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.

Programme

VENUE: Hotel Greif Maria Theresia, Viale Miramare 109

Welcome Reception

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

Registration
Welcome Coffee

Opening session
Massimiliano Fedriga
President of the Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia
Roberto Dipiazza, Mayor of Trieste

Plenary Session
Statements:
Lorenzo Fioramonti, Minister of Education, University and Research, Italy
Roberto Antonione, CEI Secretary General
Heads of Delegation of CEI Member States

Conclusions and adoption of the “Trieste Declaration on Science”

Family photo and press conference

Lunch break - buffet
VENUE: Government Palace – Palazzo del Governo, Piazza dell’Unità d’Italia 8

Bilateral meetings