

Coming Up in September

23rd Vilenica
International Literary
Festival // 3-7
September, Vilenica
(Slovenia)

CNC Meeting //
15 September,
Trieste (Italy)

Conference on
Renewable Energy
Sources // 22
September, Chisinau
(Moldova)

International
Conference for the
Balkans, Baltic States,
Eastern Europe and NIS
on Science and Higher
Education Policies //
18-21 September,
Chisinau (Moldova)

Summit Economic Forum Preparations Under Way



On 7-8 July the CEI Project Secretariat welcomed a Bulgarian delegation composed of former SEF-partner George Tabakov and his colleagues from the Bulgaria Economic Forum, and Lilia Russo, Executive Director of MIEPO, the Moldovan Investment and Export Promotion Organisation with which the CEI-PS is organising its forthcoming Summit Economic Forum (SEF). The two-day meeting took place at the CEI Headquarters (Trieste) and served as a platform to discuss the final organisational procedures of the SEF. The twelve official sessions are almost closed, with high-level attendance confirmed, including members of the Moldovan government, senior directors from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the World Bank, as well as from other Multilateral Development Banks and international organisations.

Discussion panels will take place on Thursday 9 October 2008 in the Palace of the Republic in Chisinau. The main topics of discussion will be the analysis of **transport** policies for Moldova and the role of viable infrastructure in determining the level of economic growth in the whole CEI region; **agriculture** and how banks such as the EBRD and institutions such as the CEI can implement effective programmes to ensure security of food supply; **energy efficiency**, and how new technologies can be used to fight global warming and climate change; **SMEs** and their role in fostering economic growth and competitiveness, the role of **e-government** and how interoperability can be ensured across countries in the CEI region. The World Bank is coordinating a session on **Competitiveness and the Business Environment**, where the progress of institutional and regulatory reforms in Moldova will be dis-

cussed. MIEPO will coordinate an entire 'thematic stream' with three panels focused on Moldova in order to show-case the country as a unique regional platform where investors can be stimulated through the development of clusters and an innovation-based economy, free zones and industrial parks. The Italian Institute for Foreign Trade is also working in cooperation with the CEI in order to set up of the 'Italian Desk', which already proved in past forums to be a winning formula for the promotion of Italy in CEI countries. The Forum will be preceded, on 8 October, by the Roundtable of the Ministries of the Economic Sectors of the 18 CEI members countries and CEFTA countries, and will be followed by the Meeting of the Ministers of Tourism on Friday 10 October.

For more information:
www.ceinet.org/SEF

Summit Economic Forum Registration Now Open Online



Accreditation Point at SEF 2007

Official speakers, selected Project Promoters, members of official Government Delegations, representatives from International Financial Institutions, International Organisations, public institutions, Embassies/ Diplomatic representations and journalists are entitled to free participation in the SEF. Any company or business representatives based outside Moldova, shall benefit from free participation if they register online by **October 3rd**. Business representatives and com-

panies based in Moldova may also be entitled to free participation up to a set ceiling. **SEF registration includes:** access to all formal sessions and to the Interactive Business Area (SEF badge), an information pack (SEF bag), access to all SEF databases (for business contacts and promotion of your projects), a lunch, participation in social events including an evening reception, a cultural programme and a cocktail.

For more info: www.ceinet.org/SEF/Registration

CEI Parliamentary Dimension on “Future of Nuclear Energy in Europe”

The sessions of the General Committee on Economic Affairs of the CEI Parliamentary Dimension (GCEA) held on 11-12 June in Prague, on the premises of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic were presided by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bogdan Pascu from Romania. Attended by members of national delegations from Austria, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia and Ukraine, the gathering under the main title the "Future of Nuclear Energy in Europe", also included a visit to the Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) "Temelin".



Deliberations during the sessions focussed on political, public, environmental and economic aspects of energy production in CEI Member States based on nuclear technologies. Most of the delegations outlined the need to

develop nuclear energy as a source of clean and economical energy in order to avoid fossil source dependence. Delegates highlighted that nuclear energy was the best way to produce safe and environmentally-friendly electric power. The questions of energy security of the States, safety regulations of the NPPs, as well as the need to raise public awareness and training of personnel were stressed as important elements for the CEI Countries. On this occasion Mr. Milorad Pupovac from Croatia was elected as Vice-Chairperson of the General Committee.

