



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

TOWARDS A TRANSNATIONAL RESEARCH NETWORK ON SOLID EARTH SCIENCE

The National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics - OGS is promoting an international conference on November 23, 2023 in Trieste, Italy.

The conference is organised with the support of the Central European Institute (CEI) to foster cross-border and transnational research in the field of solid earth science among the countries of Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe. This event aims to **establish a link with existing initiatives at European level, such as the European Plate Observing System (EPOS), and aims to promote and strengthen interactions between science and policy for the generation of shared strategies in the field of prevention and mitigation of natural disasters, such as earthquakes.**

For these reasons, each CEI Member State shall be represented by a delegation composed of two members, namely one representative of the ministry in charge of science and research, and one representative of the national scientific community working in the field of solid earth science. Participation at the conference is free of charge. The maximum number of expected participants is tentatively set to 40 depending on the capacity of the venue.

To participate write to interface@ogs.it



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Main objective

The international conference “**Towards a transnational research network on solid earth science**” aims at fostering collaborative research on the cross-border and transnational scale, while complementing existing initiatives where most Central, Eastern and South-Eastern European countries are currently not represented, such as the European Plate Observing System (EPOS)¹.

Moreover, it will enhance the provision of data and services, and ultimately increase the number of scientists engaged in transnational research.

Finally, this event will encourage evidence-based policymaking by supporting science-policy interactions. Indeed, transnational research in the field of solid earth science is essential not only for the advancement of science itself, but also for providing decision-makers with scientific knowledge, data, and evidence to adapt their policies, thus improving their country’s capacity to prevent and mitigate natural disasters.

Organising institution

The **National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics** (OGS) has extensive experience in transnational research and networking, including initiatives such as the Central Eastern Europe Earthquake Research Network (CE3RN) and the Joint European Research Infrastructure Network for Coastal Observatories (JERICO), as well as in participation in several European, Interreg, and international projects.

In 2020, OGS organised the virtual conference “Perspectives towards a Central and South-Eastern European Partner Facility for Solid Earth Science”, which aimed at establishing an initial link between EPOS – in which OGS participates as “contributing institute” – and scientists from Central, Eastern and South-Eastern European countries.

¹ The **European Plate Observing System (EPOS)** – which was granted the legal status of “ERIC” (European Research Infrastructure Consortium) by the European Commission in 2018 – aims to integrate the Solid Earth European Research Infrastructures to: a) build a multidisciplinary research platform; b) provide access to harmonized and quality-controlled data; and c) offer analysis and modelling tools for the Earth science. The main goal is to support the scientific community engaged in understanding physical phenomena such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, driving tectonics and Earth surface dynamics.



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OGS re-launched this initiative in 2022 and was granted a contribution from the Cooperation Fund of the Central European Initiative (CEI) to support the organisation of the above-mentioned international conference.

Indeed, this event will make a direct contribution to the implementation of the “Trieste Declaration on Science”, unanimously adopted by CEI ministers in charge of science and research in 2019, which inter alia encouraged CEI’s scientific communities “to improve cross-border and transnational cooperation, starting from prevention and mitigation of natural disaster, based on existing initiatives as in the case of the seismic network of the National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics, aiming to create a real-time impact estimation system in case of earthquakes in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe”.

Format, preliminary programme, and invited target groups

The international conference “Towards a transnational research network on solid earth science” will be a one-day event organised by OGS with the support of CEI. It will take place in Trieste (Italy) on November 23, 2023 (additional information on all logistical aspects will be circulated in due time).

The Programme will envisage two main sessions, respectively dedicated to the following topics:

- the establishment of a Transnational research network on solid earth science for enhancing scientific cooperation and mitigation of natural disaster in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe,
- the role of international scientific cooperation for European integration and sustainable development in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe.

To meet these goals, and to ensure an open discussion within a science-policy platform, invited delegations will be composed of 2 members (1+1 format):

- 1 representative of the ministry in charge of science and research,
- 1 representative of the scientific community working in the field of solid earth science.

Selected international experts will be also invited, starting from the representatives of the above-mentioned EPOS-ERIC.

