

CEI University Network

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Foundation



- The CEI University Network (CEI UniNet) is a contribution of the Central European Initiative to higher education in order to enhance cooperation among universities in its Member States.
- The idea to create a "CEI University Network" was launched on the occasion of the Summit Meeting of Heads of Government of the Central European Initiative held in Trieste in November 2001.
- The Founding Charter of the "CEI University Network" was drafted about two years later and submitted to the CEI Summit of the Heads of Government held in Warsaw in November 2003. The Network officially started its operations in 2004.

Functioning



- The CEI UniNet is based in Trieste (Italy) at the CEI headquarters.
- It is headed by the Rector of the University of Trieste in his capacity as Secretary-General
- The CEI UniNet functions through the following bodies:

Secretary-General

Executive Board

General Assembly

Sharing Knowledge through Mobility



- the CEI UniNet is a network of universities in the 18 CEI Member States and is based on the principle of mobility of students and teaching staff.
- mobility is supported at academic level for specific Joint Programmes through:

teaching grants

and

scholarship awards

CEI Member States

- Albania
- Austria
- Belarus
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Hungary
- Italy
- Macedonia
- Moldova
- Montenegro
- Poland
- Romania
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Ukraine

Joint Programmes



Joint Programmes are post graduate level courses:

- PhD programmes
- Master's courses
- Summer schools
- Seminars
- Workshops

Joint Programmes: Mandatory requirements



- A. JPs are to involve at least 2 UNIVERSITIES from different CEI Member States;
- B. JPs are to fall within one of the 6 Areas of Cooperation:
- Economics
- Infrastructure and Logistics
- Advanced Biotechnology
- Regional Development, Public Administration (including Governance Models)
- ·\ ICT
- Environment and Sustainable Development
- C. The teaching language of a JP is English.

Joint Programmes: Priority requirements



- participation of Non-EU CEI countries:
 Albania, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina,
 Croatia, Macedonia, Moldova,
 Montenegro, Serbia, Ukraine;
- mobility of students and teaching staff through: Split Joint Programmes (i.e. courses held in more than one University).

Achievments since 2004



The CEI University is a fully active Network and has already implemented important activities with:

More than **100** universities

And has already offered:

More than **600** Scholarship awards and Teaching Grants

amounting to a total value of around:

980.000 EUR

Example of Joint Programme Approved in 2008:



Master's for Ukrainian ICT students submitted by Silesian University of Technology, Gliwice, (Poland).

Silesian University of Technology

Faculty of Automatic Control, Electronics and Computer Science

5 students

3 lecturers

Lviv Polytechnic
National University in
Ukraine

Institute of Computer
Sciences and
Information
Technologies

Example of PhD Course Approved in 2009

PhD on Sociology of Regional Development submitted by the University of Zadar (Croatia) in cooperation with the University of Teramo (Italy)

Areas of cooperation covered:

- Regional Development and Urban Planning
- Public Administration and Governance Models
- Environment

CEI Contribution: 12.000 EUR for 2 students and 2 teachers for two semesters.

Other Possible Forms of Cooperation CEI Cooperation Fund EU Programmes

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