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### General information

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- European Union: European Countries: [Italy](#)
- United Nations: Data: Country Profiles: [Italy](#)
- Wikipedia: [Italy](#)
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Country Profile: [Italy](#)
- United States: CIA: World Factbook: [Italy](#)
- United States: Department of State: [Italy](#)
- BBC News: Country Profiles: [Italy](#)
- Encyclopaedia Britannica: World data: [Italy](#)
- The Guardian: World news: [Italy](#)
- Google: Search for websites on [Italy](#)
- SearchEnginesoftheWorld: European Search Engines, Directories and Lists: [Italy](#)

### Agricultural information

- Italy: [Ministry for Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies](Ministero delle Politiche Agricole, Alimentari e Forestali) [in Italian]
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Policy 2007-2013: [Italy](#)
- European Commission: European Network for Rural Development: [Country Information](click on map to select country)
- FAO: Country Profiles: [Italy](#)
- OECD: Agriculture and Fisheries: [Italy](#)
- Organic Europe: Organic farming in Europe: [Italy](#)

### Competition policy information

- Italy: [Competition Authority](Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato)
- OECD: Competition: [Italy](#)
- Italy: [Regulatory Authority for Electricity Gas and Water](Autorità per l'energia elettrica, il gas e il sistema idrico)
- Italy: [Communications Authority](Autorità per le Garanzie nelle Comunicazioni) [in Italian]

### Culture and language information

- Italy: [Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities and Tourism](Ministero dei Beni e delle Attività Culturali e del Turismo) [in Italian]
- National Culture Site: [Cultura Italia](#)
- European Commission: Languages: Regional and Minority Languages: [Euromosaic](#)
- CRAMLAP: [Celtic, Regional and Minority Languages Abroad Project](select language provision)
- Council of Europe/ERICarts: Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe: [Italy](#)
- UNESCO: World Heritage Sites: [Italy](#)
- SIL international: Ethnologue: Languages of [Italy](#)
University of the Highlands and Islands: European Minority Languages (select language)

**Defence and security information**

- Italy: Ministry of Defence (Ministero della Difesa)
- [Italy] Intelligence Agency (Sistema di informazione per la sicurezza della Repubblica)

**Economic information**

- ESO: Italy: Economic situation
- Italy: Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF)
- Italy: Bank of Italy (Banca d’Italia)
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs:
  - Economies of the Member States: Italy
  - Stability and Convergence Programmes (select year and country)
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Measuring Performance: Country Factsheets: Italy
- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union: Taxes in Europe Database (select country)
- International Monetary Fund: Italy and the IMF
- OECD: Countries: Italy
- UNIDO: Country Profile: Italy
- UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: Italy
- WTO: Italy and the WTO
- United States: Commercial Service: Doing Business in Italy

**Education information**

- Italy: Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (Ministero dell'Istruzione, dell'Università e della Ricerca) [in Italian]
- European Commission: Education & training: Study in Europe: Higher Education in Italy [click on map to select country]
- Italy: Study in Italy: Higher education in Italy
- European Commission: Youth Partnership: Youth Policy in Italy
- Eurydice: Eurypedia - European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems: Italy
- European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: Education [select topic then country]
- Council of Europe/UNESCO/European Commission: ENIC-NARIC – Gateway to Recognition of Academic and Professional Qualifications: Italy
- OECD: Education: Italy
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: Country and Regional Profiles (select country)
- Italy: Information Centre on Academic Mobility and Equivalence (Centro Informazioni Mobilità Equivalenze Accademiche)
- World Bank: EdStats: Country Profiles (select country)
- BrainTrack: Universities and Colleges in Italy
- EuroEducation: European Education Directory: Education Systems in Italy
- NationMaster: Education Statistics (click on map to select country)
- Wikipedia: Education in Italy

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Employment information

- Italy: Ministry of Labour and Social Policy (Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali) [in Italian]
- European Commission: DG Employment and Social Affairs: European Employment Strategy: Europe 2020 in Italy
- Eurofound: European Industrial Relations Observatory: Country Profile: Italy
- European Trade Union Institution: Worker Participation: National Industrial Relations in Italy
- Federation of European Employers: Industrial Relations across Europe: Italy
- OECD: Key Employment Statistics: Italy
- International Labour Organization: NATLEX: Italy

Energy information

- Italy: Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development (Agenzia Nazionale per le Nuove Tecnologie, l'Energia e lo Sviluppo Economico Sostenibile)
- European Commission: DG Energy:
  - Energy Figures by Country
  - National Renewable Energy Action Plans (select country)
  - EU Energy Market 2014 (Country Studies)
- European Commission: ManagEnergy: Energy Agencies in Italy
- International Energy Agency:
  - Countries: Italy
  - Statistics and Balances: Italy
- United States: Energy Information Administration: Italy

