

ESOF2020 TRIESTE at a glance

“Our vision of Trieste as a hub for science, business and society interactions in a wide geographical area spanning the North-East of Italy and Central Eastern European countries is a key reason for Trieste being a truly great ESOF host.”

Stefano Fantoni, ESOF2020 Champion

A unique location

ESOF2020 Trieste will take place **from 4 to 10 July 2020** and in the two weeks preceding and following the main event. The activities include meetings, conferences, seminars and public events such as shows and exhibitions. Over 4000 researchers, educators, entrepreneurs, policy makers and journalists from all over the world are expected in Trieste to discuss breakthroughs in science.

ESOF 2020's main events will be held in the extraordinary area of the Porto Vecchio, the old harbour of Trieste which was for decades the commercial port of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and now is an outstanding architectural and industrial heritage that the Trieste Municipality is redeveloping.

Trieste, the city of science

Trieste is known as the City of Science because of its long tradition as a dynamic meeting **hub for research, science and innovation**, focused on sustainable growth and development, with an impact that extends beyond Italy to the rest of Europe and the developing world. It is internationally renowned for having **one of the largest concentrations of scientific institutions in Italy**, including The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), the University of Trieste, the International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA, Scuola Internazionale Superiore di Studi Avanzati), the National Institute of Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics

(OGS), the Elettra Synchrotron Light Laboratory, the Area Science Park, the Astronomical Observatory and the WWF Marine Reserve in Miramare.

A strong commitment

For the first time in its history, the EuroScience Open Forum is opening up outside the national borders of its hosting city. As a Central European city, Trieste is committed to strengthening links with Central and Eastern European scientists, entrepreneurs, policy makers and citizens, thus taking a crucial step forward towards a truly open and inclusive idea of Europe.

The main ESOF2020 Trieste objectives and expected achievements

Strengthen

a scientific, technological network among the Central Eastern European countries linked to the Trieste Science System.

Establish

a platform for implementing research infrastructures in Central Eastern European countries and to bridge existing gaps.

Integrate and connect

this network with respect to the Mediterranean and North African countries and to the Central Asian countries (Silk Road project).

Cooperate and organize exchanges

among European academies, associations dedicated to science commitment and communications, and with governments in Central and Eastern Europe.

Develop

an East-Europe Science Museum which may act as a dissemination centre for science and technology to citizens belonging to the CEE region.

proESOF, an innovative tools towards ESOF2020 Trieste

In order to ensure a strong involvement of Central and Eastern European Countries and to engage the local community, FIT has created a local team (Trieste Encounters on Science and Innovation – TESI) to develop a **proESOF programme**: this is conceived as a set of activities to anticipate and accompany the development of ESOF 2020 Trieste. It represents an innovation in the usual EuroScience format and it includes a series of regional and international events that will be organised mainly in the Triveneto Region, in CEE countries and in the Balkans, with a strong engagement of local institutions, authorities and citizens.

To collect ideas and to support the development of initiatives which will enhance dissemination, education, networking and training from now until ESOF 2020, a call for proposals will be launched by the TESI Local Programme Committee quarterly.

The call envisages three distinct groups of initiatives to be collected:

- events before 2020, to be held preferentially in the North-East of Italy and Central-Eastern European countries and Balkans;
- Science in the City Festival, embracing activities for the public engagement in science which will take place in the three weeks of the 2020 main event in Trieste;
- draft proposals for the official call of ESOF2020 Trieste that will be launched in January 2019. These proposals will receive advice and suggestions to better fulfill the official call requirements and enhance the network capacity of the applicants.

Find out more about proESOF on www.proesof2020.eu

ESOF2020 Trieste main legacy

Permanent network among Research,
Institutions, Industry, Policy Makers and Society



A Science Centre of
excellence for
Technology, Innovation
and Science
Dissemination

Stronger inclusion
and integration in the
Central Eastern European
Countries

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