“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 the Central Eastern European countries is a key reason for Trieste being a truly great ESOF host.”

Stefano Fantoni, ESOF2020 Champion
**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 the restrictions of credo or prejudices.

*Science for Freedom*, on the other hand, refers to the inclusiveness of science and its language, which goes beyond borders and conflicts, bringing together people of all colours and gender.
WHAT IS ESOF2020

From 5 to 9 July 2020, Trieste will host the EuroScience Open Forum. Over 5000 researchers, educators, entrepreneurs, policy makers, and journalists are expected.

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 citizens will discuss new discoveries and debate the direction that research is taking in the sciences, humanities and social sciences.

For the first time in its history, the EuroScience Open Forum is reaching beyond the national borders of its hosting city. Trieste is renowned for having one of the largest concentrations of international and national institutes for research, technology transfer, and the dissemination of science; it is a city hosting more than 30 national and international centres and companies working in research and higher education. As a Central European city, Trieste is committed to strengthening links with Central and Eastern European countries, thus taking a crucial step forward towards a truly open and inclusive idea of Europe.
ESOF2020 AT A GLANCE

Created in 2004 by EuroScience, ESOF brings together different stakeholders from all over Europe to discuss the latest breakthroughs in science and their impact on our daily lives. ESOF2020 Trieste is a unique opportunity to further knowledge on research and innovation; to create links, exchange and debate; to develop a network for future careers and business opportunities.

EXHIBITION
Two large exhibition areas for more than 100 exhibitors.

SCIENCE
ESOF2020 scientific programme focuses on 9 themes that cover the main challenges and opportunities of present-day society and which explore how natural and social sciences can help find innovative approaches to address them.

Blue planet
A decrease in the health of oceans and freshwater bodies can have a tremendous impact on human livelihood. The consequences of climate change can further aggravate matters.

I compute therefore I am
Advances in computational power and AI promise to revolutionize our world, simplifying many aspects of our lives and creating potentially disruptive social backlashes at the same time.

Science and society
Science should not create a divide between scientists and non-scientists. A constant dialogue should be present in which science is seen not just as a tool in the hands of the few, but as an integral part of society.

Nourishing the planet
Food scarcity is a reality in large portions of the world. Food scarcity, however, is often tightly coupled with excessive waste and land degradation.

Sustainable future
Current habits in resource (mis)management have proven extremely damaging for our ecosystem and ourselves. This damage will only increase as more people adopt more onerous standards of living.

Breaking frontiers in science and knowledge
The value and power of breakthrough discoveries is often realized much later than when they happen. Constant attention should be kept at the frontiers of our knowledge, in order to turn our present into the best future possible.

Live long and prosper
Modern medicine promises to eradicate many of the ills which afflict mankind. While exploring what the future holds, care should be taken that modern technical achievements remain accessible to everyone.

Science for policy / policy for science
Science has the potential to render policy making more objective and free from political prejudice. At the same time, science should be scrutinized in order for it to maintain high qualitative and ethical standards.

The smart city
The most forward-thinking and trendsetting initiatives oftentimes stem from mayors or citizen associations, which spearhead a more widespread adoption of sustainable policies and habits based on the interplay between local resources and international networking.
CAREERS
Future careers will be a main topic of the event. A special programme will be dedicated to the impact of science innovations on the jobs of the future.

SCIENCE IN THE CITY
From 27 June to 11 July 2020, the city of Trieste will be pervaded by the Science in the City Festival, an important feature of every EuroScience Open Forum dedicated to people of all ages who are curious about science and technology. The whole of Trieste, the European City of Science in 2020, will be alive with all kinds of events: science shows, exhibitions, theatre, science cafes, hands-on activities, lectures, concerts, discussion games and much more to celebrate and discuss the latest developments in science and technology. Speakers at the EuroScience Open Forum will meet general audiences in the town spaces bringing main topics to the attention of all citizens.

MEDIA
Press tours and special events will be organized. Journalists and science communicators will be welcome in the ESOF Media Area.

SCIENCE TO BUSINESS
Now more than ever, it is of fundamental importance that the full spectrum of scientific knowledge be transferred to the business world in order not only to ensure growth, but to make sure that growth is sustainable and conducive to the wealth of both human beings and the environment. To this end, ESOF2020 is launching a call for innovative session proposals aimed at fostering interaction between players in innovation management and tech transfer, researchers, entrepreneurs, and policy makers.
ESOF2020 TRIESTE’S MAIN LEGACY

Italy and the Trieste region welcome citizens from all over Europe and the world to forge connections and collaborations.

ESOF2020 is an extraordinary opportunity for Trieste, as well as for Central and Eastern European Countries.

After ESOF2020:

A PERMANENT NETWORK of interactions among research institutes, industry, policy makers, and society.

A SUMMER INSTITUTE for Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans where dialogue and collaboration between scientific research and business is promoted and harnessed.

A SCIENCE CENTRE of excellence for public engagement in science and technology to be established in Porto Vecchio.
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