



INDUSTRY, TECH AND DIGITAL MINISTERS' MEETING

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Verona & Trento

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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 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 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 *algorithcs*

The Apulia Summit

The Summit of G7 Heads of State and Government under the Italian Presidency will be 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 20 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	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 San Giovanni e Reggio Calabria
URBAN DEVELOPMENT	24-25-26 July	Genova
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT	11-12-13 September	Cagliari
CULTURE	19-20-21 September	Positano
AGRICULTURE	26-27-28 September	Siracusa
INTERIOR	2-3-4 October (tbc)	Avellino
GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT	4-5-6 October	Matera
HEALTH	9-10-11 October	Ancona
INCLUSION AND DISABILITY	14-15-16 October	Assisi e Perugia
TOURISM	13-14-15 November	Toscana (tbc)
FOREIGN AFFAIRS	(date tbc)	Fiuggi
DEVELOPMENT	(date tbc)	Pescara

INDUSTRY, TECH AND DIGITAL MINISTERS' MEETING

Day one – Verona, 14 March 2024

The first day of the G7 Ministerial meeting on March 14 in Verona will be chaired by the Minister of Enterprises and "Made in Italy" Adolfo Urso.

In recent years industrial processes witnessed a sharp acceleration of the development of new technologies. Within the G7 context, this ongoing transformation required an integration of the perspective of Ministers of Digital and Technology with that of Ministers of Industry. The Italian Presidency aims to ensure that the development and adoption of next-generation technologies concretely contributes to increasing the productivity and competitiveness of our industrial ecosystems. At the same time, we are committed to ensuring that the adoption of new technologies on a global scale meets criteria of democracy, ethics, as well as environmental, social, and economic sustainability. We are also committed to ensuring that the adoption of new technologies globally meets democratic and ethical as well as environmental, social, and economic sustainability criteria.

Foster the digital transformation of industry

The discussion is focused on coordinating actions to consolidate and foster the digital transformation of industry, with the aim of governing the risks arising from the adoption of new technologies and fully exploiting the benefits in terms of productivity. In particular, we aim to share policy strategies for fostering private investments and directing public support, with a focus on the most promising advanced technologies: Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Technologies, as tools to support enterprises. Furthermore, strengthening security and sustainability of semiconductors and critical raw materials supply chains is a priority. This is also crucial to reduce dependence on third countries.

Explore the opportunities of digital connections

Moreover, we reaffirm the importance of ensuring connectivity systems based on secure and resilient digital infrastructures. Within this framework, we intend to cooperate to explore the opportunities of digital connections developed through the exploitation of Space and undersea cable networks. In line with the work of the Japanese Presidency, we also confirm our commitment to the promotion of responsible, secure, and sustainable use of Space.

A sustainable and inclusive development

We also intend to involve developing countries in the debate, recognizing that the adoption of Artificial Intelligence systems plays a crucial role in accelerating global growth and well-being. Therefore, we must create conditions for sustainable and inclusive digital development so that the benefits of new technologies are shared equitably among all countries. To achieve this, it is important to promote opportunities for dialogue, and sharing best practices to ensure the responsible use of Artificial Intelligence and that the integration of these technologies meets requirements of fairness and inclusion.



Day two - Trento, 15 March 2024

The second day of the G7 Ministerial meeting on March 15 in Trento will be chaired by the Under Secretary of State for Technological Innovation Alessio Butti.

The Italian Presidency - Department for Digital Transformation – promotes the safe, secure and trustworthy development and use of AI systems with a particular focus on the use of AI in the public sector.

Furthermore, the Presidency proposes to develop a Compendium focused on the efficient, inclusive, and secure delivery and access to digital public services, in accordance with shared G7 values.

Safe, secure and trustworthy, deployment and use of AI systems 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. The development, deployment and use of all AI systems need to include ethical considerations and respect the democratic values of G7 countries, protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, and ensure accountability, while preventing and mitigating possible misuse and abuse.

