

How to participate to the Science in the City Festival of ESOF2020 Trieste

What are the EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF2020) and the Science in the City Festival

The **EuroScience Open Forum** is a biennial, pan-European conference that gathers over 4000 researchers, educators, business actors, policy makers and journalists, aimed at discussing the main breakthroughs in science and their impact on society. The 9th edition of the EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF2020) will take place from 5 to 9 July 2020 in Trieste, north-east of Italy, in the Porto Vecchio area (the Old Port of the city).

Alongside ESOF2020, Trieste will also host the **Science in the City Festival**, dedicated to people of all ages who are curious about science and technology. It is one of the largest public engagements in Europe and will take place from 27 June to 11 July 2020.

The Science in the City Festival main features

The main purpose of the ESOF Festival is to bring Trieste alive with science thanks to hundreds of events open to the large public, such as science shows, exhibitions, hands-on activities, lectures and concerts, just to name a few. These events will originate from the convergence of science, art, poetry, hard sciences and humanities. Moreover, speakers of the EuroScience Open Forum will meet the general audience in the town spaces, bringing the main topics of ESOF2020 to all citizens' attention.

Main strengths of the Science in the City Festival comprise multilingualism, clear links with the scientific programme (i.e. osmotic flow in and out the congress citadel), but also prestigious locations in the town centre and the Old Port such as: Salone degli Incanti, Magazzino delle Idee, Revoltella Museum, as well as the main theatres, like Teatro Verdi and Teatro Rossetti. Other exhibitions will be held at the Scuderie di Miramare and in the Old Port.

How to participate

In order to take part to the Science in the City Festival, it is possible to propose exhibitions, science shows, hands-on workshops, science cafés, conferences, citizen science programme or any other type of event based on original and innovative formats.

All the proposals to the Science in the City Festival are collected through a dedicated webform, available at <http://www.proesof2020.eu/CallProEsof>. The call has been opened in February 2018



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and will last until 31 December 2019. Each submitted proposal is evaluated by a couple of selected referees on the basis of precise criteria regarding vision, strategy, quality and impact of the event. It is important to underline that the accepted proposals cannot be fully funded by the Festival organisation and thus financial support must be found elsewhere (e.g. national organisations, sponsors, etc.). However, ESOF organisation can support the events providing location, advertising, communication, volunteers and technical assistance. For chosen events, ESOF organisation can also provide accommodation and sustenance for selected international guests.

Although the call for proposals is currently open and the Science in the City Festival programme is still in an early stage, some events are already confirmed:

- ShorTS: an international film festival that comprises shorts, features and documentaries. The Festival will include a session dedicated to science with an ad-hoc award;
- TACT: an international theatre festival that brings together around a hundred artists from all over the world. In 2020 the festival will be dedicated to science theatre only;
- Cyborn: an exhibition focused on the human body, on our ability to monitor processes unobservable until a few years ago, on artificial intelligence and on human enhancement;
- Extreme: an exhibition based on three topics that play a pivotal role in the scientific research performed in Trieste: Antarctica, astrobiology and the caves that characterize the Karst region in the surroundings of the city.

Further information regarding the Festival and the application form can be found at the following link: <http://www.proesof2020.eu/CallProEsof> (to successfully apply to the Science in the City Festival, it is necessary to select "Science 2 Citizens" in the "Proposal Area" dropdown menu and later "Science in the City Festival" when asked which group of initiatives the proposal refers to).

For any further information and request, please write to festival@esof.eu

