

## A BIG STEP FORWARD FOR SEEIIST PROJECT

The 14th meeting of the SEEIIST Intergovernmental Steering Committee (SC) was held on April 4, 2022 in Thessaloniki, Greece. The welcome address was given by representatives of Greece and SEEIIST Steering committee, Mr. Anastasios Tzikas, President of Technopolis and of the board at Thessaloniki International fair – HELEXPO S.A., Prof. Leandar Litov, Chair of the SEEIIST SC, Mr. Apostolos Tzitzikostas, Governor of the region of Central Macedonia, Mr. Christos Dimas, Deputy Minister for Research and Technology, Ms. Maria Antoniou, Head of the Prime Minister Office in Thessaloniki and Prof. Emmanuel Tsesmelis, Principal Physicist, Head of Relations with Associate Members and Non-Member States at CERN.



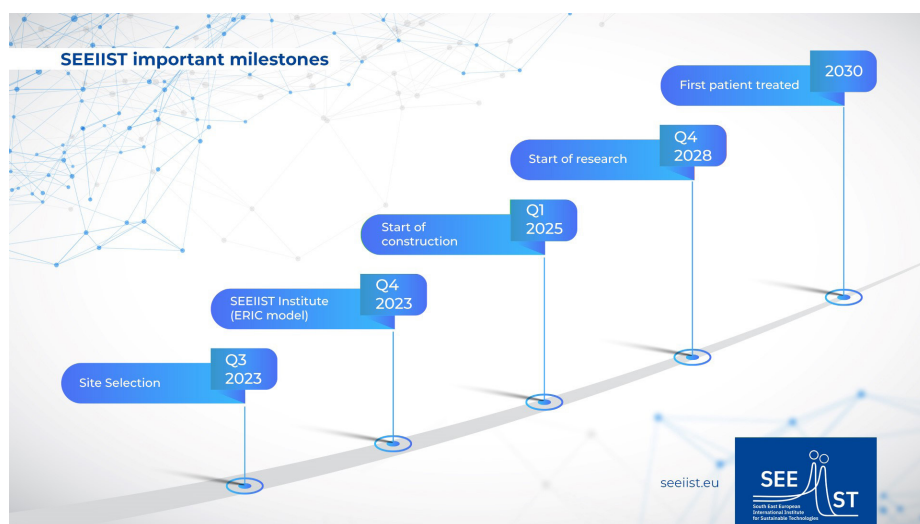
SEEIIST delegates hosted by Greece, Thessaloniki 4 April, 2022.



### IMPORTANT MILESTONES APPROVED: FIRST PATIENT TREATED IN 2030

Several important points were discussed during the 3-day meeting. Prof. Litov presented the SEEIIST General Work Plan for the period 2022-2030. Further plans and important next steps for the development of the project were approved by the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee agreed that, in addition to the political support, the project should be supported financially on an annual basis through financing of the SEEIIST Association by the SEEIIST member states. The Memorandum of Understanding between the Steering Committee and the SEEIIST Association was reviewed and approved.



### IN MEMORIAM: TEA GLAŽAR

It was very sad indeed that our dear Tea Glažar passed away on 25 January. In her capacity as a Vice-President and former President of the SEEIIST Association Board together with her role as a representative of Slovenia in the SEEIIST Steering Committee, she played key roles in the development of the SEEIIST Project starting practically from its roots. Between 2016 and 2019, Tea served as advisor to the Minister for International Relations and European Affairs at the Slovenian Ministry of Education, Science and Sport. Later, she was the Secretary of the Science Division, Science Directorate at this Ministry. Among other roles, she was also a Vice-President of the COST Association, Delegate of Slovenia to the CERN Financial Committee and advisor for Slovenia to the CERN Council.



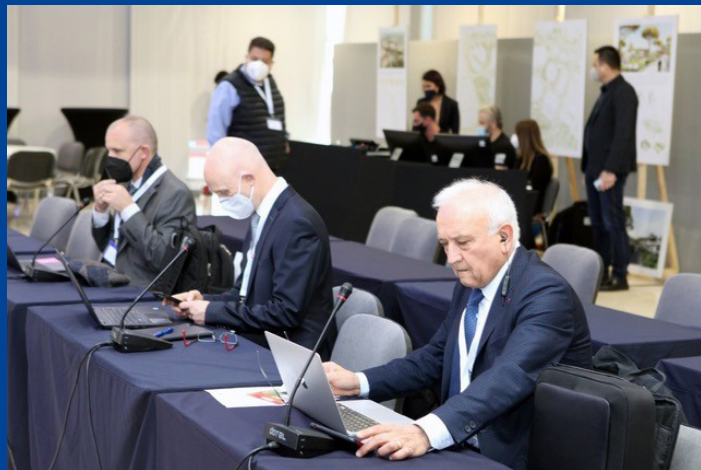
## THE REPORTS OF THE WORKING GROUPS WERE PRESENTED

The reports of the Working Groups on Site Selection (WGSS) and the Legal Framework Working Group (WGLF) were presented to the members of the Steering Committee.

The setup of the SEEIIST Institute as an European Research Institute Consortium (ERIC) has been identified as an appropriate approach.

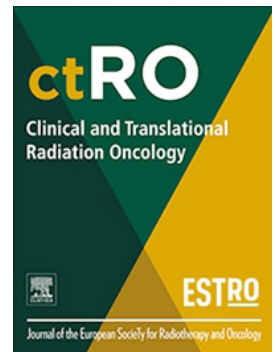
SEEIIST plans to derive the statutes for the SEEIISteric from the CERN Convention as a model for a "Science for Peace" oriented international research institution. A model for the organisation of the treatment of patients at the future institute has been developed. The schedule for the site selection process has been confirmed targeting for a decision in late 2023 to coincide with the schedule for the legal establishment of the SEEIIST institute.

Furthermore, the Steering Committee has established a working group for financial sustainability that will plan and coordinate the funding of the project (WGFS).



## PUBLICATION OF A NEW ARTICLE BY SEEIIST COLLEAGUES

Clinical and Translational Radiation Oncology Journal (Volume 34, May 2022) accepted the article "Availability of technology for managing cancer patients in the Southeast European (SEE) region."



## PARTICLE THERAPY MASTERCLASS

The Particle Therapy MasterClass PTMC, an international educational activity developed and coordinated by GSI, Dr Yiota Foka, was held during 6 daily sessions between mid-February and mid-April 2022, with the participation of 37 institutes from 22 countries reaching some 1500 high-school students. Its highlight was the hands-on activity, focusing on the treatment of cancer tumours with charged particles. Most of the SEEIIST member states participated demonstrating to the young generation direct applications of fundamental sciences, in particular physics, for the benefit of society, supporting capacity building and highlighting career opportunities in emerging fields where often there is lack of specialised personnel.



## SEEIIST TEAM STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

"Science and peace will triumph over ignorance and war!"

