

# Towards a pan-European Research Infrastructure as a multinational venture



# SEEIIST

South East European International Institute for Sustainable Technologies

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# SEEIIST@ESFRI Roadmap – we have applied



**SEEIIST:** New Research Infrastructure on Health  
Single-sited with many satellite Hubs

SEEIIST application to enter the ESFRI Roadmap  
of future Research Infrastructure of European  
relevance based on 350 pages document

**ESFRI ROADMAP 2021**

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**SEEIIST**  
application

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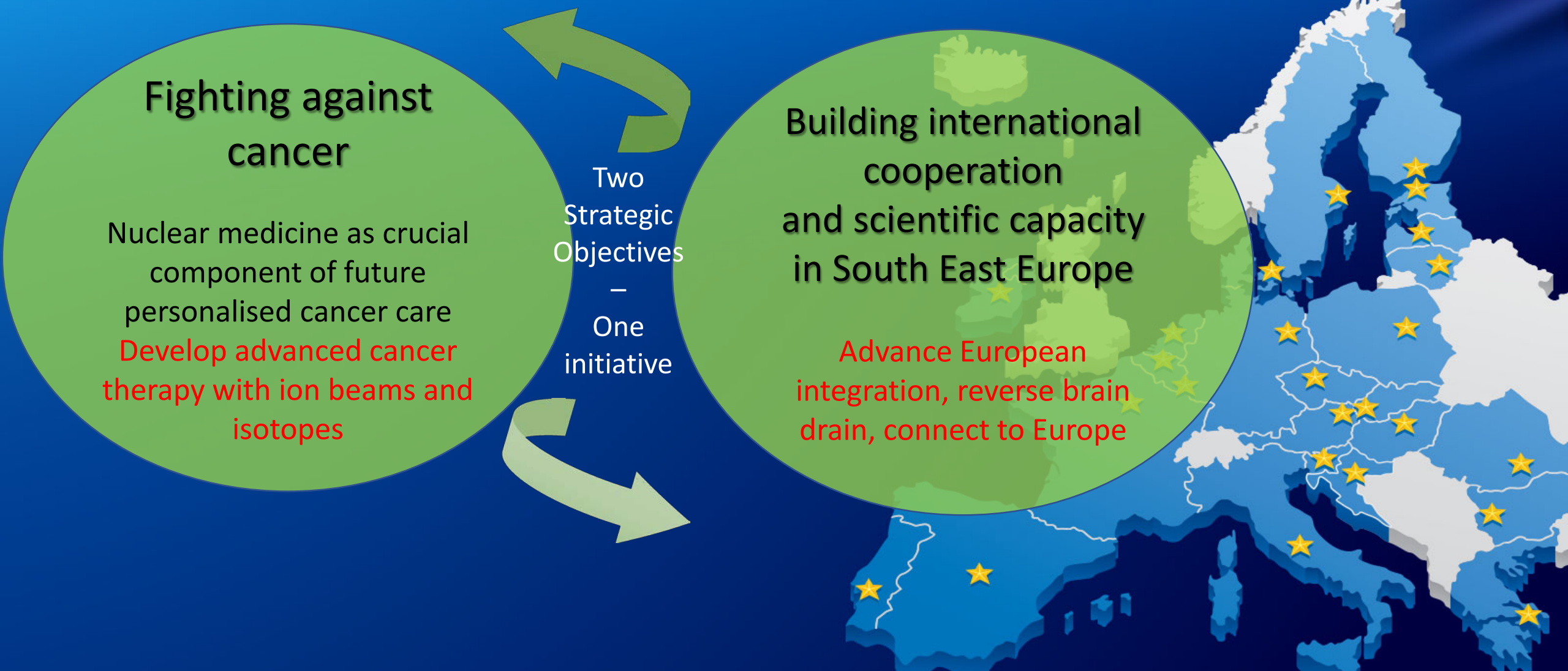
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**Pan-European** dimension of the **SEEIIST** Research  
Infrastructure and its alignment with the **EC**  
**Policy: Green Deal & Horizon Europe Cancer**  
**Research Mission**



# The Pan-European Dimensions: SEEIST Cancer Therapy Research Infrastructure Brings an Added Value for Europe



# Comprehensive Dimension: both Cancer Therapy and Research Center with 50% of the beam time dedicated to research – other Unique Selling Points



