



MINISTERS' MEETING ON HEALTH

9-10-11 OCTOBER 2024
Ancona

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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 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 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 Solfagnano
TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL	15 October	Cernobbio (Como)
DEFENCE	18-19-20 October	Napoli
DEVELOPMENT	22-23-24 October	Pescara
URBAN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	3-4-5 November	Roma
TOURISM	13-14-15 November	Firenze
FOREIGN AFFAIRS	25-26 November	Fiuggi

MINISTERS' MEETING ON HEALTH

The G7 Health Ministers' meeting will be held in Ancona on October 10 and 11. The Italian Minister of Health, Orazio Schillaci, will host the Ministers from G7 member states, the European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, and Health Ministers from guest countries: Albania, Brazil, India, South Africa, and Saudi Arabia, along with representatives from international organisations such as FAO, WHO, and OECD.

The main topics of discussion will focus on three pillars:

- Global Health Architecture and Prevention, Preparedness, and Response to Pandemics;
- Healthy and Active Aging through Lifelong Prevention and Innovation;
- One Health approach, with particular emphasis on antimicrobial resistance.

The aim is to identify strategies that effectively address current crises and challenges that carry significant social and economic costs, while combating inequalities and promoting health as a fundamental value and strength of our societies.

Ministers will commit to improving health systems and ensuring equitable access to safe, accessible, and high-quality care and countermeasures, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. This will be accomplished through enhanced coordination at national, regional, and global levels to ensure global health security and achieve universal health coverage.

The agenda will also address lifelong prevention starting from the prenatal phase through prevention strategies and promoting healthy lifestyles. Central to the two-day event is the need to adopt sustainable dietary models to combat obesity and chronic-degenerative diseases while simultaneously addressing malnutrition in developing countries. The Italian Presidency will also encourage the use of innovative solutions such as telemedicine and artificial intelligence, aimed at enhancing both quality of life and community services through a modern person-centred approach.

The debate will encompass the One Health approach, which recognises the interconnection between human health, animal health, and ecosystems, with the goal of limiting future health emergencies arising from climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss. Ministers and international organisations will focus particularly on antimicrobial resistance and the importance of promoting the prudent and responsible use of antibiotics in both human and veterinary fields while also supporting research and development of new antibiotics and access to existing ones, especially in vulnerable contexts.

The G7 Health Ministers will conclude the meeting by signing a communiqué committing to addressing major health challenges to ensure a healthy life for all. Additionally, they will adopt a policy brief on the opportunities presented by artificial intelligence for both healthcare providers and patients. In November, an "Implementation Conference" on antimicrobial resistance will wrap up the agenda for the Italian G7 Health meetings.

HOST CITY: ANCONA



Situated towards the Balkans and perched on the promontory of Monte Conero, Ancona was founded by the Greeks in 387 BC with the name Ankon (“elbow”), due to the shape of the promontory it occupies. Due to its unique geographical position, Ancona is flanked by the sea to both the east and west, allowing for both sunrises and sunsets over the water, a unique feature among all cities along the Adriatic coast.

As the largest urban centre by size and population in the Marche region, Ancona has grown around a vibrant port that serves as a key crossroads for transporting goods and people across the Mediterranean. Due to its strategic location, Ancona and the Marche region have fostered a strong ecosystem of businesses, especially small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), with a production model centred on manufacturing and excellence districts that create renowned Made in Italy products exported worldwide.

Alongside its economic dynamism, Ancona's millennia-old history continues to thrive today. The most iconic monument is the Cathedral of San Ciriaco, boasting a façade of white and pink marble with a Greek cross layout. Another notable symbol is the Arch of Trajan, built in 115 AD in honour of the Roman Emperor Trajan. The Loggia dei Mercanti, another historic monument built in the 15th century for commercial and navigational activities, is set to host one of the institutional meetings among G7 Health Ministers.

The Carlo Urbani Museum in Castelplanio, Ancona province, is related to global health themes that will be addressed during the G7 Ministerial meeting. Inaugurated in April 2023, it honours the Italian microbiologist who first identified and classified SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome), which was central to the epidemic that emerged between 2002 and 2003 and ultimately claimed his life. According to the WHO, the anti-pandemic method he developed in 2003 continues to serve as an international protocol for combating similar diseases.

MEDIA AGENDA

10 OCTOBER 2024

1° DAY

9:00 am

Arrival of the Heads of Delegations and Welcome by the Minister of Orazio Schillaci

Mole Vanvitelliana – Handshake

Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers + Photographers/Cameramen

9:30 am

Opening remarks by the Italian G7 Presidency and institutional greetings

Mole Vanvitelliana – Auditorium Orfeo Tamburi

Tour de Table

Host Broadcaster + fotografi e videomaker ufficiali

10:00 am

Session I

The One Health approach with a specific focus on antimicrobial resistance

Session II

The One Health approach with a specific emphasis on climate change

12:35 pm

Family Photo

Mole Vanvitelliana

Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers + Photographers/Cameramen

14:00 pm

Session III

Joint meeting of the Ministers of Finance and Health

Tour de Table

Host Broadcaster + fotografi e videomaker ufficiali

Session IV

Strengthening the global health architecture

MEDIA AGENDA

11 OCTOBER 2024

2° DAY

Session V

Promoting active and healthy aging through prevention at all stages of life and fostering innovation

9:30 am

Session VI

Artificial intelligence and health

Press Conference of the Italian G7 Presidency

Mole Vanvitelliana, Museo Tattile Statale Omero

12:40 pm

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, may request accreditation by **4 October 2024 at 7 pm** (local time) through the accreditation section of [G7-24 \(g7-2024.it\)](https://g7-24.g7-2024.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 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 [|| visto per l'Italia \(esteri.it\)](https://visto.per.litalia.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** located at l'Urban Center, Palazzo degli Anziani - p.zza Stracca and it will open:

- 9 October from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm
- 10 October from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- 11 October from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

The **media centre** is located at Museo Tattile Statale Omero (ground floor) housed in Mole Vanvitelliana di Ancona and it will open:

- 10 October from 7:30 am to 7:00 pm
 - 11 October from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
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The **press conference** for the Ministers' Meeting on Health will take place at **Museo Tattile Statale Omero** (ground floor) housed in Mole Vanvitelliana di Ancona, on **11 October 2024 at 12:40 pm** (local time).

The conference will be attended by the Minister of Health, Orazio Schillaci.

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 Ministry of Health.

A selection of the photos and videos produced by the official operators, including the family photo, will be available on [the Department website](#) and on the Italian G7 Presidency website.

Updates will be available on the G7 website: <https://www.g7italy.it/it/>

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