Environmental information

- Italy: Ministry of Environment and Territorial Protection (Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Tutela del Territorio e del Mare) [in Italian]
- European Commission: DG Environment: LIFE Programme: Italy
- European Environment Agency:
  - EIONET - European Environment Information and Observation Network: Italy
  - SERIS - State of the Environment Reporting Information System: Italy
- European Environmental Bureau: Italy
- FAO: Country Profiles: Italy (select country then theme)
- OECD: Environment: ‘Italy’
- Friends of the Earth International: Italy
- Greenpeace International: Italy

European policies and relations with the European Union

- Italy: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale)
  - Policies: European policies
- National Bank of Italy: Bank of Italy (Banca d'Italia)
  - Eurosistem and ESCB
- National Bank of Italy: Single Euro Payments Area
- Italy: Permanent Representation to the European Union
- European Union: Countries: Italy
- European Union: Europe Direct Information Network: Italy
• European Commission: Representation in Italy [in Italian]
• European Commission: Enterprise Europe Network: Italy
• European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs:
  o Economies of the Member States: Italy
  o Italy and the Euro
• European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Cohesion policy 2007-2013: Italy
• European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Policy 2007-2013: Italy
• European Parliament: EP Information Offices: Italy [in Italian]
• European Investment Bank: Finance Contracts Signed in Italy
• Council of Europe: Member States: Italy
• OECD: Countries: Italy
  o Italy: Permanent delegation to the OECD

Geographic information and maps
• European Union: Europe Maps: Italy
• FAO: Forestry Country Information: Maps: Italy
• Lonely Planet: Map of Italy
• Maps of the World: Italy
• University of Texas: Perry-Castañeda Library: Map Collection: Italy

Health information
• Italy: Ministry of Health (Ministero della Salute) [in Italian]
• European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: Health: National contacts in Italy
• European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA):
  o Country Overviews: Italy
  o Drug Treatment Profiles: Italy
  o Country Legal Profiles (select country)
  o National Drug Strategies: Italy
• OECD: Health: Italy
• World Health Organisation:
  o Countries: Italy
  o Regional Office for Europe: Italy
  o European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: Italy

Human rights information
• Council of Europe:
  o European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI): Report on Italy
  o European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on Italy
  o European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: States: Italy
• European Court of Human Rights:
  o Country Profiles: Italy
    • Country Fact Sheets 1959-2010 [select country]
    • Violation by Article and by State 1959-2012
    • Statistics on Judgments by State 1959-2010
• United Nations:
  o Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: OHCHR in Italy
  o UNHCR - The UN Refugee Agency: Country Information: Italy
• United States: Committee for Refugees and Immigrants: World Refugee Survey: Italy (2009)
• United States: Department of State:
• Amnesty International: Annual Report: Italy (latest edition, 2013)
• Reporters Without Borders: Freedom of Information in Italy

**Intellectual property information**

• Italy: Italian Patent and Trademark Office (Ufficio Italiano Brevetti e Marchi) [in Italian]
• European Patent Office: Directory of Patent Information Centres: Italy
• World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO): Member States: Italy

**Investment information**

• Italy: Institute of Foreign Trade (Insitituto Nazionale per il Commercio Estero): Promoting Italy
• Italy: Italian Trade Commission: Invest in Italy
• Italy: Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Invitalia
• OECD: Investment: Italy
• OECD: Industry and Entrepreneurship: Italy
• World Bank: Countries and Economies: Italy
• United Kingdom: Trade & Investment: Countries: Italy
• United States: Commercial Service: Doing Business in Italy

**Justice and home affairs information**

• Italy: Ministry of Justice (Ministero della Giustizia) [in Italian]
• Italy: Ministry of Internal Affairs (Ministero dell’Interno)
• European Commission: DG Justice: Data Protection: National Policy Documents: Italy
• Council of Europe:
  o European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on Italy
  o Group of States against Corruption (GRECO): Evaluation and Compliance Reports (select country)
• OECD: Bribery and Corruption: Italy
• United States: Library of Congress: Law Online: Nations: Italy
• University of Bern: International Constitutional Law: Countries: Italy
• EUDO Observatory on Citizenship: Citizenship laws and policy: Italy

**Living and working information**

• European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion: EURES – The European Job Mobility Portal: Living & Working in Italy
• European Commission: DG Press and Communication: Your Europe (select topic)
• Eurofound - European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions:
  o Homepage
  o European Working Conditions Observatory (EWCO): [page under construction]
• United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel and Living Abroad: Italy
• United States: Department of State: Countries: Italy
• JustLanded: Living, Working or Studying in Italy

Media information

• Italy: AGCOM (Autorità per le Garanzie nelle Comunicazioni) [in Italian]
• European Broadcasting Union (EBU): Active Members: Italy
• European Journalism Centre: Media Landscape: Italy
• European Newspaper Publishers Association: ENPA Members: Italy
• ABYZ News Links: Europe Newspapers and News Media: Italy
• Guardian News & Media Ltd: World News Guide: Italy
• Newslink: European newspapers: Italy
• Online Newspapers: Italy
• Radiomap: Radio Stations in Italy

Political information (including Elections)

