

Bridging Europe since 1989



Who We Are

The Central European Initiative (CEI) is a regional intergovernmental forum established in 1989, following the fall of the Berlin wall. It gathers 17 Member States in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe.

One central mission: working towards European integration and sustainable development through regional cooperation.

It supports a united Europe with shared values embracing all countries, regions, peoples and citizens; and fosters the strengthening of capacities of its Member States towards good governance, rule of law and sustainable economic development for stability, social cohesion, environmental sustainability, security and prosperity.

- A platform for **political dialogue** through a 4-pillar system;
- A resource for people, businesses and communities through a strong, result-oriented and multi-partnership approach.

Overall activities are led and endorsed by Prime Ministers' Summit & Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

Pillar system

Governmental Dimension

Composed of government representatives responsible for CEI cooperation. Annual rotating Presidency.

Parliamentary Dimension

Representatives of national Parliaments cooperate and meet in framework of the Parliamentary Assembly, the Parliamentary Committee and the General Committees.

Economic Dimension

Promotes an active participation of the business communities fostering inputs, open discussions and recommendations for cooperation.

Local Dimension

Supports cooperation between local and regional entities in CEI Member States and their actions in addressing local challenges in sustainable growth.

What We Do



Green Growth

Transport Networks

Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Climate Resilience

Clean Energy

Circular Economy

Smart Communities



Just Societies

Good Governance

Better Health

Intercultural Cooperation

Media Freedom

People Empowerment

Science Diplomacy



How We Do It

We create cooperation opportunities for European integration and sustainable development thanks to the transfer of innovative solutions and best practices and by building synergies and partnerships.

CEI Cooperation Fund

Provided by all Member States, it supports projects of small scale and limited duration such as seminars, workshops, training courses or other kinds of meetings focusing on mobility and networking.

CEI Fund at the EBRD

Financed by Italy, it provides grants for the *Technical Cooperation Programme* in support of investments and operations of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). The Fund also supports the *CEI Know-how Exchange Programme* which fosters capacity building and transfer of good practices from EU to non-EU CEI Member States.

CEI Participation in EU Projects

It enhances the involvement of CEI countries in EU projects focusing on transnational and regional cooperation for European integration. The CEI-Executive Secretariat designs, manages and implements the projects, acting as both Partner and Lead Partner.



17 MEMBER STATES

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



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