## MULTI-DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH WITH HEAVY IONS

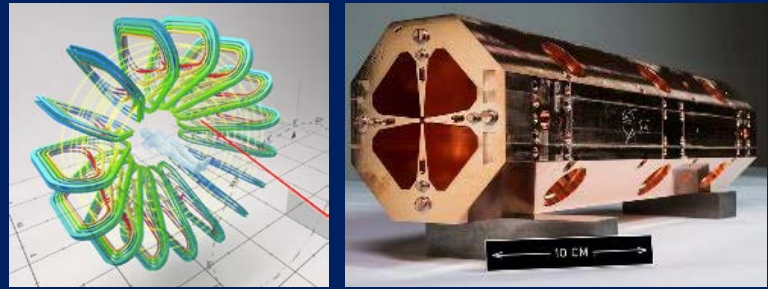
- Pre-clinical (medical, radiobiology)
- Clinical, including clinical trials
- Industrial research (microelectronics)
- Material research
- Ultra-high dose rates (FLASH)



Cutting-edge innovative and novel research in any of these topics driven by novel technological opportunities  
Complementary to all existing facilities

## BREAKTHROUGH IN TECHNOLOGY

- Multi-ion synchrotron (beyond presently used p and C-ions)
- More compact and much cheaper Superconducting synchrotron
- Superconducting gantry
- Higher beam intensity, faster extraction; Real time imaging



Will make cancer treatment with ions accessible to a large fraction of the European population and bring back Europe the lead position in this field

## SCIENCE DIPLOMACY

- Declaration of Intent signed at CERN in October 2017 by 8 SEE countries
- MoC signed by 6 Prime Ministers of the SEE Region in July 2019, at the Summit of Berlin Process, Poznan
- Political support by the Swiss Government to establish SD roadmap



With the strong supporting consortium of 18 European research centers and clinics the SEE region is trying to revive its technological tradition



**PART A:**  
GENERAL INFORMATION



**PART B:**  
SCIENTIFIC CASE



**PART C:**  
IMPLEMENTATION CASE



**Political support - Lead country/entity**

Country/Entity Type: MS/AC Countries  
Country/Entity: Montenegro  
National Ministry/Council of the Entity: Ministry of Science

**Political support: prospective member country/entity**

Country/Entity Type: MS/AC Countries  
Country/Entity: Albania  
National Ministry/Council of the Entity: Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth

Country/Entity Type: MS/AC Countries  
Country/Entity: Bosnia and Herzegovina  
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Country/Entity Type: MS/AC Countries  
Country/Entity: Croatia  
National Ministry/Council of the Entity: Ministry of Science and Education

Country/Entity Type: Other Entity  
Country Entity: Hungary  
National Ministry/Council of the Entity: Nuclear Research Development and Innovation Office – NRDIO

Country/Entity Type: Third Countries  
Country/Entity: Kosovo  
National Ministry: Ministry of Education and Science

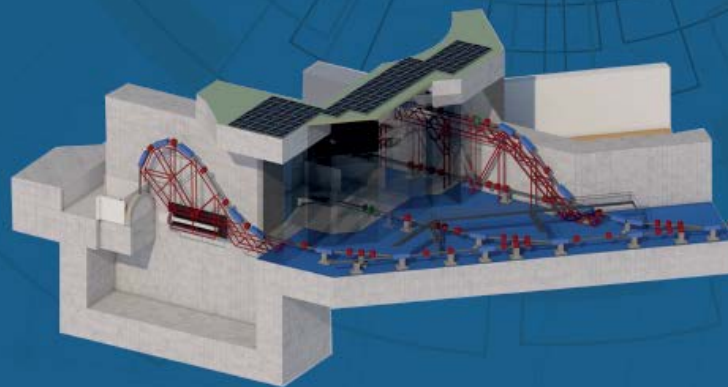
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National Ministry/Council of the Entity: Ministry of Health

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Country/Entity: Switzerland  
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Country/Entity Type: Other Entity  
Country/Entity: Test Infrastructures and Accelerator Research Area (TIARA)  
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ANNEX 3

