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Science Diplomacy

The fact that science is without borders is what makes it so useful as a diplomacy tool. The integration of Europe's scientific community played indeed a key role in developing an integrated European community. Science diplomacy has been very valuable in creating those connections between the European countries, first after World War II and later the Cold War. There is actually a long history of the relationship between science and diplomacy, however the term 'science diplomacy' is a phenomenon of the 21st century. Since then there have been numerous efforts to define it, which have produced different typologies of operations and motivations associated with science diplomacy. Science Diplomacy could be defined as the effort to leverage science engagement and exchange in support of broader objectives beyond science discovery (Gluckman et al. 2017).



In its broadest terms it is 'the use and application of science cooperation to help build bridges and enhance relationships between and amongst societies, with a particular interest in working in areas where there might not be other mechanisms for engagement at an official level (Vaughan Turekian, AAAS). In such a context, science diplomacy corresponds to a series of practices that stand thus at the intersection of the two fields. These practices can help to address global challenges, promote understanding, and increase influence and prosperity (www.science-diplomacy.eu). Three are the phenomena of science diplomacy: science for diplomacy – the use of science to advance diplomatic objectives; diplomacy for science – the use of diplomatic action to further scientific and technological progress; and science in diplomacy – the direct involvement of science or scientific actors in diplomatic processes. Find below some articles related to Science Diplomacy.

This information area has just been created and will grow also thanks to your announcements and the information you would like to share with us. Feel free to contact us at <u>office@wbc-rti.info</u>!

• NEWS

- Posted on May 1, 2020
 [EVENT REVIEW] CEI MINISTERIAL MEETING ON SCIENCE IN TRIESTE: SEEIIST PROJECT THE FINEST EXAMPLE OF SCIENCE DIPLOMACY AFTER CERN AND SESAME
 The Ministerial Meeting, supported by the Ministry of Education, University and Research of the Republic of Italy, the Central European Initiative and the Italian National Institute of Oceanography and...
- Posted on April 29, 2020
 SUPPORT MADRID DECLARATION ON SCIENCE DIPLOMACY

 It is still possible to show support for the declaration and sign it by sending your name and affiliation to s4d4c@fecyt.es.
- Posted on April 29, 2020
 S4D4C UPCOMING TRAINING OFFER ON SCIENCE DIPLOMACY
 The project "S4D4C Using science for/in diplomacy for addressing global challenges" is funded in Horizon 2020 and coordinated by ZSI Centre for Social Innovation (Vienna/AT). Its goal is to ...

Posted on April 27, 2020 OPEN SCIENCE DIPLOMACY TO TACKLE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC The Coronavirus crisis shows us how fragile and sensitive our living environments are. Everywhere taken for granted infrastructures collapse, or it becomes clear that they are insufficiently available...

Posted on April 27, 2020 TRAINING MATERIALS ON SCIENCE DIPLOMACY NOW AVAILABLE ON S4D4C PROJECT WEBSITE!

The overall aim of S4D4C ("Using Science for/in Diplomacy for addressing global Challenges") is to support current and future European science diplomacy for the benefit of European capacities, EU foreign...

• OTHER RECENT ARTICLES

O Posted on May 1, 2020

#EUVSVIRUS HACKATHON HAD MORE THAN 300 PARTICIPANTS FROM THE #WESTERNBALKANS The #EUvsVirus hackathon had more than 300 participants from the #WesternBalkans, submitting 43 new ideas. Never has been cooperation so important. In total Over 20,900 participants from across the EU...

O Posted on May 1, 2020

WESTERN BALKANS' LEADERS MEETING: EU REINFORCES SUPPORT TO ADDRESS COVID-19 CRISIS AND OUTLINES PROPOSAL FOR POST-PANDEMIC RECOVERY The European Commission has recently announced over €3.3 billion of EU financial support mobilised jointly with the European Investment Bank to the benefit of the Western Balkans' citizens. This package...

O Posted on May 1, 2020

EUROPEAN COMMISSION #EUVSVIRUS HACKATHON IDENTIFIES 117 SOLUTIONS TO SUPPORT EUROPEAN AND GLOBAL RECOVERY FROM THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

A total of 117 innovative solutions to tackle the coronavirus have been selected as winners of the European Innovation Council-led #EUvsVirus Hackathon. The solutions were selected by a jury and weighted...

O Posted on April 27, 2020

OVER €100 MILLION AVAILABLE FOR ADVANCING EUROPEAN BIO-BASED SECTOR

The seventh Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking (BBI JU) Call for proposals is open across 16 different topics until 3 September 2020, 17:00 CET. It makes €102 million available for ...

