

Country Information Guide



Italy

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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](#)
- OECD: Economic Surveys: [Italy](#) (latest edition, 2013. New version: February 2015)
- 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](#)

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)
 - [Eurosystem 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:
 - Economies of the Member States: [Italy](#)
 - [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](#)
 - [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 Commission: DG Health & Consumers: Public health: Healthcare: [Trustworthy websites on "Healthcare"](#) [select country]
- European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA):
 - Country Overviews: [Italy](#)
 - Drug Treatment Profiles: [Italy](#)
 - [Country Legal Profiles](#) (select country)
 - National Drug Strategies: [Italy](#)
- OECD: Health: [Italy](#)
- World Health Organisation:
 - Countries: [Italy](#)
 - Regional Office for Europe: [Italy](#)
 - European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: [Italy](#)

Human rights information

- Council of Europe:
 - European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI): Report on [Italy](#)
 - European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on [Italy](#)
 - European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: States: [Italy](#)
- European Court of Human Rights:
 - 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:
 - Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: OHCHR in [Italy](#)
 - 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:
 - Country Reports on Human Rights Practices: [Italy](#) (latest edition, 2011)
 - Report on International Religious Freedom: [Italy](#) (latest edition, 2011)
- Amnesty International: Annual Report: [Italy](#) (latest edition, 2013)
- Human Rights Watch: World Report: [Italy](#) (latest edition, 2014)
- 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 (Insituto 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:
 - European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on [Italy](#)
 - 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:
 - [Homepage](#)
 - 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]
 - [Constitution](#)
 - [Ministries](#)
- Italy: [Press office](#) [in Italian]
- Italy: [Parliament](#) [in Italian]
 - [Senate](#)
 - [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](#)
- European Commission: Eurostat: [Eurostat Regional Yearbook 2014](#)
- 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](#)
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- [Calabria](#)
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 - [FVG Europa](#)
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 - [Ufficio Europa - Regione Molise](#)
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 - [Umbria Europa](#)
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 - [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 International Cooperation](#) (Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale)
 - [Visiting Italy](#)
- Guardian News & Media Ltd: Travel: [Italy](#)

- The Telegraph: Destinations: [Italy](#)
- Lonely Planet: Places in Europe: [Italy](#)
- Rough Guides: [Italy](#)
- TripAdvisor: Europe Tourism: [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:
 - [EU Transport in Figures: Statistical Pocketbook](#) (latest edition, 2014)
 - [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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