To this end, the Italian Presidency proposes to develop a Toolkit for the ethical and human-centered development and use of all AI systems in the public sector.

In addition, the Presidency will leverage the work of the Japanese G7 Presidency and integrate the outcomes of the Hiroshima Artificial Intelligence Process (HAIP) to develop, together with relevant stakeholders, appropriate mechanisms for voluntary monitoring of the adoption of the “International Code of Conduct for Organizations Developing Advanced AI Systems”.

Digital Government Systems

A robust digital public infrastructure facilitates an easy, user-friendly, and secure access to essential public services, enables resilience, and fosters inclusion. The Presidency will develop a Compendium on Digital Government Systems, sharing examples of how G7 governments are approaching and leveraging digital public infrastructure.

On 15 March, at the end of the Ministerial Meeting in Trento, G7 members will adopt the Industry, Digital and Tech Declaration.

HOST CITY VERONA



Verona, home to its ruling Scala family and adopted as city of love, as the setting for the story of Romeo and Juliet, is a pearl nestling between the hills of the Veneto and Lake Garda. The historic centre, surrounded by its crenelated walls, is a treasure trove of art and architecture reflected in the waters of the Adige River at the point where it meets the plain of the Po valley. The heart of the city is Piazza delle Erbe, and just a short walk away is the Arena di Verona, a grandiose Roman amphitheatre still used for concerts and operas.

The city was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2000. Walking along Piazza Bra's south side, the rustication of the thirteen arches of the Palazzo della Gran Guardia is a masterpiece of Veneto Baroque dating from the first half of the 17th century. Today hosts important events and conferences such as the G7 Ministerial meeting.

The land of Verona has a strategic location in the heart of Europe, it hosts a prestigious university and top-quality medical institutions, a structured trade fair center. It is an important economic and industrial crossroad, a propulsive economic center with a modern and efficient offer of business and services.

HOST CITY TRENTO



History, culture and nature are the three pillars that form the foundation of Trento: a city with about 117,000 inhabitants and the capital city of Trentino-Alto Adige.

The city is a meeting point between the Mediterranean and continental worlds, which in the Sixteenth century hosted the famous ecumenical Council. Culture is alive thanks to the prestigious University, to the MUSE - the world famous museum of natural science, to the Castello del Buonconsiglio, to the precious Museo Diocesano, and to many other museums and historical sites worth visiting. As far as nature is concerned massive mountains, woods and parks make the city centre breathe, and the Sardagna waterfall makes the view of the city unique.+

In spring, Trento hosts the Trento Film Festival, the first and oldest international film festival dedicated to the themes of mountains, adventure and exploration the Festival dell'Economia, a four-day event not to be missed, featuring speakers from the academic, economic, and entrepreneurial world. Autumn is the season of the Festival dello Sport, which brings to Trento sports champions, and the Trentodoc Festival, three days to taste, learn, share, and make friends with mountain bubbles.

Trento offers services and opportunities for all generations (children, young people and the elderly) at the same time. In 2024 it has been named European and Italian Capital of Volunteering: it is therefore expected to be a year full of initiatives that aim to raise awareness and strengthen the network of associations. The city reaffirmed its first-place position in 2021 for sustainability in the Urban Ecosystem report, a study by Legambiente, Ambiente Italia, and Il Sole 24 Ore. In 2020, Trento also topped the Smart City Index by Ey, analyzing Italian provincial capital cities in terms of the sustainability of urban infrastructure.

AGENDA

14 March 2024

1° DAY - VERONA

08:15 am - **Arrival of the Heads of Delegations and Welcome by Minister Adolfo Urso**
08:30 am Palazzo della Gran Guardia – Handshake
Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers + Photographers/Cameramen

08:40 am - **Family Photo**
09:00 am Arena di Verona (In case of rain, it will be held at the Provincial Palace)
Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers + Photographers/Cameramen

Opening remarks by the Italian G7 Presidency
Speech by Minister Adolfo Urso
G7 Working session with the President of B7, Emma Marcegaglia and Chairpersons from G7 countries Industry Associations.

