

CEI Ministerial Conference on Science and Technology
Biotechnology for Healthy and Active Life in CEI Region

26 October 2017, Minsk, Belarus

DRAFT AGENDA

09:00 - 10:00	Registration				
10:00 - 10:30	Conference Opening State Committee on Science and Technology of Belarus CEI Secretariat				
Session I: Disclosing challenges – sharing best practices – discussing the needs of STI cooperation in CEI region					
10:30 - 11:15	Moderator: TBC The session is devoted to presenting and discussing state of the art and prospects of cooperation in STI in CEI region, as well as sharing best practices elaborated within the recent years.				
11:15 - 11:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>				
Session II: Towards more active and effective participation in EU instruments for supporting the innovative business available for EaP SMEs					
11:45 - 13:00	Moderator: TBC The session includes presentations on possible mechanisms of cooperation in the coming years (2018-2020) with a focus on biotechnologies and support of academy-industry partnerships. The list includes Horizon 2020, COST, COSME, HEALTH, etc., but is not limited to them. The point is how to raise the effectiveness of participation and whether and how CEI's potential and instruments can be used for that?				
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Networking lunch</i>				
Parallel thematic sessions					
14:00 – 15:30	The idea of these sessions is to stimulate discussion on concrete common challenges and project ideas in biopharmacy and biotechnologies for agriculture and food sectors to be further proposed for implementation within EU-funded programmes and/or to other donors. Ideally, participants will represent both academic and industry.				
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15:30 - 16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>				
Concluding session					
16:00 - 17:00	It is proposed to organize this session in the form of a panel discussion in order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to share the main points of discussion and proposals from the thematic sessions • to highlight the most valuable ideas and suggestions resulting from the conference exchanges in order to contribute to shaping of CEI agenda for 2018-2020 and bilateral cooperation between CEI member states in STI. Wrap-up and closure				