



**PROGRAM**  
**MEETING OF CEI MINISTERS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Tuesday, September 23**

19.30 – 21.00 Get together reception hosted by CEI Secretary General, Amb. Giovanni Caracciolo di Vietri at Harry's Grill of Hotel Duchi d'Aosta – Piazza Unità d'Italia N.2/1

**Wednesday, September 24** (Venue: Hotel Savoia Excelsior, Riva del Mandracchio, 4)

10.00 – 11.00 **Opening Session**

Welcome

- (10') Amb. Giovanni Caracciolo di Vietri - CEI Secretary General
- (10') Hon. Debora Serracchiani, Governor of Friuli Venezia Giulia Region

Introductory Statements

- (15') Mr. Elmar Pichl, Director General, Austrian Federal Ministry for Science, Research and Economy, CEI Presidency
- (15') Sen. Stefania Giannini, Italian Minister and EU Presidency
- (10') Ms Ulla Engelmann, Head of Unit – International Inter-Institutional Stakeholder Relations

11.00 – 11.45 **First Session: CERIC Consortium**

- (15') Prof. Carlo Rizzuto - President of Synchrotrone Radiation Elettra and Free Electron Laser Laboratories  
*CERIC Consortium: Concrete Mid/Long Term Prospects after the Signature of the Statute by EC President*
- (30') Open discussion among Ministers

11.45 – 12.00 **Coffee Break**

12.00 – 12.45 **Second Session: CEI-PRAISE Programme**

- (15') Mr. Giorgio Rosso Cicogna, Special Advisor to CEI Secretary General  
*Final Progress Report on CEI-PRAISE Framework Programme*
- (30') Open discussion among Ministers

12.45 – 13.15 **Third Session: Advanced Biofuels and Prospects for CEI Member Countries**

- (30') Panel - Follow up on of 2013 Ministerial Meeting about Advanced Biofuels  
Panellists: Mr. Giorgio Rosso Cicogna – Special Advisor to CEI Secretary General  
Prof. Melvyn Askew – Chairman Scientific Committee of EU Project S2Biom  
Mr. Goran Blagojevic – President and CEO Pediment Holdings , Serbia

13.15 – 13.30 **Concluding Session** and adoption of Final Communiqué

- Amb. Giovanni Caracciolo di Vietri – CEI Secretary General
- Austrian CEI Presidency

13.30 **Buffet lunch**

Afternoon Delegations are welcomed to attend the **Western Balkan Science and Technology Platform** (organized by the European Commission with the support of CEI and Regional Cooperation Council RCC, on behalf of the Italian EU Presidency) and/ or the **Workshop on the Evolving Landscape of Research Infrastructures in Europe** organized by Elettra – Sincrotrone Trieste on behalf of the Italian EU Presidency (both taking place at Hotel Savoia Excelsior)

**Thursday, September 25**

9.30 – 17.00: Visit (upon request) to the Institutions belonging to the CEI Science and Technology Network, which are international by statute or by vocation and are based in Trieste. The visit by bus is organised also for the participants to the Western Balkan Science and Technology Platform and includes a buffet lunch.