

Information Sheet

What is the survey about?

The survey was developed by the Department of Political and Social Sciences of the University of Trieste as part of a research contract awarded by the Central European Initiative-Executive Secretariat (CEI-ES) and supported by the Region Friuli Venezia Giulia. The research is coordinated by Dr Simone Arnaldi of the University of Trieste, while the research manager for CEI-ES is Mr. Alessandro Lombardo. Under the contract, Dr Simone Arnaldi is tasked to conduct a research entitled "Analysis of national approaches to science diplomacy in CEI Member States". The outcome of this research will be a tentative typology of national approaches to science diplomacy in CEI countries able to point out if (and to which extent) science diplomacy concepts are relevant for CEI MS, while outlining how science diplomacy works in practice in this broad portion of Europe.

Who should take part?

The target group of this survey includes officials in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of CEI Member States.

How does it work?

Click on this address and register to the survey: <https://form.jotformeu.com/91974703451360>. After submitting your registration, you will receive an email from "Science Diplomacy in CEI Member States" with a personal link to your survey questionnaire. If the link does not work, copy and paste the above URL into the address bar of your Internet browser. By completing this survey, you give your consent to the research program to use the data provided for research purposes, on the understanding that the information you supply cannot be traced back to you in the reports on this research.

How long will it take?

The survey takes around 45 minutes to complete. You do not have to start and complete the survey in just one session. It is possible to stop and re-start anytime: the system automatically saves your answers, thus it allows for completing the survey in multiple sessions.

Do I have to take part?

No, taking part is voluntary. We would encourage you to take part in order to reach a robust coverage of CEI Member States' science diplomacy activities – but there is no obligation.

What data does the survey collect?

In the survey, you will be asked a number of questions on the connections between the domains of international scientific cooperation and diplomacy in your country. In addition to the information about science diplomacy activities in your country, we will also collect some personal information about you, such as name and email address to be able to contact you for follow up, your seniority and your role in MFA and your education background.

How data are collected and treated?

We will collect all data by using an online survey platform operated by Jotform, Inc. The services of Jotform, Inc. are compliant with the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 - GDPR (<https://www.jotform.com/gdpr-compliance/>) and is responsible for the treatment of the online data collection and storage.

All data will be treated in compliance with the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) The CEI-Executive Secretariat is the Data Controller of the data provided by answering to the survey. For additional information about the contact details of the Data Controller and your rights under the GDPR, please consult [CEI e-Privacy Directive Documents](#).

What happens to the data?

Once collected, all data will be processed locally on firewall-protected devices. All data will be analysed and a report will be submitted to the CEI Executive Secretariat and the Region Friuli Venezia Giulia. Furthermore, the research results may be published for scientific purposes, such as research papers, reports and articles. Your name will never be mentioned in any of these research products. All data will be stored until December 31, 2020 and then deleted.

Who will have access to the data?

All information will be treated confidentially by the manager of the research contract in the CEI Executive Secretariat. It will be shared internally in the research group for the purposes of the research only.

Whom can I contact if I have queries or concerns about the survey?

In case of any question, please send an email to Dr Simone Arnaldi (sarnaldi@units.it) or to Mr Alessandro Lombardo (lombardo@cei.int).