09:10 am - Palazzo della Gran Guardia – Tour de table
10:20 am *Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers*

BREAK



Session I – Accelerating new production frontiers: AI and Quantum for Next Generation Production Ecosystems

11:00 am -
12:30 am

With the participation of the Outreach countries' HoD

Palazzo della Gran Guardia – Tour de table

Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers

BREAK

Session II – “Next Generation Production Ecosystem: secure and resilient supply chains and key input factors: 1) Semiconductors; 2) Space”

03:00 pm -
04:00 pm

“Secure and resilient networks: a G7 Artic-cable”

Palazzo della Gran Guardia – Tour de table

Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers

BREAK

Session III – Digital Development - Growing Together

04:10 pm -
05:10 pm

Palazzo della Gran Guardia – Tour de table

Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers

Press Conference of the Italian Presidency

05:15 pm -
05:45 pm

Palazzo della Gran Guardia

Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers + Journalists + Photographers/Cameramen

AGENDA

15 March 2024

2° DAY - TRENTO

Arrival of the Heads of Delegations and welcome by the Undersecretary of State Alessio Butti

09:45 am – Palazzo Geremia – Handshake
10:00 am *Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers + Photographers/Cameramen*

Session 1: AI for Public Administration and Digital Public Infrastructure for Digital Government

10:00 am – Palazzo Geremia – Tour de table
11:00 am *Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers*

BREAK

Session 2: Hiroshima AI Process – HAIP Follow-up/ Implementation actions for the Hiroshima Artificial Intelligence Process

11.45 am – Palazzo Geremia
12.40 am

Conclusion and Signature of Declaration

12:40 am – Final remarks by Undersecretary of State, Sen. Alessio Butti and by
01:00 pm Minister On. Adolfo Urso.
Palazzo Geremia
Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers

Family Photo

01:10 pm - Piazza Duomo
01:30 pm *Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers + Photographers/Cameramen*



Press Conference of the Italian Presidency – Technology and Digital

02.45 pm –
03.00 pm

Palazzo della Provincia

Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers + Journalists + Photographers/Cameramen

Joint Press Conference of the Italian Presidency

03.00 pm –
03.15 pm

Palazzo della Provincia

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 8 March 2024 at 18.00 via the following link: <http://www.g7-2024.it>

For first-time registration (if not already registered for G7 events) 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 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 <https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home.aspx>. 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 following **Accreditation Centres**:

Verona

Camera di Commercio di Verona
Corso Porta Nuova 96, Verona
Opening hours:
11 e 12 March: 09.00 - 18.00
13 March: 09.00 - 20.00
14 March: 07.30 - 18.00

Trento

Azienda per il Turismo di Trento
P.zza Dante 24, Trento
Opening hours:
13 March: 09.00 - 18.00
14 March: 09.00 - 20.00
15 March: 08.00 - 17.00

The **Media Centre in Verona** is located at:
Palazzo della Gran Guardia
P.zza Bra, Verona

It will be open on Thursday March 14 from 7.30 to 21.00



The **Media Centre in Trento** is located at:
Palazzo della Provincia Autonoma di Trento
Via Dogana, Trento

It will be open on Friday March 15 from 8.00 to 20.00

The press conference of the Italian Presidency will be attended by the Minister of Enterprises and Made in Italy Adolfo Urso, will take place at the Palazzo della Gran Guardia starting at 5:15 pm on 14th of March.

The press conference of the Italian Presidency – Technology and Digital, which will be attended by the Under Secretary of State for Technological Innovation Alessio Butti, will take place at the Palazzo della Provincia di Trento starting at 2:45 pm on 15th of March. Subsequently, a joint press conference of the Italian Presidency will take place at the same venue at 3 pm. The press conference will be attended by the Undersecretary of State, Alessio Butti, and the Minister Adolfo Urso.

The press conference will be held in Italian, with simultaneous translation provided in English.

The press conference will be broadcasted live in English on the [YouTube channel](#) of the Italian G7 Presidency.

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

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