- Posted on April 27, 2020
 [DOCUMENT ANNOUNCEMENT] JRC SCIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE IN A TIME OF CRISIS

 From the preparation of guidelines and control materials for testing and better characterisation of the pandemic, to the detailed analysis of epidemiologic and economic impacts, the JRC is evaluating ...
- Posted on April 27, 2020
 <u>ALBANIA SEEKS TO ADDRESS BARRIERS VIA A COMPREHENSIVE STARTUP & INNOVATION</u> <u>PROGRAM</u>

Startup Nations member Florensa Haxhi, Director General, Development Programs and Cooperation Unit, from the Albanian Prime Minister's Office, shared information about the barriers to entrepreneurship...

Posted on April 27, 2020
 CORONAVIRUS GLOBAL RESPONSE: EU LAUNCHES PLEDGING EFFORT

The European Union is joining forces with global partners to kick-start a pledging effort – the Coronavirus Global Response – starting on 4 May 2020. The World Health Organization (WHO) and global health...

O Posted on April 25, 2020

QUARTELY REVIEW OF ACADEMIC LITERATURE ON RESEARCH AND INNOVATION This review is developed by the 'Economics of R&I' team of the Chief Economist unit of DG Research and Innovation. Contributors: Lukas Borunsky, Ana Correia, Roberto Martino, Oliver Podmanicky, Ruzica...

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EVENTS

- May 6, 2020 | online, OTHER
 <u>EU-WESTERN BALKANS SUMMIT</u>
 EU heads of State and Government and those of the Western Balkans will gather on 6 May 2020 for an EU-Western Balkans' leaders meeting to tackle common challenges. Initially foreseen as a summit in Zagreb...
- June 25-27, 2020 | Leibniz-Institut für Ost- und Südosteuropaforschung (IOS), Landshuter Str. 4, 93047, Regensburg, Germany
 <u>8TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE LEIBNIZ INSTITUTE FOR EAST AND SOUTHEAST EUROPEAN STUDIES</u> (IOS), REGENSBURG

'Infrastructure in East and Southeast Europe in Comparative Perspective: Past, Present and Future' Infrastructure has emerged as a key site for understanding such projects and processes as modernization...

- June 22-29, 2020 | Singidunum University, Belgrade, Serbia
 <u>2020 INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL IN COMPARATIVE CONFLICT STUDIES</u>
 The Center for Comparative Conflict Studies (CFCCS) at the Faculty of Media and Communications (FMK), Singidunum University is organizing the 11th International Summer School in Comparative Conflict Studies...
- July 6-9, 2020 | Marseille Chanot Convention and Exhibition Centre, Marseille France, France EUBCE 2020 - TRANSITION TO A BIOECONOMY

28th European Biomass Conference & Exhibition

 August 24-26, 2020 | Novi Sad, Serbia INISTA 2020 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INNOVATIONS IN INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS AND <u>APPLICATIONS</u>

International Conference on INnovations in Intelligent SysTems and Applications (INISTA) has been organized since 2005. It aims to bring together the researchers from the entire spectrum of the multi-...

August 30, 2020-September 3, 2020 | Belgrade, Serbia
 NEAR SURFACE GEOSCIENCE CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION 2020

For this year's Near Surface Geoscience Conference & Exhibition, the 26th European Meeting of Environmental and Engineering Geophysics will be accompanied by two returning successful conferences, ...

September 1-5, 2020 | Cologne, Germany
 SDEWES2020 COLOGNE - 15TH CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY, WATER AND
 ENVIRONMENT SYSTEMS

The 15th Conference on Sustainable Development of Energy, Water and Environment Systems (SDEWES) is dedicated to the advancement and dissemination of knowledge on methods, policies and technologies for...

• September 2-6, 2020 | Trieste, Italy

ESOF 2020 - EUROSCIENCE OPEN FORUM TRIESTE

The EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF) is a biennial, pan-European, general science conference dedicated to scientific research and innovation. Each conference aims to deliver stimulating content...

September 9-10, 2020 | Roma Eventi, Pontifical Gregorian University, Italy
 ICSD 2020 : 8TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, 9 - 10 SEPTEMBER 2020
 ROME, ITALY

European Center of Sustainable Development in collaboration with Canadian Institute of Technology will organize the 8th ICSD 2020 International Conference on Sustainable Development...

September 10-12, 2020 | Split, Croatia ENTRENOVA CONFERENCE 2020

ENTRENOVA Conference (ENTerprise REsearch InNOVAtion Conference) is a multi-disciplinary conference dedicated to examining, comprehending and discussion the economic, management, organisational...

