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Professor Francesco Fedi, President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), was invited and participated in the Conference "The Future of Science and Technology in Europe" held from Monday 8 to Wednesday 10 October 2007 at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon.

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The Conference, hosted and organised by the Portuguese Presidency of the European Union with the support of the European Commission, aimed to provide a forum for debate on future research policy developments in the EU. The programme focused on the Portuguese Presidency priorities and took into account the ongoing public discussion on the EC Green Paper, "The European Research Area: New Perspectives".

The Portuguese Presidency wished to highlight the role of Science and Technology in the Lisbon Strategy for the EU and to contribute to a renewed priority for S&T on the European agenda. Seven years after the launch of the Lisbon Strategy, it was felt important that the interested stakeholders take stock of where Europe stands with regard to science and technology goals and that they discuss collectively in a broad and frank manner where to go and how they envisage the future of science and technology in Europe.

The Conference brought together more than 400 participants, attendance was by invitation only, representing the majority of stakeholders and institutional actors and provided a unique opportunity for interested stakeholders to express their views and to actively contribute to the debate on the future of science and technology in Europe.

On 8 October 2007, Professor Fedi participated in the Joint Informal High Level meeting of Directors-General responsible for Energy and Research "Building Jointly a European Strategic Energy Technology Plan" held at the Pavilhão Atlântico. The meeting was organised by the Portuguese Presidency as a contribution to the future presentation of the European Strategic Energy Technology Plan.

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