



MINISTERS' MEETING ON EDUCATION

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Trieste

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ABOUT THE G7

The Group of Seven (G7) is an informal forum that brings together Italy, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America. The European Union also participates in the Group and is represented at the summits by the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission.

The Group was established as a platform for economic and financial cooperation in response to the 1973 energy crisis. The first Summit of Heads of State and Government was held in 1975 in Rambouillet, France.

Over the years G7 has progressively expanded its focus. From an *ad-hoc* gathering to discuss financial challenges, it has become a more formal, prominent venue to address major global issues. This evolution became even more evident at the beginning of the new millennium, as the G7 recognized the need for more technical and detailed discussions on these complex issues. Consequently, it initiated the first thematic Ministerial Meetings, to delve deeper into specific topics and bring more nuanced insights into the G7's deliberations.

Compared to an international organization, the G7 does not have a permanent administrative structure. Each year, starting from the 1st of January, one of the Member States takes over the leadership of the Group on a rotating basis. The Nation holding the Presidency serves as a temporary secretariat and hosts the Group work and the Leaders' Summit. Most importantly, the Presidency plays a key role in setting the agenda and identifying key priorities.

The Summit, the G7 Presidency's centerpiece, is attended by the Heads of State and Government of the seven Member States, representatives of the European Union, as well as States and International Organizations invited by the Presidency.

ITALIAN G7 PRESIDENCY 2024

On the 1st of January 2024, Italy assumed, for the seventh time, the Presidency of the G7: the group that brings together Italy, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America. The G7, in which the European Union also participates, is united by common values and principles and plays an invaluable role in defending freedom and democracy and addressing global challenges.

The Italian Presidency will last until 31 December 2024, and will feature a dense programme of technical meetings and institutional events throughout the country.

A key focus of the Italian Presidency will be the defence of the rules-based international system. Russia's war of aggression on Ukraine has undermined its principles and triggered growing instability, with multiple crises unfolding worldwide. The G7 will give equal importance to the conflict in the Middle East, with its consequences for the global agenda.

The relationship with developing Nations and emerging economies will be central. The engagement with Africa will be a key priority. We will work to build a cooperation model based on mutually beneficial partnerships, away from paternalistic or predatory logics. Particular attention will also be paid to the Indo-Pacific region.

Italy will ensure great attention to migration, together with some of the greatest challenges of our time, including the climate-energy nexus and food security. The G7 has the responsibility and duty to identify, together with its global partners, innovative solutions.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) will also feature in the Italian programme. This technology can generate great opportunities but also enormous risks, affecting geopolitical balances. It is necessary to develop governance mechanisms and ensure that AI remains human-centered and human-controlled, giving concrete applications to the concept of algoethics.

The G7 Summit

The Summit of G7 Heads of State and Government under the Italian Presidency will be held in Borgo Egnazia, in Apulia, on June 13-15, 2024.

With its natural and artistic beauties and an innate vocation for hospitality, Apulia is a highly representative place of Italian culture and attractiveness. Moreover, it historically plays a bridging role between the East and the West of the world and over the centuries has welcomed different peoples, cultures and religions, which have left a profound legacy, still visible today on its territory and in the habits of its people.

MINISTERS' MEETINGS

In addition to the Apulia Summit, during 2024 Italy will host 21 Ministerial Meetings. The meetings will take place in various Italian cities, as part of a logistical effort that includes a leading role of the local institutions.

Dates and details of the events may be subject to possible changes.

THEME	DATE	CITY
INDUSTRY, TECH AND DIGITAL	13-14-15 March	Verona e Trento
TRANSPORT	11-12-13 April	Milano
FOREIGN AFFAIRS	17-18-19 April	Capri
CLIMATE, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT	28-29-30 April	Torino
JUSTICE	9-10 May	Venezia
FINANCE	23-24-25 May	Stresa
EDUCATION	27-28-29 June	Trieste
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	9-10-11 July	Bologna e Forlì
TRADE	16-17 July	Villa S. Giovanni and Reggio Calabria
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT	11-12-13 September	Cagliari
CULTURE	19-20-21 September	Napoli
AGRICULTURE	26-27-28 September	Siracusa
INTERIOR	2-3-4 October	Mirabella Eclano (AV)
GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT	4-5-6 October	Matera
HEALTH	9-10-11 October	Ancona
INCLUSION AND DISABILITY	14-15-16 October	Assisi and Perugia
DEFENCE	18-19-20 October	Napoli
DEVELOPMENT	24-25 October	Pescara
TOURISM	13-14-15 November	Firenze
URBAN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	3-5 November	Genova
FOREIGN AFFAIRS	(date tbc)	Fiuggi

MINISTERS' MEETING ON EDUCATION

The meeting, scheduled to take place in Trieste from June 27 to 29, 2024, chaired by the Minister of Education and Merit Giuseppe Valditara, is grounded in a vision that places **school at the heart of growth and shared development**, and focuses on the need to bolster cooperation in order to innovate education systems, ensuring that young generations can acquire the necessary competencies for future labour markets and, more broadly, to support the economic and social development of G7 nations. This requires, above all, **promoting talents** by addressing the specific needs **of each student**, and ensuring that **no one is left behind**, including those with **disabilities**.

In addition to the Education Ministers of G7 nations, the European Commissioner for Education, the leaders of the African Union, the representatives of major international organisations (OECD, UNESCO, UNICEF), and the Global Partnership for Education, the meeting will also welcome the participation of the Ukrainian Education Minister, and the Education Minister of Brazil, that currently holds the G20 Presidency. The arrival of **17 Heads of Delegation**, comprising **over 100 participants**, underscores Italy's commitment to multilateral engagement and marks an important milestone in fostering **cooperation in the education sector, not only among G7 Member States but also with other countries, starting with the African countries**.