- September 10-12, 2020 | Split, Croatia <u>ENTRENOVA 2020: ENTERPRISE RESEARCH INNOVATION CONFERENCE</u> ENTRENOVA Conference (ENTerprise REsearch InNOVAtion Conference) is a multi-disciplinary conference dedicated to examining, comprehending and discussion the economic, management, organizational, marketing...
- September 24-26, 2020 | University of Graz, Austria <u>10TH INASEA CONGRESS</u> Visual Cultures in Southeast Europe: globalization, gender, power and resistance

October 7-9, 2020 | Athens, Greece
 <u>13TH INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE</u>
 PROMITHEASnet – the Energy and Climate Change network, as the organizer, invites you to this three-days event. The 13th International Conference on "Energy and Climate Change" will take place at ...

- October 6-9, 2020 | Seville, Spain <u>37TH IASP WORLD CONFERENCE -THE HUMAN FACTOR: PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES AND THEIR INNOVATION</u> <u>ECOSYSTEMS</u> The International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation (IASP) will organise on 6th – 9th October 2020 in Sevilla, Spain, the 37th IASP World Conference on Science...
- October 7-11, 2020 | Šibenik, Croatia
 IUAES CONGRESS 2020 COMING OF AGE ON EARTH: LEGACIES AND NEXT GENERATION ANTHROPOLOGY

The IUAES 2020 Congrass "Coming of Age on Earth: Legacies and next Generation Anthropology" will take place from 7-11 October 2020 in Šibenik, Croatia.

- October 12-15, 2020 | Brussels, Belgium <u>18TH EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES</u> The European Week of Regions and Cities (#EURegionsWeek) is the biggest annual Brussels-based event dedicated to regional policy. The event has grown to become a unique communication and networking...
- October 28-30, 2020, Bosnia and Herzegovina <u>BIH ENERGY SUMMIT</u> ENERGY SUMMIT 2020 IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA.
- November 11-12, 2020 | Brussels, Belgium <u>STEPPING UP THE GAME- DRIVING URBAN TRANSITIONS JPI URBAN EUROPE POLICY CONFERENCE</u> On the backdrop of the EU green deal and the Urban Agenda for the EU, Europe is now working on an ambitious strategy to become the first climate-neutral continent, and ensuring liveability, prosperity...
- November 16-17, 2020 | Podgorica, Montenegro INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

International Conference on Academic Integrity: Strengthening Academic Integrity – New insights (SAI conference) will be held from 16th to 17th November 2020 in Podgorica, University of Montenegro. Depending...

• June 9-11, 2021 | Munich, Germany THE SMARTER E EUROPE

Renewable energy is more than just an alternative to conventional energy sources. This is where The smarter E Europe comes in, as the most important innovation hub for new energy solutions, dedicating...

September 10, 2019-January 1, 2023 - today | Online, OTHER
 FREE TRAINING ON MONITORING SMART SPECIALISATION STRATEGIES

What are the principles underpinning Research & Innovation Smart Specialisation Strategies (RIS3)? What are the core-indicators to monitor RIS3 sound implementation? Where can one find the key data...

• FIND MORE GENERAL EVENTS HERE BUT PLEASE NOTICE THAT SOME EVENTS MIGHT HAVE BEEN

POSTPONED/CANCELLED DUE TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY SITUATION. WE SUGGEST YOU TO REFER TO THE ORIGINAL SOURCE FOR ANY OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND UPDATE

• CALLS

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Deadline: May 31, 2020
 <u>CALL FOR INNOVATIONS ON COVID-19 PANDEMIC</u>

 The ENRICH in China project (European Network of Research and Innovation Centres and Hubs in China), a initiative funded under Horizon 2020, has just published a call for innovative companies...

• Deadline: June 8, 2020

CALL FOR PAPERS: 13TH INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE The 13th International Conference on "Energy and Climate Change" will take place at the "Kostis Palamas" building of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, on 7-9 October 2020, in Athens...

Deadline: June 15, 2020
 CFP: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
 International Operations of Academic Integrity

International Conference on Academic Integrity: Strengthening Academic Integrity – New insights (SAI conference) will be held from 16th to 17th November 2020 in Podgorica, University of Montenegro. Depending...

Deadline: June 15, 2020 CALL FOR PAPERS: ANNUAL OF THE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIOLOGICAL POLITICAL AND JURIDICAL RESERACH

The Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research at the University "Ss. Cyril and Methodius" in Skopje announces CALL for papers for the first issue in 2020, for the international scientific...

