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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 recognised 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 Organisation, 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 Organisations 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 was 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 has hosted and will host overall 23 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 |
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| INDUSTRY, TECH AND DIGITAL | 13-14-15 March | Verona and 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 and 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 |
| INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION | 10 October | Roma |
| INCLUSION AND DISABILITY | 14-15-16 October | Assisi and Perugia |
| TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL | 15 October | Cernobbio (Como) |
| DEFENCE | 18-19-20 October | Napoli |
| DEVELOPMENT | 23-24 October | Pescara |
| URBAN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT | 3-5 November | Roma |
| TOURISM | 13-14-15 November | Firenze |
| FOREIGN AFFAIRS | 25-26 November | Fiuggi |

G7 MINISTERS' MEETING ON TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL

The G7 Ministerial meeting on 15 October 2024 in Cernobbio will be chaired by the Under Secretary of State for Technological Innovation Alessio Butti and will finalise the commitments made with the G7 Ministers' Declaration which was adopted at the Industry, Technology and Digital Meeting, Trento, 15 March 2024.

The Italian Presidency - Department for Digital Transformation - has steered and coordinated the work of the G7 Digital & Technology Working Group (D&T WG) to produce several deliverables aimed at advancing global cooperation in this area. These deliverables will be published following the G7 Ministerial meeting.

Toolkit for Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Public Sector

AI represents one of the most intriguing and promising fields of innovation and has the potential to dramatically improve our lives, provided the respect of democratic values of G7 countries is guaranteed, including the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and accountability, while preventing and mitigating possible misuse and abuse is ensured. To this end, the Italian Presidency is developing a Toolkit that can help governments deliver better services to our economies and societies, while protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms.


The Toolkit is designed to highlight trends, good practices, policy frameworks, and multiple AI enablers within G7 members. It aims to provide examples of practices and priority interventions to support the development, deployment, and use of AI in environments that are secure, safe, and trustworthy with a special focus on the implementation within the public sector.

Reporting Framework and Pilot for the Hiroshima AI Process – (HAIP) International Code of Conduct

To ensure continuity with the work of the Japanese G7 Presidency in 2023, the Italian Presidency committed to complement the Hiroshima AI Process Comprehensive Policy Framework (HAIP), by developing a Reporting Framework for the organisations adopting the Hiroshima Process International Code of Conduct for Organizations Developing Advanced AI Systems (HAIP CoC), as the monitoring is an integral part of the CoC. To this purpose, the Presidency developed a draft Reporting Framework and launched a pilot from July 19 to September 6, 2024, with the support of the OECD and the contribution of 20 organisations across ten countries with a true stakeholder perspective. The results will be presented in a Report and will inform the final Reporting Framework to be finalised in the next months.

Compendium of Digital Government Services

A robust digital public infrastructure facilitates an easy, user-friendly and secure access to essential public services, enables resilience, and fosters inclusion. In view of strengthening interoperability, in close cooperation with the OECD, the Presidency has



developed a Compendium on Digital Government Services sharing examples of how G7 governments are approaching and leveraging digital public infrastructure.

Mapping Exercise of Digital Identity Approaches

Digital identity plays a crucial role in fostering a secure, inclusive, and efficient digital transformation by enabling individuals and businesses to prove their identity and share verified information through digital means. The rising demand for digital services across the public and private sector, along with concerns about digital exclusion, cybersecurity threats, and the misuse of personal data, underscore the need for well-designed digital identity systems supported by appropriate governance frameworks. While traditional forms of identification and authentication means like physical identity cards, passports, passwords remain significant, they alone are insufficient to address the complexities of today's digital landscape.

The goal of the report is to identify commonalities in digital identity approaches among G7 members to inform future work within the G7 and other international fora.

On 15 October, at the end of the Ministerial Meeting in Cernobbio, the Italian Presidency will propose a Joint Statement to recognise the concrete achievements of the Digital workstream under Italy's G7 Presidency.

HOST CITY

Cernobbio



Only 50 km away from Milan, Cernobbio overlooks the iconic Lake Como. Located almost at the tip of the lake's western branch, the town has survived through history as a flourishing fishing village. Today, it is a prominent and thriving international conference hub. The Renaissance residence Villa Erba stands on the 'Riva', the city's lakefront, hosting events such as the Cernobbio Forum, an annual political-economic summit that has brought together Heads of State and Government, Ministers, Nobel Prize winners and experts from all over the world since 1975. In a scenic location at the foot of Mount Bisbino and the Pre-Alps, Cernobbio holds the title of 'Comune Fiorito', a quality label certifying the town's commitment to protecting its green areas.

Lake Como is an international tourist location with a role and a history tied to the world of cinema: it's the set of film and television productions and has hosted a range of movie stars and renowned directors. You can admire the lake's beautiful landscape from the Franciscan sanctuary sheltered at the top of the Sacred Mountain of Ossuccio.

AGENDA MEDIA

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09:00 - 09:30 **Arrival of the Heads of Delegations and Welcome by the Undersecretary of State Alessio Butti**

Villa Erba (Ala Regina) – Handshake

Official photographers and videomakers + Photographers/Cameramen

09:30 - 10:30 **Session 1: Toolkit for Artificial Intelligence in the Public Sector, Compendium of Digital Government Services and Mapping Exercise of Digital Identity Approaches**

Villa Erba (Ala Regina) - Tour de table

Official photographers and videomakers

BREAK

11:00 - 12:00 **Session 2: Results of the Pilot to Monitor the Application of the G7 Code of Conduct on Advanced AI Development (HAIP) Conclusions and Adoption of the Joint Statement**

Villa Erba (Ala Regina) – Tour de table

Official photographers and videomakers

12:15 - 12:30

Family Photo

Villa Erba (Grand Staircase of Villa Antica)

Official photographers and videomakers + Photographers/Cameramen

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12:40 - 13:10

Press Conference of the Italian G7 Presidency – Technology and Digital

Villa Erba, (Ala Regina)

Official photographers and videomakers + Journalists + Photographers/Cameramen

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 9 October 2024 at 19:00 (CET) through the accreditation section <https://g7digitale2024.innovazione.gov.it/media>. Please refer to this website for all the essential information required to complete the accreditation process.

Early accreditation of journalists, photographers and interested media operators is mandatory. Media already accredited to previous meetings of G7 Ministers, need specific accreditation for this Ministers' Meeting.

Please note that press representatives from some countries must obtain a visa to enter Italy. Information on visa procedures must be checked in advance by accessing the [visto per l'Italia \(esteri.it\)](#). The visa requirements must be met before arrival in Italy.

Following approval of the registration, accreditation badges will be provided to media representatives at the Villa Erba, Largo Luchino Visconti, 4, Cernobbio from 14:00 to 19:00 on 14 October and from 7:00 on 15 October.

The **Media Centre** is located at the Lario Pavilion (Villa Erba, Largo Luchino Visconti, 4, Cernobbio) and will be open from 7:00 on 15 October.

The **Press Conference** of the Ministerial Meeting will take place at the Regina Pavilion (Villa Erba, Largo Luchino Visconti, 4, Cernobbio), starting at 12:40 on 15 October.

The conference will be attended by the Undersecretary of State Alessio Butti.

The press conference will be held in Italian, with a simultaneous interpreting service provided in English and it will be broadcasted live in English on the [YouTube channel](#) of the Italian G7 Presidency and in Italian on the YouTube channel [of the Department for Digital Transformation](#).

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

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