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“Regional Cooperation – Opportunities, Challenges and Synergy”

Under the auspices of the regional Chairmanship-in-Offices exercised by the Republic of Moldova (2008-2009), the international conference “Regional Cooperation on Opportunities, Challenges and Synergy”, organised by Moldovan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the European Integration of the Republic of Moldova in Chisinau on 17 June, witnessed the participation of the Secretary General of the Central European Initiative, the Regional Cooperation Council and GUAM, the Deputy Secretary General of the Black Sea Economic Organisation (BSEC), representatives of the European Commission, the Council of Europe and many international actors such as the OSCE, the World Bank, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe etc.

Establishing and enhancing the coordination of the activities of regional initiatives through joint projects was on top of the agenda. Special focus was put on political interaction as well as on the cooperation process in areas of topical interest (i.e. migration, energy, transport and tourism). The importance of regional cooperation for the EU integration process was particularly stressed by the representative of the Slovenian EU Presidency, who explained that "regional cooperation cannot be a substitute for Euro-Atlantic structures but rather a springboard for their membership". Regional ownership and responsibility sharing were recognised once again as crucial elements in the regional cooperation process. The CEI briefly reminded the participants of its instruments and funds, underlin-

ing that in order to use them in an effective and efficient manner, the CEI is open to combine and complement its own resources (both financial and institutional) with those of other organisations active in the region. Both CEI and RCC Secretaries General welcomed the proposal of convening sectoral meetings at regional level on a yearly basis in particular sectors of interest such as transport and energy. Participants agreed upon suggestion by UNECE Deputy Executive Secretary, to improve communication towards the public opinion about joint actions carried out at regional level by using the main communication channels such as the internet in a more strategic manner.

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Developing Multi-modal Transport Systems

Mr. Vasile URSU, Minister of Transport and Road Industry of the Republic of Moldova, hosted his counterparts or their representatives from CEI Member States at a ministerial meeting on transport organised on 3 July 2008 in Chisinau. The Meeting, also attended by a number of International Organisations and International Financial Institutions, including Vice-President of the European Investment Bank and Secretary General of TRACECA, was dedicated to issues related to the development

of multi-modal transport systems. The participants raised topics such as the functioning of multi-modal transport and its contribution to the regional economic cohesion or financing of transport infrastructure, including Public Private Partnerships (PPP). An overview on the situation in transport systems in Moldova was provided by the represen-

tatives of the Ministry of Transport and Moldovan railways.

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ZIP-Net Project: Realization and Networking of ZIP Enterprise Centres

The ZIP-Net Project, funded by the Adriatic New Neighbourhood Programme (INTERREG/CARDS-PHARE), was concluded with its Final Meeting held in Chieti (Italy) on 24-27 June 2008.

The project, launched in March 2007, aimed at establishing efficient ZIP Enterprise Centres - Polyfunctional Industrial Zones - as well as at improving competitiveness and attracting new investments in the targeted territories, i.e. Abruzzi Region, Marche Region and Vojvodina. These were ambitious goals and in order to design a viable strategy, various government development agencies and municipal authorities shared their experience. It was particularly revealing to compare the situation in the Italian Regions with Serbian Vojvodina since they are

facing different challenges. In the case of the community of Chieti, there is a need for revitalising and modernising a traditional industrial area while the Serbian town of Zrenjanin is mainly concerned with providing the necessary infrastructure and framework conditions for attracting foreign investors. Apart from analysing the results presented in the form of feasibility studies, major efforts were made to bring together entrepreneurs from Chieti and Zrenjanin in order to discover compatibilities and cooperation between the companies of the partner towns: To arrive at a lasting link among the business leaders from these Italian and Serbian communities is a highly desirable side-effect of this project in which the CEI was

responsible for the organisation of a seminar entitled “Fostering Business Enterprises Cooperation for Local Economic Development” in collaboration with the Municipality of Zrenjanin and for the dissemination of the project results.

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Regional Cooperation Council Secretary General Visits CEI Executive Secretariat

Upon invitation from CEI-ES Secretary General, Amb. Pietro Ercole Ago, the Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) Secretariat, Amb. Hido Biscevic, paid a visit to the CEI Executive Secretariat in Trieste on 12 June. The centre of the talks between the two Secretaries General was the launch of cooperation and consultations between the two organizations through the identification of joint projects in areas such as energy and infrastructure, building of human capital and entrepreneurship development. In this respect, Mr. Guido Paolucci, Programme Manager of the CEI Project Secretariat, put forward two concrete project proposals the CEI elaborated with the OECD Investment Compact and foresee active participation of the RCC. The two projects were proposed to be co-financed through the CEI Know-how Exchange Programme (KEP). The CEI-ES Secretary General accepted Mr Biscevic's invitation to visit the RCC Secretariat in Sarajevo in October in order to continue discussions on other possible joint initiatives.

