

# Trieste: European City of Science 2020?

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## Abstract

*The marvelous city of Trieste is one of the two candidates to become the European City of Science 2020. We provide here a fundamental study to help the Supervisory Committee in its difficult final decision without reading a long full bid, saving in this way a lot of precious time that could instead be spent happily in Trieste. Yes, obviously we sustain Trieste. Even with psychological subliminal colored brain manipulation. **Trieste. Trieste. Trieste** is **good**. **You love Trieste.***

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## Introduction

ESOF (EuroScience Open Forum) is the largest interdisciplinary science meeting in Europe. This biennial European forum brings together over 4,000 researchers, educators, business actors, policy makers and journalists from all over the world to discuss breakthroughs in science and give them a platform for discussions on science and society, policy and business issues.

Yes, the part above is a shameless copy-paste from the web. But this is the introduction, and the introduction is always a clever work of copy-paste (Vinavil, 2016).

At the end of the first selection, two candidates remained in play to host the ESOF and become European City of Science 2020: Trieste and the combo Leiden/The Hague in the Netherlands. As Leiden and The Hague are actually

two different cities, some wise strategists suggested to Trieste to ally with its historic evil neighbor enemy: the city of Udine. But Trieste heroically refused and will face the last battle only with its own force, as shown in fig. Yoda (Yoda, 32 BBY).

So, now Trieste has to produce a complete full bid of 200 pages to convince the Supervisory Committee to

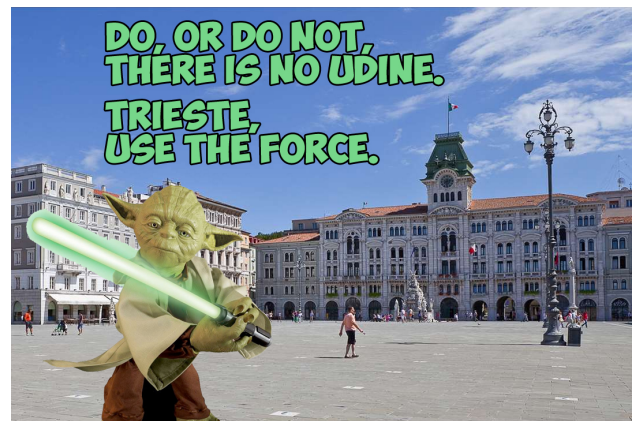


Fig. Yoda. Yoda encouraging Trieste to face the battle alone.

select it. 200 pages. Yes, 200 pages.

Even if you read them very rapidly it will take about 3 minutes/page (Vicki the Robot, 1986), for a total of  $3 \times 200 = 600$  minutes, i.e. 10 hours, i.e. more than an entire day of work, i.e. more than an entire month of work for triestin people.

As we know that this could be a very boring and long job, with this paper we want to help the Supervisory Committee to take its final decision without reading nothing. Only this short paper. Because short is better. Like Maradona. Or Messi.

**P.s. You love Trieste.**

### Material and methods

To collect data for this report we used the *first person wine-break sampling method* (Depardieu, 2013), living directly for 38 years the peculiarity of the city and speaking with other scientists during eoffeeewine-break about Trieste.

We also use the *subliminal colored brain manipulation*, but you must not be aware of this. **Trieste rulez.**

### Results

The main result of the important wine-break brainstorming sessions are shown in fig. Hangover.



*Fig. Hangover: Mačka, also known as the dog of Trieste, after a wine-break brainstorming session.*

However, a lot of interesting secondary results were obtained, as shown below:

### Scientific background:

Trieste seems to be perfect to host the ESOE 2020 for its great number of organizations and people involved in science:

- ICTP (International Centre for Theoretical Physics)
- SISSA (International School for Advanced Studies)
- University of Trieste
- Area Science Park
- Elettra-Sincrotrone
- OGS (National Institute of Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics)
- ICS (International Center for Science)
- ICGEB (International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology)
- TWAS (The World Academy of Science for the advancement of science in developing countries)
- UWC (United World College) Adriatic
- IS (Immaginario Scientifico)
- OATs (Astronomical Observatory of Trieste)
- FIT (Fondazione Internazionale Trieste)
- IAP (InterAcademy Panel on International Issues)
- IAMP (InterAcademy Medical Panel)
- COSTIS (Consortium on Science, Technology and Innovation for the South)
- AMP Miramare, the first Marine Protected Area in Italy
- Pint of Science Trieste

And, last but not least, Monon Behavior, the first Research Department that use the scientific method for useless and demential triestin things.