**pre-TECHNICAL DESIGN REPORT**  
(pre-TDR)

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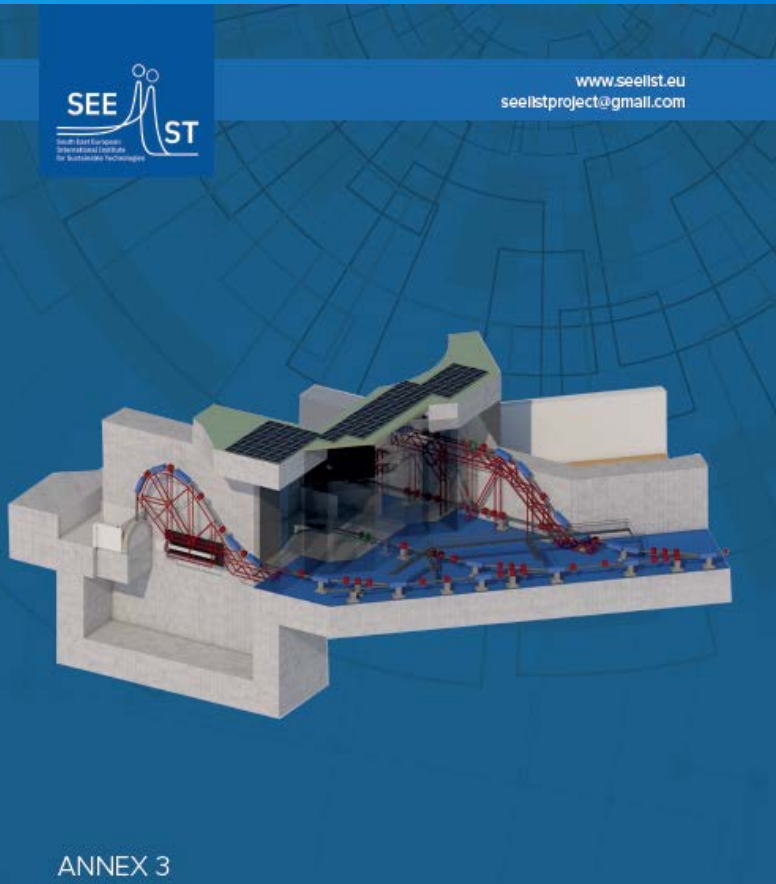
**BUSINESS PLAN**

# SEEIST plans and schedule



SEEIST@ESFRI application based on 200 pages of technical documents prepared with an important contribution from NIMMS (Next Ion Medical Machine Study) CERN et al.

Masterplan for construction in 9 years



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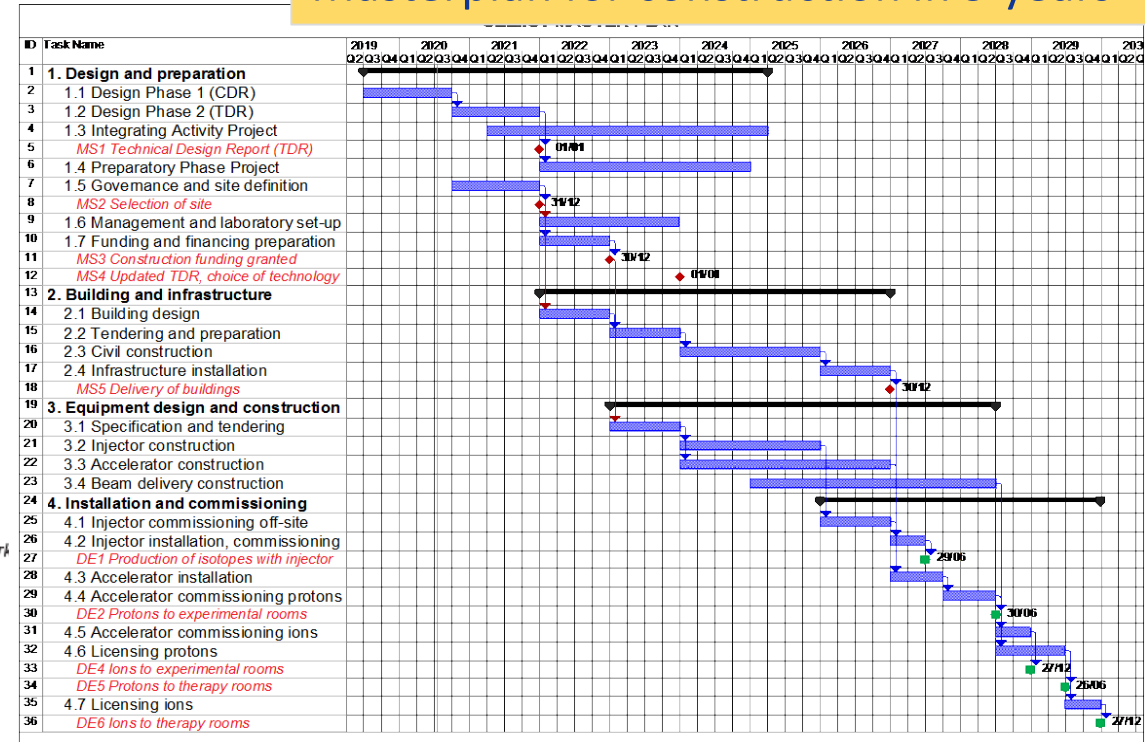
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### SCIENTIFIC CASE

