



MINISTERS' MEETING ON INCLUSION AND DISABILITY

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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 13-15 June 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 INCLUSION AND DISABILITY

The G7 Inclusion and Disability, promoted by Italy for the first time at ministerial level, will take place on 14-15-16 October 2024 in Umbria. This will be an opportunity to share with the G7 and outreach authorities dealing with disability strategies and commitments to guarantee everyone the right to full participation in civil, social, and political life in all countries.

The event - concrete, inclusive, and participatory - shall consist of a three-day path.

The afternoon of 14 October will be dedicated to welcoming the delegations in Assisi, in the lower square of St. Francis in front of the Basilica of the same name. Citizens and associations of persons with disabilities will be able to participate and volunteers from various realities will be involved. Inclusive bands will introduce the arrival of the Heads of Delegation. Inclusive projects will be presented through the setting up of several stands managed by third sector entities.

On 15 October the preparatory day will take place at the Castle of Solfagnano, providing for the participation, besides the ministerial delegations, of representatives of the Italian and international associative world, who will take the floor, in different panels, on the themes of the G7. Reception, catering, and other services will be ensured with the involvement of numerous associations and social cooperatives that deal with work inclusion.

The 16th of October will be dedicated to the Ministerial Meeting, with the participation of the Ministers of the G7+EU and the outreach countries (the invitation has been extended to the competent Ministers of Chile, Kenya, Tunisia, South Africa and Vietnam). At the end the "photo family" and a joint press conference will take place.

The priorities will be: 1. Inclusion as a priority theme of all political agendas; 2. Universal accessibility; 3. Autonomous and independent life; 4. Enhancement of talents and work inclusion; 5. Promotion of new technologies; 6. Sports and recreational dimension of life; 7. Dignity of life and dimension of services; 8. Prevention and management of emergency and post-emergency situations, in particular those related to climate crises.

For each of these themes, concrete results will be identified and articulated in a final document, called the Solfagnano Charter and which was formally referred to in the Declaration of the G7 Leaders in June.

HOST CITIES

ASSISI AND SOLFAGNANO



Assisi

The city of St. Francis and St. Clare, situated in the central-eastern part of Umbria, boasts a millennia-old history with significant Roman, medieval, and Renaissance landmarks. It has established itself globally as a universal centre of a message of peace and brotherhood, allowing visitors to experience an atmosphere of profound spirituality. Among the numerous monuments that make Assisi one of the most artistically stimulating destinations in the region, the Basilica of St. Francis undoubtedly stands out. Declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2000 along with other Franciscan sites and almost the entire municipal territory, its Giotto frescoes have marked spiritual art in Italy and the world.

As a symbol of an inclusive and borderless vision of the world, Assisi will host the welcoming ceremony for the G7 Heads of Delegation in front of the Basilica of St. Francis.

Solfagnano

Solfagnano is a small hamlet north of the Perugia territory, crossed by the Tiber River and transformed into a castle during the 15th century. The ministerial meeting will be held within one of the most fascinating manors in the Umbria region. The structure is surrounded by an estate of over sixty hectares with an Italian-style garden. Subject to a recent redevelopment project that has enhanced the multiple identities of the place, combining history with elements of modernity, the castle is now a historic residence that hosts international events and meetings.

MEDIA AGENDA

14-15-16 OCTOBER 2024

14 October – Opening Ceremony (Assisi)

3:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Opening ceremony (Greeting speech by Minister for Disabilities; handshakes; greeting speeches by each Minister)

Lower square of San Francesco

Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers + Photographers/Cameramen

15 October – Preparatory Day (Solfagnano)

9:30 am - 10:00 am

Opening Remarks by the Italian Minister for Disabilities

Castello di Solfagnano – Tour de table

Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers

10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Panel 1

Inclusion as a priority of all countries' agenda

Panel 2

Universal Accessibility and Prevention/management of emergencies

Panel 3

Independent Living and Work Inclusion

Panel 4

Everyone's right to full participation in civil, social and political life

Panel 5

Artificial Intelligence

Panel 6

Sport and services for all

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16 October – Ministerial Meeting (Solfagnano)

10:30 am - 11:30 am **Opening remarks by the Italian Minister for Disabilities**

Castello di Solfagnano – tour de table

Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers

11:30 am – 11:45 am **Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration (the
“Solfagnano Charter”)**

Castello di Solfagnano

12:00 pm **Family photo**

Castello di Solfagnano

*Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers +
photographers/cameramen*

12:30 pm **Joint press conference**

Castello di Solfagnano

*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 **7 October 2024** at **8:00 pm** 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 [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** located at Teatro Lyrick Assisi, Viale Gabriele D'Annunzio 06081, Santa Maria degli Angeli (PG). It will open:

- on 14 October from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm
- on 15 October from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm
- on 16 October from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

The **Media Centre** is located at Castello di Solfagnano. It will open:

- on 15 October from 10.00 am to 5:00 pm
- on 16 October from 10.00 am to 4:00 pm

In the Media Centre there will be wifi connection.

The **interchange parking** to reach the Media Center is located at **Via La Nave - località Resina (PG)**.



The Joint **Press Conference** for the Ministers' Meeting Inclusion and Disability will take place in Castello di Solfignano on **16 October 2024 at 12:30 pm**.

The conference will be attended by Minister for Disabilities Alessandra Locatelli and all Ministers who will participate at the Ministerial Meeting.

The press conference will be held in Italian and English, with the possibility of listening to the simultaneous translation provided in English, Italian and LIS.

It will be broadcasted live in English on the [YouTube channel](#) of the Italian G7 Presidency and in Italian on the [Facebook page](#) of the Minister for Disabilities.

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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