• ESO: Italy: Political situation
• ESO: Italy: Political situation: Elections
• Italy: Government portal [in Italian]
  o Constitution
  o Ministries
• Italy: Press office [in Italian]
• Italy: Parliament [in Italian]
  o Senate
  o Chamber of Deputies
• Italy: President
• Italy: Prime Minister [in Italian]
• Italy: Ministry of the Interior: Elections and referenda
• OECD: Public governance: Italy
• OECD: Regulatory reform: Italy
• International Foundation for Electoral Systems: Election Guide: Italy
• NCCR Democracy: EU Profiler (click on map to select country)
• Parties and Elections in Europe: Italy
• United States: Library of Congress: Law Online: Nations: Italy
• Wikipedia: Politics of Italy
• Wikipedia: Elections in Italy

Public management information

• European Commission: ePractice: Factsheets: eGovernment in Italy
• OECD: Public Governance: Italy
• European Public Sector Information Platform (ePSI): Country Reports 2006-2009 (select country)
R&D information

- Italy: Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (Ministro dell'Istruzione, dell'Università e della Ricerca) [in Italian]
- European Commission: Community Research and Development Information Service (CORDIS): National R&D Information Service: Italy
- European Commission: DG Research & Innovation:
  - European Research 2004-2009 (click on map to select country)
  - European Research Area 2013 (click on map to select country)
- European Commission: Innovation Union:
  - Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2011 (click on map to select country)
  - Research and Innovation Performance in Italy 2014 (click on map to select country)
- European Regions Research & Innovation Network (ERRIN): Members (click on map to select country)
- OECD: Innovation: Italy
- OECD: Science and technology: Italy

Regional information

- Italy: Italian State Tourism Board: Italian Regions, Provinces and Municipalities
- Committee of the Regions: Europe in my Region: Italy
- Assembly of European Regions: AER Member Regions: Italy
- European Regions Research & Innovation Network (ERRIN): Members (click on map to select country)
- Council of Europe: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities: National Delegations: Italy
- OECD: Regional rural and urban development: Italy
- Abruzzo
  - Abruzzo Europa
- Basilicata
  - Basilicata Europa
- Calabria
  - Calabria Europa
- Campania
- Emilia-Romagna
- Friuli-Venezia Giulia
  - FVG Europa
- Lazio
  - Lazio Europa
- Liguria
- Lombardia
  - Lombardia – Programmazione Comunitaria
- Marche
  - Marche Europa
- Molise
  - Ufficio Europa – Regione Molise
- Regione Piemonte
  - Provincia di Torino
- Puglia
  - Europuglia
- Sardegna
- Sicilia
  - Euroinfosicilia
• **Toscana**
  - Toscana Europa

• **Trentino-Alto Adige**
  - Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano
    - Bolzano Europa
  - Provincia Autonoma di Trento
    - Trento Europa

• **Umbria**
  - Umbria Europa

• **Valle d’Aosta**
  - Unione Europea
  - Ufficio di rappresentanza ed assistenza tecnica di Bruxelles

• **Veneto**

• Committee of the Regions:
  - Italy: [Regional links](#)
  - Contact details for regional offices in Brussels

### Social information

- Italy: [Ministry of Labour and Social Policy](#) (Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali) [in Italian]
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: Your Social Security Rights in [Italy](#)
- European Commission: MISSOC Secretariat: [Organisation of Social Protection](#) +
- European Commission: MISSOC Secretariat: [Social Protection of the Self-Employed](#) +
- Council of Europe: European Social Charter: Country Factsheets: [Italy](#)
- World Bank: [Gender Statistics](#)
- OECD: Insurance and Pensions: [Italy](#)
- OECD: Social and Welfare Issues: [Italy](#)
- UNICEF: Information by Country: [Italy](#)
- United States: Social Security Administration:
  - Research, Statistics & Policy Analysis: [Italy](#)
  - Social Security Programs Throughout the World: [Italy](#) (latest edition, 2012)

### Statistical information

- Italy: [Bank of Italy](#) (Banca d’Italia)
- Italy: [National Statistical Institute (ISTAT)](#)
- Eurostat: [Country Profiles](#) (select country)
- OECD: Country Statistical Profiles: [Italy](#)
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: Country and Regional Profiles: [Italy](#)
- United Nations: Statistics Division: Country Profiles: [Italy](#)
- World Bank: Data: Countries and Economies: [Italy](#)
- Nation Master: Nations of the World: Statistics on [Italy](#)

### Tourism information

- Italy: [Italian State Tourism Board](#) (Ente Nazionale Italiano per il Turismo)
- Italy: [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Internatonal Cooperation](#) (Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale)
  - Visiting [Italy](#)
- Guardian News & Media Ltd: Travel: [Italy](#)
Transport information

- Italy: Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport (Ministero delle Infrastrutture e dei Trasporti) [in Italian]
- Italy: Alitalia
- Italy: Trenitalia
- European Commission: DG Mobility & Transport:
  - Road Safety: How is your country doing? (latest edition, 2013)
- Wikipedia: Transport in Italy

Weather information

- Italy: Servizio Meteorologico [in Italian]
- BBC: Weather: Country Guides: Italy
- World Meteorological Organization: World Weather Information Service: Italy

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