The meeting's agenda will focus on two priorities. The first session is centred on "Unlocking the full potential of every individual", aimed at deepening national and international initiatives and identifying policies to promote fundamental competencies and support all students in reaching their full potential, even through more personalised learning approaches. This aims to combat early school dropout.

The Second Session will focus on the priority of supporting innovative education, capable of **reducing the gap between labour market demand and supply of competencies**, by fostering the acquisition of a broad range of knowledge and competencies, including those necessary to address the green and digital transitions. This session will also provide an opportunity to discuss international educational cooperation, including cooperation with African countries, by supporting the establishment of stronger partnerships between educational institutions (including Technical and Vocational Education and Training institutions) and the private sector, to **facilitate student and teacher exchanges**, and the educational and occupational mobility for young people with specialised competencies.

As stated by Minister Valditara, the meeting will not be a G7 of mere statements of principle but must also provide concrete policy solutions to support the improvement of educational systems. The solutions will be collected in a Final Report and a Final Declaration, which the Ministers will adopt on June 29. The main challenges to be addressed are two: talents and competencies, on which Italy has already initiated reforms.

MINISTERS' MEETING ON EDUCATION

In parallel with the G7 meeting, the Ministry of Education and Merit has promoted an innovative, educational, and training initiative entirely dedicated to young people, called "YoungG7 for Education," which will be held from June 26 to June 30 in Lignano Sabbiadoro. At the end of the works, the participants will submit their findings and proposals to the Minister for the G7 Education.

HOST CITY TRIESTE



Nestled between the green landscape of the Karst and the deep blue of the Adriatic Sea, Trieste is the most international of the cities in Friuli Venezia Giulia, in a dynamic state of evolution and at the same time truly unique for its mixture of languages, cultures and religions, with a Central European matrix fused with its Mediterranean soul. Trieste is the capital of the Region, and it boasts one of the most beautiful squares overlooking the sea: Piazza Unità d'Italia.

Trieste is also the city of coffee and literature: numerous and beautiful are the literary cafés, historical places with retro charm once frequented by great authors such as James Joyce, Italo Svevo, Umberto Saba and many more, still loved by writers and intellectuals to this day.

The capital of Friuli Venezia Giulia is at the heart of an extensive innovation ecosystem that includes universities, research centres and science clusters, and is the second Italian province in terms of the number of innovative start-ups. Two universities are active in the city: the University of Trieste, renowned for its economic-legal and technical-scientific faculties, and the International School for Advanced Studies, which provides postgraduate education in the disciplines of physics, mathematics and neuroscience. Trieste is also home to many research centres, including the National Institute of Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics, Elettra Sincrotrone, the International Centre for Theoretical Physics, the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, and the Area Science Park, one of the largest and most comprehensive science and technology parks in Europe.

The Central European and cross-border spirit, the union of different people and cultures is a synthesis of the soul of the entire Region, which next year will celebrate GO!2025, with Gorizia and Nova Gorica united under the title of European Capital of Culture 2025. Two cities, one border and a laboratory for the future of Europe, combining sharing, innovation and new life.

AGENDA

28-29 JUNE 2024

28 JUNE

08:45 **Arrival of the Heads of Delegations and Welcome by the Minister Giuseppe Valditara + Minister's statements**

Palazzo della Regione – Outside main entrance

Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers +
Photographers/Cameramen + journalists

16:40 - 17:30 **Family Photo + press point of Minister Giuseppe Valditara**

Piazza Unità d'Italia

Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers +
Photographers/Cameramen + journalists

29 JUNE

12:15 - 12:45 **Press Conference of the Italian G7 Presidency with Heads of Delegation**

Palazzo of Borsa Vecchia

Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers +
Photographers/Cameramen + Journalists

MEDIA PROGRAMME: INFORMATION

Journalists, photographers and TV crews, interested in attending the media programme, the Italian final Press Conference, and accessing the Media Centre, may request **accreditation** by **Monday 24 June 2024** at **14:00** (local time) via the following link <https://www.g7-2024.it/> or through the accreditation section of <https://www.g7italy.it/it/>.

For first-time registration applicants must fill in the form providing the required details and upload a copy of the following documents (PDF or JPEG format, max 2MB):

- Valid passport or ID card (mandatory)
- Photo (exclusively JPEG format, max. 2MB)
- Letter of assignment on official letterhead (mandatory also for freelance journalists)
- Press card

Early accreditation for journalists, photographers, and media operators is mandatory. Those already accredited to previous G7 meetings, need a specific accreditation for this Ministers' Meeting on Education.

Please remember to check in advance whether you need a visa to enter Italy. For more Information on visa procedures: [Il visto per l'Italia \(esteri.it\)](https://www.esteri.it). The visa requirement must be met before the arrival in Italy.

The accreditation badges for journalists and photo-video operators who receive confirmation of accreditation will be handed out at the Accreditation Centre. (Hours and location will be shared at a later stage).

The **Media Centre** is located at Palazzo della Regione, Sala delle Colonne.
Opening hours:

- 28 June 7:30 - 20:00
 - 29 June 10:00 - 17:00
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The **Final Press Conference** for the Ministers' Meeting on Education will take place in Palazzo della Borsa Vecchia on **29 June 2024**, starting at **12:15** (local time).

The press conference will be held in Italian, with simultaneous translation provided in English. It will be broadcast live in English on the YouTube channel of the Italian G7 Presidency.

A selection of the photos and videos produced by the official operators, including the family photo, will be available on the Italian Ministry of Education and Merit website and on the Italian G7 Presidency website.

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