Deadline: July 17, 2020
 <u>CFP AND CALL FOR SPECIAL SESSION PROPOSALS: SMARTER CONFERENCE</u>

Conference on Smart Specialisation and Territorial Development: Connecting grand societal challenges with local goals in place-based innovation policy.

• Deadline: August 31, 2020

CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE JOURNAL OF EUROPEAN AND BALKAN PERSPECTIVES

Journal of European and Balkan Perspectives is welcoming researchers, academia members, and PhD Candidates to publish their recent scientific papers in the following areas: European...

• Deadline: September 1, 2020

EIC HORIZON PRIZE FOR 'EARLY WARNING FOR EPIDEMICS'

The challenge is to develop a scalable, reliable and cost-effective early warning system prototype to forecast and monitor vector-borne diseases in order to contribute to the prevention of outbreaks mitigating...

• Deadline: September 3, 2020

THE SEVENTH BIO-BASED INDUSTRIES JOINT UNDERTAKING (BBI JU) CALL FOR PROPOSALS IS OPEN The Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking (BBI JU) is responsible for the implementation of open Call for proposals for Research and Innovation Actions (RIAs), Innovation Actions (IAs - DEMOs and FLAGs...

• Deadline: September 29, 2020

CO-FUNDING OF REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

Objective: The COFUND scheme aims to stimulate regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development, spreading the best practices...

The UK-RAS Network is pleased to announce a new Medical Robotics Challenge for Contagious Diseases.

• Deadline: October 1, 2020

CFP: THEMATIC ISSUE OF THE "SOCIOLOGY AND SPACE" JOURNAL

With regard to extremely complex social and economic circumstances that we were confronted with during March 2020, which will obviously last and have far-reaching consequences, the Editorial board of ...

• Deadline: October 1, 2020

AMABLE CALLS FOR IDEAS FOR ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING (COVID-19)

3D printing technology (Additive Manufacturing) allows to quickly and cost-effectively produce specialized surgical instruments and medical devices like valves, masks and everything that may...

• Deadline: October 15, 2020

CALL FOR EVENT PARTNERS: 18TH EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES 2020

The European Week of Regions and Cities (#EURegionsWeek) is the biggest annual Brussels-based event dedicated to cohesion policy. It has grown to become a unique communication and networking platform, ...

Deadline: October 15, 2020
 #EUDATATHON 2020: INNOVATING FOR EUROPE WITH EU OPEN DATA: 18TH EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS
 <u>AND CITIES 2020</u>

EU Datathon is a competition intended to highlight the potential of linking EU data and regional data as well as to promote innovation and digital transformation opportunities by using open data. Participants...

- Deadline: October 15, 2020
 CALL FOR UNIVERSITY SESSIONS WORKSHOPS: EU REGION'S WEEK

 The EURegionsWeek is the biggest annual Brussels-based event dedicated to regional policy and attracts up to 10,000 delegates. This free event serves as a platform for discussing and showcasing the development...
- Deadline: November 1, 2020
 ANNOUNCEMENT: SYNCHROTRON RADIATION TRAINING & INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES FOR THE WESTERN
 BALKANS BY ELETTRA

Elettra Syncrotrone Trieste announced is launching PhD fellowship opportunities as well as postdoctoral fellowship opportunities in synchrotron radiation techniques and applications specifically ...

• Deadline: November 30, 2020

CALL FOR PAPERS: CONFERENCE 'INFRASTRUCTURE IN EAST AND SOUTHEAST EUROPE IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE'

8th Annual Conference of the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS), Regensburg Infrastructure in East and Southeast Europe in Comparative Perspective: Past, Present and Future...

Deadline: December 31, 2020
 APPLY NOW FOR COVID-19 FAST TRACK ACCESS

In order to facilitate the research on the COVID-19, CERIC has set up a dedicated Fast Track Access to a selected number of instruments.

FIND MORE CALLS <u>HERE</u> BUT PLEASE NOTICE THAT SOME CALLS' DEALDLINES MIGHT HAVE BEEN

POSTPONED DUE TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY SITUATION. WE SUGGEST YOU TO REFER TO THE ORIGINAL SOURCE FOR ANY OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND UPDATE

• **PROJECTS**

InsSciDe

INVENTING A SHARED SCIENCE DIPLOMACY FOR EUROPE

iThe European Commission calls for the development of effective science diplomacy (SD) for Europe. InsSciDE – Inventing a Shared Science Diplomacy for Europe – responds to this call with a hypothesis: ...

