ESOF – EuroScience Open Forum – is the biennial pan-European meeting dedicated to scientific research and innovation. During the forum, leading scientists, young researchers, business people, policy makers, science communicators and the general public will discuss new discoveries and debate the direction that research is taking in the sciences, humanities and social sciences.

Trieste has been nominated European City of Science 2020 and the Trieste International Foundation for Scientific Progress and Freedom (FIT) is the host organization for the ninth edition of ESOF, which will take place from 5 to 9 July 2020. A key feature of every ESOF edition is the Science in the City Festival which will last over two weeks and is dedicated to people of all ages who are curious about science.

Trieste ESOF2020’s scientific conference will be held in the extraordinary area of the Old Port (Porto Vecchio), which has been 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 and requalifying.

**MAIN OBJECTIVES:**

**GENERAL AND SPECIFIC**

ESOF2020 Trieste aims at:

**PROMOTING** science, technology and innovation as key drivers of a sustainable and responsible development that is people-centered

**STIMULATING** discussions concerning science, its applications and impacts, including ethical issues

**ESTABLISHING** a platform where the dialogue between research institutions, academies and governments is fostered

ESOF2020 Trieste specific goal is to:

**STRENGTHEN, INTEGRATE AND CONNECT A SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL NETWORK AMONG THE CENTRAL EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**

**FREEDOM FOR SCIENCE, SCIENCE FOR FREEDOM**

Freedom for Science refers to the open-ended and unresolved questions that science is facing, with method and curiosity, without restrictions of credo or prejudices.

Science for Freedom, on the other side, refers to the inclusiveness of science and its language, which goes beyond borders and conflicts and brings together people of any colour and gender.
LEGACY FOR TRIESTE

A new SCIENCE CENTRE, the North Adriatic Science and Technology Centre, a large next-gen interactive museum

A SUMMER INSTITUTE for Central-east Europe where dialogue and collaboration between scientific research and business is promoted and harnessed

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ESOF BY NUMBERS

- 4,500 delegates
- Attendees from about 80 countries
- Nobel Prizes, Science influencers
- Scientists, Young researchers
- Science to Business focus
- International showcase and exhibitors
- Satellite events
- Start ups
- New Careers dedicated arena
- A Science Festival in the City for two weeks
- Expected 40,000 visitors