



MINISTERS' MEETING ON CULTURE

19-21 SEPTEMBER 2024

Napoli

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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 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 will host 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
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 e 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 e Solfignano
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

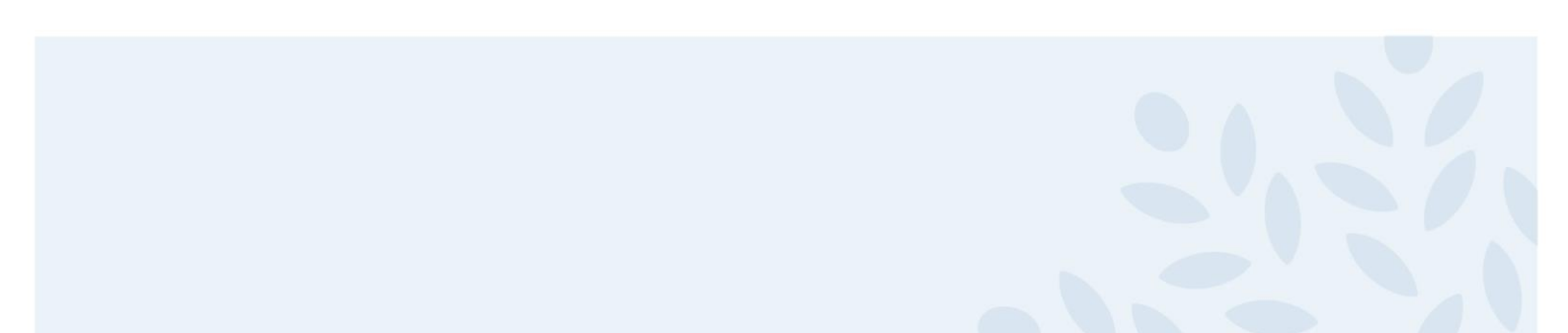
MINISTERS' MEETING ON CULTURE

Culture : A Global Public Good and Shared Responsibility

The G7 Ministers' Meeting on Culture, scheduled to convene in Naples from September 19 to 21, 2024, and presided over by the Minister of Culture, Alessandro Giuli, will commence with a fundamental premise: culture constitutes the very essence of a nation. It shapes national identities and embodies their core values and principles, including freedom of expression, democracy, and pluralism. Cultural heritage, in all its tangible and intangible manifestations, along with the arts, creativity, knowledge systems, and the creative economy, serves as the cornerstone of a people's identity, functioning not only as a vital public good but also as a significant driver of sustainable development. Culture acts as a powerful instrument for civic education and an effective means of fostering integration and social empowerment. It nurtures mutual respect and understanding among community members, serving as a natural antidote to all forms of violence and extremism. For these reasons, it is imperative to enhance the role of culture within our societies and to safeguard cultural resources from contemporary threats such as climate change, the illicit trafficking of cultural goods, the destruction of cultural heritage due to armed conflicts and disasters, copyright violations, censorship, and restrictions on freedom of expression. Additionally, we must identify collaborative approaches to navigate the opportunities and challenges presented by technological advancements.

The Italian G7 Presidency calls for a focus on promoting joint action to enhance and safeguard culture as a global public good and catalyst for a sustainable future. More precisely, the Culture Ministerial will prioritise defending and promoting cultural and linguistic identities in the digital realm, addressing the challenges and opportunities presented by artificial intelligence for culture and creativity, advancing efforts to combat illicit trafficking of cultural goods on a global scale, bolstering the resilience of cultural heritage against climate change, and ensuring the protection of cultural heritage in the context of armed conflicts, with a particular emphasis on the regeneration of Ukrainian culture and cultural heritage from the devastation caused by Russia's war of aggression.

As a source of knowledge and values, a facilitator of intercultural dialogue, and a generator of economic activity and jobs, culture plays a fundamental role in building mutually beneficial partnerships with emerging economies and developing nations, particularly in Africa. In light of this, the G7 Culture will pay special attention to relationships with these countries, focusing on Africa to address the increasing demand for support in training and capacity building, enabling African nations to leverage culture as a resource for development.



