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[Science Gallery Venice](#), a unique area where [science](#) and technology will dialogue with art and design, inspiring new ways of thinking and generating innovation, will be set up in Venice. The news was announced on 16 December by

[Michele Bugliesi](#), Ca' Foscari Rector and President of the Venetian District for Research and Innovation (DVRI), who signed the agreement to start the project with [Andrea Bandelli](#), Executive Director of [Science Gallery International](#).

[Science Gallery Venice](#) will be located in the San Basilio area, which is part of the historical settlement of the general governor maritime offices which will be restored in the next few years and will be the main actor in the process of urban regeneration led by universities and port authorities. The official inauguration is scheduled for 2019, but the initial activities will start in 2017, thus allowing Venice to become the **fifth hub of the [Science Gallery Network](#)** after Dublin, London, Bangalore and Melbourne.

The project stems from the intent to **create a unique area for science and art, technology and design**, addressing the offer especially (but not exclusively) to a target audience of young adults from 15 to 25 years old. The area will resemble more a theatre than a traditional [science](#) museum, with a flexible and dynamic exhibition area of 600-700 square metres, over a total of 2,000 square metres.

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Michele Bugliesi said: "Today, we celebrate a major achievement for **Ca' Foscari** and for the future of research and Venice. Joining the other members of the **Global Science Gallery Network** in London, Dublin, Bangalore and Melbourne, **Science Gallery Venice** will be a centre for innovation and research in both **science** and the arts. It will become a source of ideas and experiments for researchers from around the world, in collaboration with international partners at the highest level. Built in the heart of Venice at San Basilio, it will continue the enhancement process of this strategic area of the city which is already underway through **Ca' Foscari**, the **IUAV University** and the **Venice Port Authority**".

Andrea Bandelli continued: "**Science Gallery Venice** will bring the world-class contemporary art and frontier scientific research of Venice to the **Global Science Gallery Network**, creating endless opportunities to engage the local Venetian community with leading thinkers in art and **science** both in Italy and internationally. It will be a new beacon for public engagement in Italy, bringing the unique approach of **Science Gallery** to ignite the creativity of millions of young adults where **science** and art collide."

Within this area, the laboratories will be open and the collaboration between scientists and creative people will develop new forms of innovative education. Excellent research carried out by Venetian universities and other scientific institutions will also be promoted in all fields of knowledge.

Science Gallery Venice has been supported from the beginning by the twelve research institutions and cultural organizations that make up the **Venetian District for Research and Innovation**, chaired by **Ca' Foscari** Rector **Michele Bugliesi**. These members include: the **Academy of Fine Arts in Venice**, the **German Centre for Venetian Studies**, the **Benedetto Marcello Conservatory of Music**, the **CORILA Consortium**, the **National Research Council**, the **Musei Civici di Venezia Foundation**, the **Querini Stampalia Foundation**, the **Ugo and Olga Levi Foundation**, the **San Camillo Hospital Foundation**, the **Procuratoria di San Marco**, the **Ca' Foscari University of Venice** and the **Venice International Centre for the Environment and Culture**.

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