

# STRENGTHENING COOPERATION TOWARDS A KNOWLEDGE-BASED SOCIETY IN CEI REGION

*24th of October 2008, Chişinău, Republic of Moldova  
Academy of Sciences of Moldova*



The conference “Strengthening Cooperation towards a Knowledge-based Society in the CEI Region” is organized in the framework of the Moldovan Presidency of the Central European Initiative, with the participation of the newly created network of focal points in the CEI Science & Technology and Information Society fields. Taking into consideration that the network of focal points was created after the CEI structure repositioning in November 2007 (CEI Summit of Heads of Government in Sofia, Bulgaria), this event has a major importance for enhancing the cooperation activities in the CEI region: bringing focal points together will identify new means of cooperation and will set a real common CEI informal area in the field of S&T.

The sessions of the Conference will focus on 2 topics:

- **Development of Knowledge-Based Society in the CEI Region: Identifying New Forms of Cooperation**
- **EU Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) – Opportunity to Improve International Cooperation in S&T and Information Society**

This event, and the last working session in particular, aims at exchanging experience and enhancing the cooperation activities within the CEI region in the fields of S&T and Information Society, by bringing relevant CEI Networks of Focal Points together, and seeks to provide a platform for launching concrete collaborative actions in the region.

## **MINI-FAIR**

Next to the Conference venue (the morning sessions) it will be possible to disseminate information (booklets, flyers, posters, printouts etc.) on the represented institutions, research groups, project proposals in search of partners, success stories etc. All the participants are invited to contribute to the raising awareness of cooperation opportunities in the CEI region.

## **VENUE**

**Sessions I & II:** Academy of Sciences of Moldova, Small Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), 1, Ştefan cel Mare Ave., Chişinău

**Working Session:** Central Scientific Library (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), 5a, Academiei Str., Chişinău

## PROGRAMME

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

*Arrival of foreign participants*

19:30 Welcome reception

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

08:00 *Participants Registration*

*The Museum and Exhibition of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova, located at the first floor of the Conference venue, will open its doors for visitors*

#### 09:00 CONFERENCE OPENING

Welcome: **Gheorghe DUCA**, President of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova

**Dumitru ȚÎRA**, CEI National Coordinator, Moldovan Presidency to the CEI

#### 09:15 SESSION I: DEVELOPMENT OF KNOWLEDGE-BASED SOCIETY IN THE CEI REGION: IDENTIFYING NEW FORMS OF COOPERATION

Chairperson: **Jaroslav PÁNEK**, Vice President of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

Speakers: **Gheorghe DUCA**, President of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova (*"S&T in a Knowledge-based Society: the Case of Moldova"*)

**Adrian KELER**, CEI Executive Officer (*"Presentation of CEI activities"*)

**Decio RIPANDELLI**, Director, Administration and External Relations, International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), Italy (*"The ICGEB: an Example of International Cooperation"*)

**Giorgio PAOLUCCI**, Research Project Coordinator and Member of the Strategic Committee at the Synchrotron of Trieste, Italy (*"The Role of CEI in Promoting the Development of a Knowledge-based Society in the Region"*)

10:15 Discussions

10:45 *Coffee-break*

#### 11:15 SESSION II: EU SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME (FP7) - OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN INFORMATION SOCIETY AND SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Chairperson: **Ion TIGHINEANU**, Vice President of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova

Speakers: **Lucia POPESCU**, Scientific Officer, National Centre for Programmes Management, Romania (*"FP7 and Trans-national S&T Cooperation across Europe"*)

**Maria IOVU**, FP7 NCP, Moldova (*"FP7 - Challenges for the Moldovan Scientific Community"*)

**Svetlana BOGDANOVIC**, Advisor, Ministry of Science of Serbia (*"Participation of the Republic of Serbia in FP7"*)

**Maria SAVA**, Department for Research and Project Management, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași, Romania (*"The Scientific Research Potential of the Iași University Centre in the Perspective of the FP7 Future Collaborative Projects"*)

**Andrei ANDRIEȘ**, Research and Educational Networking Association of Moldova (*"Participation of Moldova in SEE Regional eInfrastructure Initiatives"*)

12:30 Discussions

13:00 *Lunch & Excursion to the "Mileștii Mici" Wine Cellars*

#### 16:00 WORKING SESSION: EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE BETWEEN THE PARTICIPANTS

Chairperson: **Elena SEVERIN**, CEI Focal Point on S&T, Academy of Sciences of Moldova

Speakers: All participants are invited to speak, to present their institutions' profile and potential, exchange ideas for further cooperation, identify common aims and priorities

#### 17:30 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

18:00 *Dinner*

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

*Departure of Participants*

## ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

### Honorary Members:

**Acad. Gheorghe DUCA**, President of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova

**Ambassador Pietro Ercole AGO**, Secretary General of the Central European Initiative

**Mr. Dumitru ȚÎRA**, CEI National Coordinator, Moldovan Presidency to the CEI

### Members:

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**Liliana GUȚAN** – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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