CEI Becomes Official Associate of “Sustainable Energy Europe” Campaign

The CEI has recently been invited to sign a Collaboration Agreement to become the Associate Partner of the European Commission “Sustainable Energy Europe” (SEE) Campaign. The Campaign, created in 2005, is an initiative run by the European Commission Directorate-General for Energy and Transport. It is a communication and networking platform for raising awareness on sustainable energy in Europe. The Campaign Associates are big umbrella organisations that establish permanent cooperation with the European Commission. As such, they are key allies of the European Commission in the pursuit of a common interest: the wide implementation of sustainable energy development patterns throughout Europe and beyond. Through this partnership, the CEI and the European Commission can mutually and jointly promote actions in the field of sustainable energy. To this end, the CEI disposes of its networks, channels of communications and events such as the CEI Networks of Focal Points in Sustainable Energy, the CEI Newsletter and website, CEI Cooperation Activities (Workshops, Seminars and Conferences), the CEI Energy Forum, the CEI Summit Economic Forum etc. Thanks to this recently established partnership, the CEI First Call for Proposals for projects in climate and environment protection was published on the “Sustainable Energy Europe” Campaign website, on the ManagEnergy website and in its July Newsletter.



For more info: www.sustenergy.org

In order to participate in the SEE Award Competition:

www.sustenergy.org/tpl/page.cfm?pageName=award_competition

Serbian Artist Vladimir Stankovic Wins CEI Prize at “GRAALGLASS International Design Contest Trieste Contemporanea”

On 12- 13 June, the CEI-ES Headquarters hosted the meeting of the jury of "GRAALGLASS International Design Contest Trieste Contemporanea" (see photo), composed of Gillo Dorfles (President of jury), Aldo Colonnetti (IED Director), Barbara Fabro (CEI), Lia Ferrari (lo Donna-Corriere della Sera), Renzo Ferro (Anfora Furnace), Branko Franceschi (HDLU), Silvio Fuso (Director of the Ca' Pesaro Museum of Venice and of the Glass Museum of Murano) and Puccio Migliaccio (Glass Historian). The jury selected the best original projects for a drinking vessel inspired by the symbols and tradition of the Holy Grail, to be realized in glass at the Anfora Furnace of Murano. The competition, promoted by the Trieste Contemporanea Committee and opened to designers from all CEI countries, the Baltic States, Germany and Turkey, offers a valuable opportunity for confronta-

tion between the glass blowing techniques of Venice and the creativity of international artists. The CEI Prize (3.000 EUR), addressed to the best designer from one of the CEI

non EU Member States, was awarded to the Serbian artist Vladimir Stankovic, who proposed a cone with a spiral inserted in a cubic base. The First Prize "Gillo Dorfles" (4.000 EUR) was given "for its innovation" to the project of the Roman Architect Stefano Suarez while the BEBA Prize (1.000 EUR) for the youngest selected artist, was given to Aysenaz Toker from Turkey (born in 1984) who designed an original teacup/goblet. The winning works



together, with a number of selected noteworthy projects, will be exhibited at the prestigious seat of Ca' Rezzonico Museum of Venice. The exhibition opening as well as the award ceremony will take place on 10 September 2008. In December, the exhibition will be moved to Trieste at the "Stazione Rogers".

For more information:

www.triestecontemporanea.it

Czech Filmmaker Pavel Koutsky Receives CEI Prize at “Maremetraggio Festival 2008”



from left: Amb. Pietro Ercole Ago, Secretary General of the CEI-ES and Mr. Pavel Koutsky, prize winner

With his short film "Plastic People", Pavel Koutsky was awarded with the CEI Prize (2.500 EUR) at the ninth edition of the International Short Film and Debut Works Festival "Maremetraggio". The international jury, composed of Thomas Ciulei, Elena Giuffrida, Maren Niemeyer, Livio Rositani and Marjan Vujovic, selected "Plastic People" an animated short film which succeeded in paradoxically tackling the delicate issue of plastic surgery. A bizarre way to propose an impor-

tant subject like the uniqueness of the individual in a world dominated by the research of conformity to models. This year, the CEI section included short films of filmmakers from Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine.

For information:

www.maremetraggio.com