Main contacts

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USEFUL INFORMATION

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Conference Venue: **NH Hotel Trieste******

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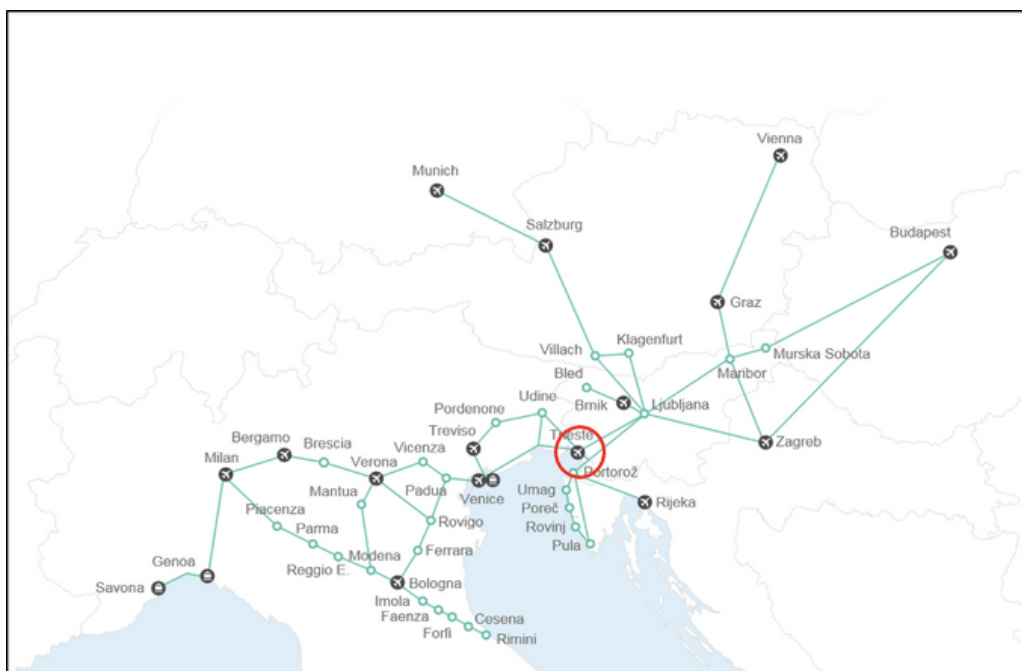
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How to arrive to Trieste



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Trieste Airport (<https://triestearport.it/it/airport/>) is about 40 Km far from the city centre of Trieste. You can arrive from the airport to the city centre:

- **By BUS:** Take Bus No. 51 (one way ticket costs 4,05 EUR): timetable available at the following link: <https://www.apggorizia.it/it/14014/Pianifica-il-tuo-viaggio>
- **By TRAIN:** There is a train approx. every half an hour from Trieste Airport station to Trieste Centrale. Train Timetable is available online on the Italian Railways official website: <http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en>.
- **By TAXI (not reimbursable):** Taxis are available outside the airport terminal (arrivals side) from 08.00 AM to 12.00 PM. There is also a car-rental service with driver (for information call +39 0481 778000 or visit <http://www.taxitriestearport.it/en/>).

Venice and Ljubljana:

There is also the option to arrive from nearby airports of **Venice (about 2h from Trieste)** or **Ljubljana (1.5h from Trieste)**.

To arrive from both Venice and Ljubljana to Trieste, you can choose between shared and private transfer at affordable prices.

For public transfer by train, check <http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en>.

You can also make use of private transfer services provided by **GoOpti** (<https://www.goopti.com/en/>) or **Science-bus**: <https://www.science-bus.com/user/index.php>

If you arrive by car: parking area available: "SABA SILOS Parking" Piazza della Libertà 9 near the train station.



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Hotel in Trieste

The hotel where the conference will be held is the NH Hotel, just 5 minutes from the Trieste train/bus station.

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To reserve a room at the hotel you may use the link: <https://www.nh-hotels.com/it/event/ogs>

The hotel booking should be realized with your credit card. The agreed price for one night stay with breakfast is 106,94€, which is directly withdrawn from it. This price is refundable from OGS together with the travel expenses (see the module attached - Annex C).

NH Hotel cannot guarantee free rooms for bookings after the 10th October. However, if you cannot find accommodation in the NH Hotel, OGS will reimburse also other hotels that you can find.

Please, consider that, if you renounce to come, OGS cannot reimburse anything (included the accommodations costs which will be retained from your credit card).

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