

# FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING

25-26 NOVEMBER 2024 Fiuggi-Anagni

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 January 1, 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 December 31, 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 algorethics

#### **The Apulia 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 hosted 23 Ministerial Meetings. The meetings 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.

TEMA	DATA	SEDE
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 EPLOYMENT	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 Solfagnano
TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL	15 October	Cernobbio (CO)
DEFENCE	18-19-20 October	Napoli
DEVELOPMENT	22-23-24 October	Pescara
SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT	3-4 November	Roma
TOURISM	13-14-15 November	Firenze
FOREIGN AFFAIRS	25-26 November	Fiuggi - Anagni

## **FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING**

The G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting to be held in Fiuggi and Anagni from 25 to 26 November 2024 will be the second to be hosted in Italy in 2024, after the one held in Capri from 17 to 19 April.

Under the Italian Presidency, the G7 Foreign Ministers have also met, in recent months, on the sidelines of major international events in Munich, Washington and New York.

In the complex international scenario, the aim is to strengthen the G7's role as the main forum for consultation among the major liberal democracies and as a factor for stability in the face of the major crises taking place at the global level.

As in Capri, the agenda of the Fiuggi Ministerial Meeting will focus on the main issues at the heart of the international debate, starting with the **situation in the Middle East** following Hamas's brutal terrorist attack against Israel on 7 October 2023. Among the topics under discussion will be the serious humanitarian crisis in Gaza, the situation in Lebanon, the one in the Red Sea, and the need to promote a credible political horizon for the region that guarantees peace and security, from the perspective of "two Peoples, two States".

A discussion on the **war in Ukraine in the face of Russia's aggression** is also planned. The Italian Presidency intends to confirm the G7's full military, political, economic and financial support for Kyiv, aiming for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace. Among other things, Italy will host the Ukraine Reconstruction Conference on 10-11 July 2025.

The **stability of the Indo-Pacific**, a priority region for political balances and world trade, will be discussed.

Major **regional issues** and **global topics** will also find their way into the debate.

# **HOST CITIES:** FIUGGI



Nestled at the base of the Ernici Mountains in Ciociaria, surrounded by lush chestnut woods, Fiuggi is a charming medieval town where visitors can admire architectural gems such as the Municipal Theatre, designed by architect Giovan Battista Giovenale, Porta dell'Olmo, Corso Maggiore, Piazza Castello, and the Town Hall. In recent years, the alleys of the historic centre have been further enhanced by vibrant street art, transforming it into a true open-air museum.

Renowned as a spa destination since the Middle Ages due to the waters that flow from its natural springs and the surrounding mountains, Fiuggi is now one of Europe's most important spa resorts. Michelangelo praised the diuretic properties of its mineral water, famously calling it "the water that breaks stones apart."

Fiuggi is a prominent attraction for the entire region. Its economy primarily relies on tourism and events, making it a vital hub for visitors. After Rome, it boasts the highest number of hotels in Lazio and hosts a variety of significant national and international events each year.

# HOST CITIES: ANAGNI



Anagni is a city that rises on a hill over 400 meters high, overlooking the Sacco Valley in southern Lazio. Renowned as the City of the Popes, it is the birthplace of several popes, including Gregory IX, Alexander IV, and Boniface VIII, and has historically served as a papal residence.

The medieval centre showcases elegant buildings, Romanesque churches, loggias, and squares characterized by their sober and essential architecture. It houses significant treasures such as the 13th-century Palace of Boniface VIII, the Town Hall, Casa Barnekow, and numerous churches. Notably, the Cathedral stands out with its magnificent crypt, which contains one of the most intriguing cycles of frescoes from 13th-century Italy.

In the 1960s, Anagni experienced a remarkable economic boom driven by the establishment of numerous companies that, along with an increase in tourism, transformed it into one of Lazio's most prosperous centres.

## MEDIA AGENDA 25 – 26 NOVEMBER 2024

#### **November 25th**

#### Welcoming and family photo of the G7 Ministers

1:00 p.m.

Anagni

Host Broadcaster + official photographers and videomakers + Pool 1 photographers/cameramen

#### **Introductory greetings of the Italian G7 Presidency**

Minister Tajani's Speech

1:30-2:30 p.m.

**First Session** 

Anagni - Tour de table

Host Broadcaster + official photographers and videomakers

# Welcoming and family photo of the G7 Ministers with Arab Countries

4:30 p.m.

Fiuggi - Palacongressi

Host Broadcaster + official photographers and videomakers + Pool 2 photographers/cameramen

#### **Second Session**

5:00 p.m.

Fiuggi - Tour de table

Host Broadcaster + official photographers and videomakers

#### Inauguration of the red bench with the G7 ministers

7:30 p.m. TBC

Fiuggi - Fuggi Municipal Theatre

Host Broadcaster + official photographers and videomakers + Pool 3 photographers/cameramen

### **November 26th**

Welcoming and family photo of the G7 Ministers with the Ukrainian Foreign Minister

9:25 a.m. Fiuggi - Palacongressi

Host Broadcaster + official photographers and videomakers + Pool 4 photographers/cameramen

**Third Session** 

9:30 a.m. Fiuggi – Tour de table

Host Broadcaster + official photographers and videomakers

Welcoming and family photo of the G7 Ministers with Indo-Pacific Countries

12:45 p.m. Fiuggi - Palacongressi

Host Broadcaster + official photographers and videomakers + Pool 5

photographers/cameramen

**Fifth Session** 

1:15 p.m. Fiuggi – Tour de table

Host Broadcaster + official photographers and videomakers

**Press Conference of the Italian Presidency** 

4:45 p.m. Fiuggi – Municipal Theatre

Open to all accredited press

### 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 Friday**, **22**<sup>nd</sup> **november 2024**, no later than 24:00 (local time), via the following link: <a href="https://www.g7-2024.it">https://www.g7-2024.it</a>.

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 of journalists, photographers and interested media operators is mandatory. Journalists already accredited to previous meetings of G7 Ministers need a 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 <u>II visto per l'Italia (esteri.it)</u>. The visa requirements must be met before arrival in Italy.

Badges for journalists and cameramen who receive accreditation confirmation will be handed out at the **Accreditation Centre** in Fiuggi at the **I'Hotel Atlantic** – via Prenestina Sud 37, SS 155, open as follows:

- Sunday 24 november from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- Monday 25 november from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Tuesday 26 november from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

The **Media Centre** will be located in Fiuggi, at the **Officine della Memoria e dell'Immagine**, Piazza Martiri di Nassiriya, and will be open at the following times:

- Monday 25 November from 9 am to 8:30 pm
- Tuesday 26 November from 7:45 am to 7:00 pm

The **final Press Conference** of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Antonio Tajani, will take place in Fiuggi on **Tuesday**, **26 November 2024**, **at 4:45 pm** 

The press conference will be held in Italian, with simultaneous translation provided in English, and it will be broadcasted live in English on the <u>YouTube channel</u> of the Italian G7 Presidency and in Italian on the YouTube channel of the Ministry.

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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