### **Geographic position:**

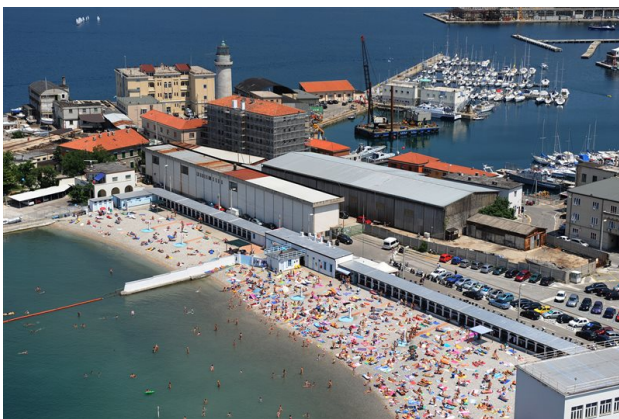
Trieste has a perfect central position:

1. It is exactly on the border between East and West Europe. So you can easily find occidental beers as well as top quality eastern beers.

2. Trieste is also on the border between North and South: now it is in the industrious North of Italy, but for 500 years it was the lazy South of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire.

This cultural melting pot is reflected also by the food, and you will find pasta and pizza as well as cevapčiči, pljeskavice, razniči, goulash and jota.

However, there is still a big wall in Trieste, the last wall in Europe: the wall of the Pedocin, the only beach where males and females are happily separated (Fig. Pedocin). Ten years ago, the proposal of breaking down the wall was followed by a popular insurrection to maintain it.



*Fig. Pedocin. The wall of Pedocin, separating males (left) from females (right).*

### **Accessibility:**

Trieste in his history experimented all the three great dictatorial regimes: Fascism, Nazism and Communism.

Also, the actual mayor was born in the evil rival neighbor city of Udine (Manna, 2017).

As you can notice, Trieste is even too much accessible.

### **Business plan:**

Trieste is the capital of istrianism, i.e. the capacity of saving money. So there will be no problem for this. We will buy slovenian gasoline, beers and medicine, so the budget will be easily affordable.

### **Motto:**

The historic motto of the city is: **No se pol**, that means something like “No, you can’t”.

Can you choose Leiden and The Hague instead of Trieste? The answer is obviously: “No se pol”.

### **Hotels and conference facilities:**

Trieste is a touristic city so it's full of hotels, restaurants and nice places where people can meet and relax.

But the real peculiarity of Trieste is the osmiza. Osmizas are small farms, each of them opens two weeks a year to sell its own products: eggs, ham, cheese, bread and wine.

Osmiza is the triestin endemism that you will love at first sight (fig. Osmiza).



*Fig. Osmiza. The rapresentation of Heaven.*

## Preparation of the event:

Trieste has one of the greatest percent of over65 in Europe (Cecchelin, 1955). So, there will be a lot of old people watching the construction sites, controlling that everything is made *con un poco de quel che se ciama*, i.e. as in the old times, when everything was always done better (Fig. Umarells).

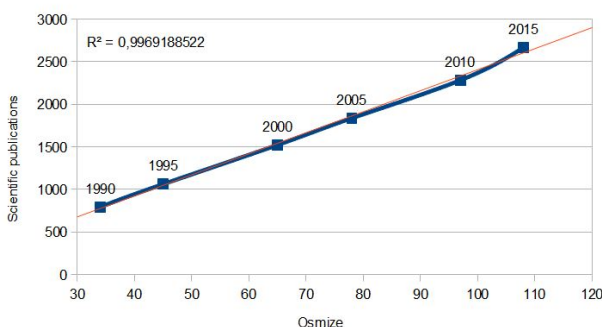


Fig. Umarells. Old people coordinating the street works. Photo from [www.atrieste.eu](http://www.atrieste.eu)

## Discussion

From our results, it seems to be clear that Trieste is the perfect choice for the ESOE 2020. Its position and accessibility mixed with its high scientific background is yet a great attribute, but the thing that make Trieste obligatory is obviously the osmizas.

There is a clear correlation between osmizas and science, as shown in the graphic below (Manna, 2016).



Open osmizas vs triestin scientific production from 1990 to 2015.

Finally, osmizas easily explain why everybody loves Trieste:

**You love osmiza. Osmiza is Trieste → You love Trieste.**

This demonstration is so logical that it doesn't need any further discussion. However, if asked, other discussions could be done in Trieste 2020, obviously in osmiza.

## Conclusion

The paper surely gave to the Supervisory Committee a good help for their final decision.

However, this short report resulted not as short as we wanted. This is because Trieste is such a wonderful city that we could continue in the description of its peculiarities for at least... 200 pages. Ok, we think you must read also the complete official full bid. Surely you'll find other important reasons to **select Trieste**. The first one, obviously, is that **you love Trieste**.

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