• S4D4C

USING SCIENCE FOR/IN DIPLOMACY FOR ADDRESSING GLOBAL CHALLENGES

A H2020 research project analysing and supporting EU science diplomacy The overall aim of S4D4C ("Using Science for/in Diplomacy for addressing global Challenges") is to support current and future ...

• FIND MORE PROJECTS HERE

DOCUMENTS

<u>SCIENCE DIPLOMACY IN CEI MEMBER STATES</u>

The aim of this research project is to explore the state and prospects of SD in this broad portion of Europe, focusing on the Member States of the Central European Initiative (CEI), a regional intergovernmental...

 EU SCIENCE DIPLOMACY AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN EU AND NON- EU STATES:A CASE STUDY OF CROATIA – SERBIA – BELARUS

This is a case study published within the "South-South Cooperation:Role of Science Diplomacy" report by the Research and Innovation System for Developing countries. The case study presents EU Science ...

TRIESTE DECLARATION ON SCIENCE

The Ministers in charge of Research, Innovation and Higher Education of the Member States of the Central European Initiative (CEI) met on the occasion of the CEI Ministerial Conference on Science and ...

- <u>S4D4C POLICY BRIEF: TOWARDS EFFECTIVE SCIENCE DIPLOMACY PRACTICE</u> Key premises for the development of effective governance mechanisms for science diplomacy.
- SCIENCE DIPLOMACY IN THE MAKING: CASE-BASED INSIGHTS FROM THE S4D4C PROJECT

This is a volume of compiled results of the nine case studies, researched and developed by mixed teams of researchers from the project partners, and edited by Mitchell Young (Charles University), Tim ...

QUARTELY REVIEW OF ACADEMIC LITERATURE ON RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

This is a Quartely Review of academic literature on research and innovation for the first quarter of 2020. The current issue provides several insights on sustainability. We had a particular ...

 INTERNATIONAL R&I COOPERATION POLICIES REVISITED: SUSTAINED CHALLENGES AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The overall purpose of this Mutual Learning Exercise (MLE) is to increase the capacity of EU Member States and Associated Countries to formulate and implement national strategies and roadmaps for international...

- MINISTERIAL MEETING ON SCIENCE & RESEARCH: "TRIESTE DECLARATION ON SCIENCE" ADOPTED
 'Trieste Declaration on Science' paves the way for 17 countries in south-east Europe to boost participation in
 Horizon Europe and strengthen international research cooperation The Ministers of...
- FACTSHEET ON THE EU ACCESSION PROCESS OF THE WESTERN BALKANS
 Including an overview of EU WBC relations, economic potential thereof, key achievements in the last year, as well as main steps to accession.
 - FIND MORE DOCUMENTS HERE

LINKS

STRATEGIC FORUM FOR INTERNATIONAL S&T COOPERATION
 li is a dedicated configuration of ERAC (European Research Area and Innovation Committee) that facilitates the
 further development, implementation and monitoring of the international dimension of the ...

• SCIENCE DIPLOMACY KNOWLEDGE RESOURCES

This platform offers a collection of online knowledge resources related to the field of science diplomacy. There is a variety of links for ad-hoc enquiries, for community building, training resources, ...

<u>WWW.SCIENCE-DIPLOMACY.EU</u>
 This website provides an entry point for policymakers, scientists, practicing diplomats, and other wider audiences to stay up-to-date with developments in European science diplomacy. It is an umbrella...

• FIND MORE LINKS HERE

Effective Science Diplomacy for Europe and the Western Balkans

The European Commission calls for the development of effective science diplomacy (SD) for Europe and support it through projects such as *InsSciDE – Inventing a Shared Science Diplomacy for Europe* which elaborates tools to help European SD emerge and blossom and *S4D4C "Using Science for/in Diplomacy for addressing global Challenges*" that implements activities for the benefit of European capacities, EU foreign policy goals and especially the development of solutions for global challenges.

Closer interactions between science and diplomacy is key to strengthening cooperation and addressing challenges in the Western Balkans region. It is namely through science diplomacy that bridges between countries can be built as seen in the case of the *South East European International Institute for Sustainable Technologies (SEEIIST)* that could be considered as the finest example of science diplomacy after CERN and SESAME. The recent adoption of the *Trieste Declaration on Science* provides a framework to promote shared actions in favour of international cooperation and science diplomacy. Additionally, the *Science Diplomacy in CEI member states* study suggests that both several aspects related to the concept of SD have emerged as possible areas of further research as well as an interest in building institutional capacities in the SD field.



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