This action is in line with the "Spirit of Naples" Call for Action, adopted at the 2023 UNESCO Conference on Cultural Heritage in the 21st Century. Drawing on the success of the two UNESCO Conventions on World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972) and on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (2003), it has reinvigorated the potential of culture as a catalyst for sustainable development, peace, and stability.

The meeting of Ministers will also be pivotal in advancing towards the recognition of culture as a driver for achieving the goals set in the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and progressing discussions on a possible inclusion of culture as a standalone development goal in the future Post-2030 Agenda, as requested in the G20 Leaders' Declaration of New Delhi (2023). The Ministerial will further serve as an occasion to measure and monitor, based on the thematic indicators developed by UNESCO, the contribution of culture to the implementation of the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda.

HOST CITY NAPOLI



In the unique setting of its Gulf, Naples invites visitors to embark on a journey through millennia of rich history. The city's monuments, palaces, and castles stand as enduring testaments to a past brimming with cultural, architectural, and environmental splendor, seamlessly woven into the urban fabric that defines Naples today.

The Teatro San Carlo and the Palazzo Reale overlooking Piazza del Plebiscito, Castel dell'Ovo dominating the isthmus of the ancient fishing village, Castel Sant'Elmo offering panoramic views of the entire city from the Vomero Hill, the National Archaeological Museum, and Capodimonte with its art gallery nestled in the greenery of an enchanted forest are just a few of the cultural gems that will welcome the G7 Culture Ministers.

The entire Historic Centre of Naples, designated a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1995, stands as a living museum where narrow streets are lined with ancient workshops showcasing products born from millennia of artisanal expertise. Historically divided into 12 districts and administratively into 10 municipalities, the streets and squares of Naples evoke the stage of a grand performance, where a significant part of Italy's rich cultural tradition unfolds.

The words of renowned Italian writer Curzio Malaparte eloquently capture the city's unique spirit: *"Naples is the most mysterious city in Europe; it is the only city of the ancient world that has not perished like Ilium, like Nineveh, like Babylon. It is the only city in the world that has not sunk in the immense shipwreck of ancient civilisation. Naples is a Pompeii that has never been buried. It is not a city; it is a world unto itself."*

MEDIA AGENDA

19-21 SEPTEMBER 2024

19 SEPTEMBER

6:00 pm – **Welcome by the Minister Giuli**
6:30 pm MANN, Museo Archeologico Nazionale di Napoli
Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers

20 SEPTEMBER

9:00 am **Welcome to G7 Delegations and Handshake by the Minister Giuli**
Palazzo Reale
Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers + Photographers/Cameramen

9:30 am **Opening remarks by the Italian G7 Presidency**
Speech by the Italian Minister of Culture, Alessandro Giuli
Palazzo Reale – Tour de table
Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers

3:30 pm **G7 Family photo**
Palazzo Reale
Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers+ Photographers/Cameramen

7:00 pm **Visit to the Pompeii Archaeological Park**
Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers

8:00 pm **Concert of New Orchestra Scarlatti of Naples conduct by Maestro Beatrice Venezi**
Pompeii amphitheater
Host Broadcaster + fotografi e videomaker ufficiali



21 SEPTEMBER

9:30 am

Working Session of the G7 Ministers of Culture

Opening remarks by the Italian Minister of Culture, Alessandro Giuli

Palazzo Reale – Tour de table

Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers

4:00 pm

Press Conference of the Italian G7 Presidency

Teatro di Corte Palazzo Reale

Host Broadcaster + 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 are requested to register through the accreditation section of [G7-24 \(g7-2024.it\)](https://g7-24.g7-2024.it) from **12 pm** on **September 13th** until **2:00 pm** on **September 17th 2024**.

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 journalist)
- Press card

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 [II visto per l'Italia \(esteri.it\)](https://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 **Accreditation Centre** at Palazzo Reale and it will open:

on 19 September from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm
on 20 September from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
on 21 September from 9:00 am 4:00 pm

The **Media Centre** is located at Palazzo Reale
It will open:

on 20 September from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
on 21 September from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm



The **Press Conference** for the Ministers' Meeting on Culture will take place in Teatro Regio, Palazzo Reale on September 21st 2024, at 4:00 pm.

The conference will be attended by Alessandro Giuli, Italian Minister of Culture.

The press conference will be held in Italian, with simultaneous translation 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 Ministry https://www.youtube.com/mic_italia.

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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