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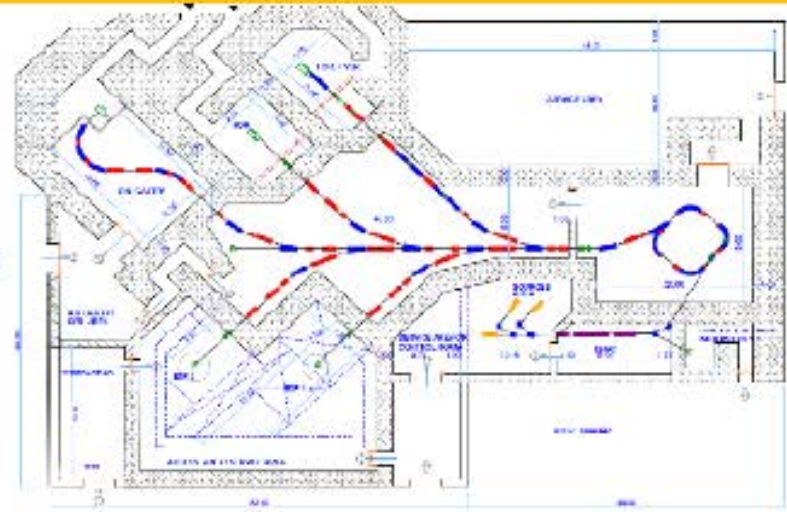
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# Comparing the three options for SEEIIST



**RT synchrotron:**  
accelerator 1,200 m<sup>2</sup>, facility 6,500 m<sup>2</sup>  
estimated cost (acc. only): 42 M€



**SC synchrotron:**  
accelerator 600 m<sup>2</sup>, facility 5,500 m<sup>2</sup>  
estimated cost (acc. only): 31 M€



**Full linac:**  
accelerator 600 m<sup>2</sup>, facility 5,500 m<sup>2</sup>  
estimated cost (acc. only): 31 M€

SC synchrotron or linac allow 50% reduction in accelerator dimensions,  
15% in overall facility dimensions, and 20% reduction in cost.

	Construction Cost	Operation cost	Footprint	Performance	Time to development	Risk of development	Treatment protocols	Gantry
Warm (new) synchrotron	Medium	Medium	Large	Good	Low	Low	Existing	Simple design
Superconducting synchrotron	Lower	Lower	Small	Good	Medium	Medium	Existing	Simple design
Linear accelerator	Lower	Lower	Small	Better	Long	Medium	To be developed	Complex design

Linac option discarded by SEEIIST because requires R&D, is not evolutive, and needs specific medical licensing.

This study recommends to SEEIIST the adoption as **baseline configuration** of a **warm-magnet synchrotron with novel features**. Development of superconducting magnets and adequate **superconducting** synchrotron designs should continue as an **advanced alternative option**. The superconducting alternative with its potentially lower cost and smaller dimensions might become the baseline in case preparation for construction of SEEIIST would take more time than foreseen and in case of success of the superconducting magnet development. Additionally, the superconducting option might more easily become a standard commercial design for a next generation of ion therapy facilities beyond SEEIIST.



# SEEIIST plans and costs



## SEEIIST BUDGET SCHEDULE

- Design and preparation
- Building and infrastructure
- Equipment design and construction
- Installation and commissioning

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# SEEIIST@ESFRI application

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# Time line for the SEEIST Project



2017-2018:  
Concept  
Studies

2019:

- Design Study Phase Started

2020/21:

- Applied for H2020-INFRAIA
- Applied for the ESFRI Roadmap
- Selection of the site

2023:

Start construction  
of the Facility

2028:

First patient  
treatments



Green concept  
for the SEEIST  
project

SEEIST  
First Green  
Particle  
Cancer Therapy  
and Research

For SEEIST up to 240 MEUR required, guaranteeing competitiveness in Europe. Multiple sources of financing necessary: EU Structural and cohesion funds, IPA funds, some contributions from member-states, other investment funds



First Green Infrastructure in-line  
with #SEEIST  
virtual center  
with #HorizonEurope Cancer Mission



# SEEIIST – First Green Infrastructure in line with the Horizon Europe Cancer Mission





# SEEIIST – strong support by the EC and Switzerland



EC: DG RTD (H2020) + Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans (DG RTD and DG NEAR)

SEEIIST is the only research infrastructure part of the Economic & Investment Plan for WB via the Innovation Agenda



CH: Political support by Switzerland via FDFA for SEEIIST

Switzerland offered an official political support to develop a Science Diplomacy Roadmap for SEEIIST

