Information Guide

Italy

A guide to information sources on the Italian Republic.

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Information sources in the ESO database

- **Italy – External / Internal / Regions**

General information

- Italy: Government portal (Portale del governo) [in Italian]
- 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: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Policy 2014-2020: Italy
- European Commission: European Network for Rural Development: Italy
- FAQ: 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) [in Italian]
- 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)
- European Commission: Interpretation Directorate-General (IDG): [Italy] (choose the 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
- Deutsche bank research: [Italy]
- 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]
- Italy: Information Centre on Academic Mobility and Equivalence (CIMEA)
- European Commission: Education & training: Study in Europe: 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: [Italy]
- World Bank: EdStats: [Italy]
- EuroEducation: European Education Directory: Education Systems in [Italy]
- NationMaster: Education Statistics
- 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]
- Italy: The Italian National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research, ISPRA (Istituto Superiore per la Protezione e la Ricerca Ambientale)
- 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
- FAQ: Country Profiles: Italy
- OECD: Environment: Italy
- Greenpeace International: Italy (in Italian, while the international section is available in English)

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](https://europa.eu)
- European Union: Europe Direct Information Network: [Italy](https://europa.eu)
- European Commission: Representation in Italy [in Italian](http://europa.eu)
- European Commission: Enterprise Europe Network: [Italy](http://ec.europa.eu)
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs:
  - Economies of the Member States: [Italy](http://ec.europa.eu)
  - Italy and the Euro
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: [Italy](http://ec.europa.eu)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Policy 2007-2013: [Italy](http://ec.europa.eu)
- European Parliament: EP Information Offices: [Italy](http://ep.europa.eu) [in Italian]
- European Investment Bank: Finance Contracts Signed in Italy
- Council of Europe: Member States: [Italy](https://www.coe.int)
- OECD: Countries: [Italy](http://www.oecd.it)
  - Italy: Permanent delegation to the OECD

**Geographic information and maps**

- European Union: Europe Maps: [Italy](http://europa.eu)
- FAO: Forestry Country Information: Maps: [Italy](http://www.fao.org)
- Lonely Planet: Map of Italy
- Maps of the World: [Italy](http://www.maps-of-the-world.com)
- University of Texas: Perry-Castañeda Library: Map Collection: [Italy](http://www.ptl.lib.utexas.edu)

**Health information**

- Italy: [Ministry of Health](http://www.salute.gov.it) (Ministero della Salute) [in Italian]
- European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: Health: National contacts in Italy
- European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA):
  - Country Overviews: [Italy](http://emcdda.europa.eu)
  - Drug Treatment Profiles: [Italy](http://emcdda.europa.eu)
  - Country Legal Profiles: [Italy](http://emcdda.europa.eu)
  - Legal Topics Overview
  - National Drug Strategies: [Italy](http://www.emcdda.europa.eu)
- OECD: Health: [Italy](http://www.oecd.it)
- World Health Organisation:
  - Countries: [Italy](http://www.who.int)
  - Regional Office for Europe: [Italy](http://www.euro.who.int)
  - European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: [Italy](http://www.euro.who.int)

**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](http://www.coe.int)
- European Court of Human Rights:
  - Country Profiles: [Italy](http://europa.eu)
  - Country Fact Sheets 1959-2010 [select country]
  - Violation by Article and by State 1959-2015
  - 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: Department of State:
• Amnesty International: Annual Report: Italy (latest edition, 2016-17)
• Human Rights Watch: Italy
• Reporters Without Borders: Freedom of Information in Italy

**Intellectual property information**

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

**Investment information**

• Italy: Italian trade agency (Instituto 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
  o European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters: 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)
- 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](#)
- Political resources on the Net: [Media in Italy](#)
- Newslink: European newspapers: [Italy](#)
- Online Newspapers: [Italy](#)
- Radiomap: Radio Stations in [Italy](#) [in Italian]

### 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](#) [in Italian]
- 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](#) (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](#)

### 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:
  o European Research 2004-2009 (click on map to select country)
  o European Research Area 2014 (click on map to select country)
• European Commission: Innovation Union:
  o Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2011 (click on map to select country)
  o Research and Innovation Performance in Italy 2014 (click on map to select country)
• European Regions Research & Innovation Network (ERRIN): Italy
• OECD: Innovation: Italy
• OECD: Science and technology: Italy
• OECD: Green growth and Sustainable development: Italy

Regional information

• Italy: Italian State Tourism Board: Italian Regions, Provinces and Municipalities
• European Commission: Eurostat: Eurostat Regional Yearbook 2016
• Committee of the Regions: Europe in my Region: Italy
• Assembly of European Regions: AER Member Regions: Italy
• European Regions Research & Innovation Network (ERRIN): Italy
• Council of Europe: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities: National Delegations: Italy
• OECD: Regional rural and urban development: Italy
• Eurostat: Portrait of the Regions: Italy
• Committee of the Regions:
  o Italy: Regional links

• Abruzzo
  o Abruzzo Europa
• Basilicata
  o Basilicata Europa
• Calabria
  o Calabria Europa
• Campania
• Emilia-Romagna
• Friuli-Venezia Giulia
  o FVG Europa
• Lazio
  o Lazio Europa
• Liguria
• Lombardia
• Marche
  o Marche Europa
• Molise
  o Ufficio Europa - Regione Molise
• Regione Piemonte
  o Provincia di Torino
• Puglia
  o Europuglia
• Sardegna
• Sicilia
  o Euroinfosicilia
• Toscana
  o Toscana Europa
• **Trentino-Alto Adige**
  o **Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano**
  o **Provincia Autonoma di Trento**
  • **Trento Europa**

• **Umbria**
  o **Umbria Europa**

• **Valle d’Aosta**
  o **Unione Europea**
  o **Representative office in Brussels**

• **Veneto**

### 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:
  o Research, Statistics & Policy Analysis: **Italy**
  o 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)
  o **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:
  - Going abroad: road safety
  - EU Transport in Figures: Statistical Pocketbook (latest edition, 2016)
  - Road Safety: How is your country doing? (latest edition, 2013)
- Wikipedia: Transport in Italy

Weather information

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

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