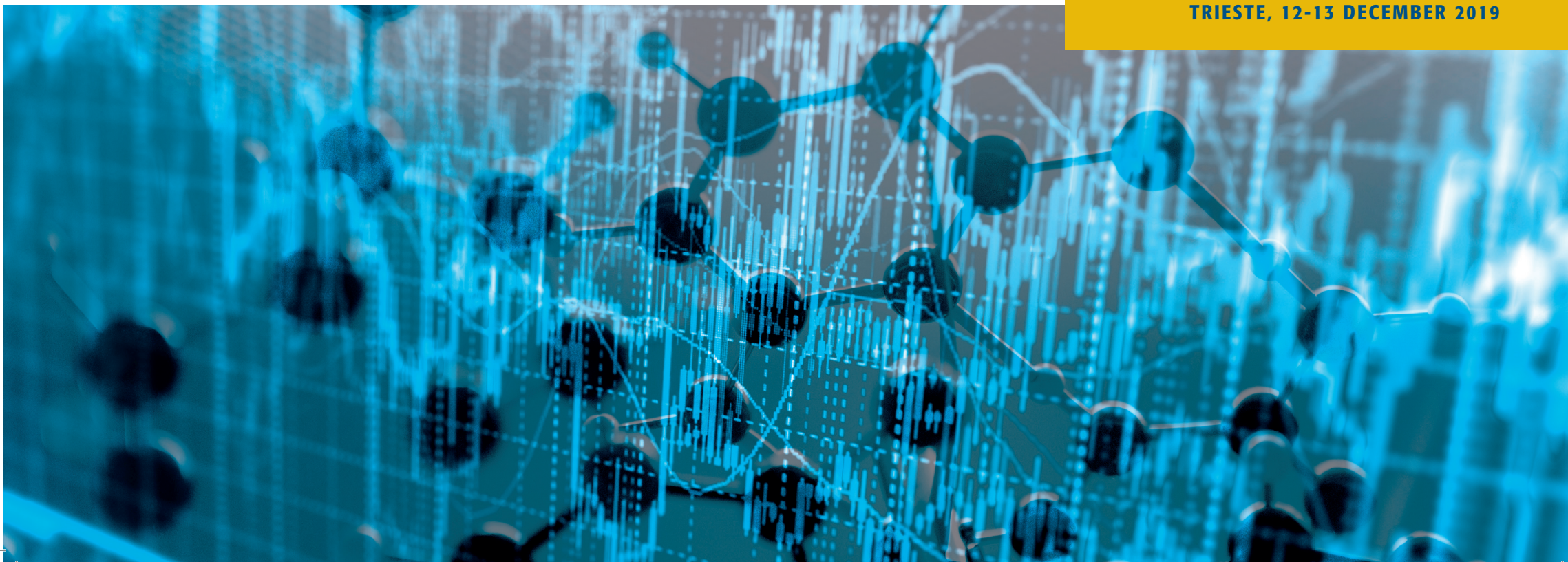


Meeting of CEI Ministers of Science and Research

How can **regional cooperation**  
in science and technology  
foster **sustainable development**  
in CEI Member States?

TRIESTE, 12-13 DECEMBER 2019



The Ministers in charge of Research, Innovation and Higher Education of the Member States of the Central European Initiative (CEI) are meeting in Trieste on the occasion of the CEI Ministerial Conference on Science and Research under the Italian CEI Presidency.

Hosted by the Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region, the gathering acknowledges the recommendations included in the Trieste Declaration endorsed by the CEI Ministers of Foreign Affairs in Trieste on 12 June, 2019. This underlines, therefore, the importance of research, innovation and higher education for addressing grand societal challenges through regional cooperation, in order to promote sustainable economic growth, increase employability and social inclusion and create new opportunities for the youth across the CEI area. It also emphasises the decisive role international science cooperation plays in the implementation of the CEI mission.

The main output of the meeting will be a "Trieste Declaration on Science" stressing the importance of cooperation among the centres of excellence and science and innovation systems across the CEI area. Specific focus will be placed, also in collaboration with OGS - National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics on topics such as natural risk mitigation and adaptation, blue growth, capacity building and training on science diplomacy.

12 DECEMBER 2019

19:30

## Programme

**VENUE:** Hotel Greif Maria Theresia,  
Viale Miramare 109

Welcome Reception

13 DECEMBER 2019

9:00 - 9:30

**VENUE:** Seat of the Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia,  
Piazza dell'Unità d'Italia 1

### Registration

Welcome Coffee

9:30 - 9:45

### Opening session

*Massimiliano Fedriga*

President of the Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia

*Roberto Dipiazza*, Mayor of Trieste

9:45 - 12:15

### Plenary Session

#### Statements:

*Lorenzo Fioramonti*, Minister of Education,  
University and Research, Italy

*Roberto Antonione*, CEI Secretary General  
Heads of Delegation of CEI Member States

12:15 - 12:40

### Conclusions and adoption of the "Trieste Declaration on Science"

12:50 - 13:30

### Family photo and press conference

13:30 - 15:00

### Lunch break - buffet

**VENUE:** Government Palace – Palazzo del Governo,  
Piazza dell'Unità d'Italia 8

15:00 - 17:00

### Bilateral meetings