



FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTERS' MEETING

17-19 APRIL 2024
Capri

MEDIA HANDBOOK

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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, the 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 recognised the need for more technical and detailed discussions on 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 (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 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 21 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.

TOPIC	DATE	CITY
INDUSTRY, TECH AND DIGITAL	14-15 March	Verona - 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 (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 and Perugia
DEFENCE	18-20 October	Napoli
DEVELOPMENT	24-25 October	Pescara
TOURISM	13-14-15 November	Firenze
URBAN DEVELOPMENT	17-18-19 November	Genova
FOREIGN AFFAIRS	(date tbc)	Fiuggi

G7 FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTERS' MEETING

The meeting scheduled to take place in Capri from 17 to 19 April 2024 is the first of the two G7 Foreign Affairs Ministers' Meetings to be hosted in Italy in 2024. As stated by Italy's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Antonio Tajani, the goal is to strengthen the role of the G7 as the main forum for dialogue among leading liberal democracies and as a driver of stability to face major global crises.

The meeting's agenda will thus focus on the main issues at the centre of the international debate, starting with the situation in the **Middle East**. The severe humanitarian crisis and the pursuit of a meaningful and effective political approach towards the 'two peoples, two States' solution will be among the topics under discussion. More generally, the meeting will explore a path towards a credible political solution to guarantee peace and security in the region.

The G7 Foreign Affairs Ministers will also address the tense situation in the **Red Sea**, focusing in particular on the safety of shipping and the impact of regional tensions on trade routes, especially to the Mediterranean.

The response to **Russia's aggression against Ukraine** will also remain central to the G7 agenda. The Italian Presidency intends to confirm the G7's solid and all-round support for Kyiv, providing military, political and financial assistance in the pursuit of a just and lasting peace.

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

The Italian Presidency also intends to reinforce **cooperation with Africa** in a spirit of mutual respect. Building on the equal partnership with Africa, the Ministers will also address the development/migration nexus, with a view to tackling the root causes of illegal migration and promoting the continent's sustainable growth.

The G7 Foreign Affairs Ministers will also discuss major **global issues**. These include food security, energy security, the fight against climate change, cyber security and Artificial Intelligence, the latter presenting great opportunities but also significant risks.

HOST CITY

CAPRI



With its Piazzetta, Faraglioni, and the promenade of via Camerelle or via Krupp, Capri is an elegant and refined island that fascinates the whole world.

The splendid Villa Jovis, from where Tiberius ruled the Roman Empire, is ideal for enjoying the light of Capri. The views of the Gulfs of Salerno and Naples from the top of Monte Solaro, in the lovely Anacapri, are breathtaking. Villa San Michele, also situated in Anacapri, is the house-museum dedicated to the life and work of the Swedish doctor and writer Axel Munthe, one of the many intellectuals who chose this island as their retreat.

A destination of choice for intellectuals, scientists, artists and travellers on the Grand Tour, the island has now become a cosmopolitan centre for international relations and connections. A place with a strong identity, yet open to the world, that best represents the spirit of the Italian G7 Presidency.

Stopping under the Clock Tower in the Piazzetta to breathe in the island's charming atmosphere is a must. Walking down the Via Camerelle shopping street, all the way to the end of Via Tragara, the panorama opens out onto the belvedere, offering a spectacular view of the Faraglioni, rock formations that rise from the crystal-clear blue water, reaching an average height of 100 metres.

With its timeless charm and magic, Capri is able to enchant each and every one of its guests, regardless of the length of their stay.

AGENDA

17-18-19 APRIL 2024

17 APRIL 2024

Arrival of the G7 Heads of Delegation and Welcome by Minister Tajani

17:15

Certosa di San Giacomo - Handshake

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

18 APRIL 2024

Foreign Affairs Ministers' Meeting

09:30

Grand Hotel Quisisana (Theatre Hall) - Tour de table

Host Broadcaster + official photographers and videomakers

Reception of the 1st group of Outreach Countries and Family Photo

12:45

Grand Hotel Quisisana

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

Reception of the 2nd group of Outreach Countries and Family Photo

16:35

Grand Hotel Quisisana

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

Foreign Ministers' Meeting

16:45

Grand Hotel Quisisana (Theatre Hall) - Tour de table

Host Broadcaster + official photographers and videomakers

G7 Foreign Affairs Ministers' Family Photo

18:45

Giardini di Augusto - Panoramic Terrace

*Host Broadcaster + official photographers and videomakers + **Pool 4** photographers only*

19 APRIL 2024

G7 Foreign Affairs Ministers' Meeting

08:30

Grand Hotel Quisisana (Theatre Hall) - Tour de table

Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers

Press Conference of the Italian Presidency

11:45

'Pollio' Media Centre – Theatre

Open to all accredited press

MEDIA PROGRAMME: INFORMATION

Journalists, photographers and cameramen may request accreditation via the G7 official website at www.g7-2024.it **by midnight (local time) on Thursday 11 April 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 only, max 2MB):

- Valid passport or ID card (mandatory);
- Photo (JPEG format only, max 2MB);
- Letter of assignment by the media outlet (mandatory also for freelance journalists);
- Press card (optional)

Early accreditation is mandatory. Journalists already accredited to previous G7 meetings need a specific accreditation for this Foreign Affairs Ministers' Meeting.

Photographers and cameramen can register to the Pools listed in the Agenda by submitting their requests to the e-mail address accreditamentostampa@esteri.it **by midnight (local time) on Thursday 11 April 2024.**

Please remember to check in advance whether you need a visa to enter Italy. For more information: <https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home.aspx> . The visa requirement must be met before the arrival in Italy.

Following the approval of the registration, press badges will be provided to journalists, photographers and cameramen at the **Press Accreditation Centre** set up in Capri, at Il Capri Hotel, via Roma 71.

Press Accreditation Centre opening hours:

- 16 April 15:00 - 18:00
- 17 April 9:00 - 13:00 14:00 - 18:00
- 18 April 8:00 - 13:00 14:00 - 19:00
- 19 April 8:00 - 12:30

The **Media Centre** in Capri is located at the 'Pollio' Multifunctional Centre in Via Sella Orta.

Opening hours:

- 17 April 12:00 - 20:00
 - 18 April 8:00 - 20:00
 - 19 April 8:00 - 17:00
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The **final Press Conference** of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Antonio Tajani, will take place in the Theatre Room of the 'Pollio' Media Centre, Via Sella Orta, starting at 11:45 a.m. (local time) on 19 April 2024.

The press conference will be held in Italian, with translation in English. The conference will be broadcast live in English on the [YouTube channel](#) of the Italian G7 Presidency and in Italian and English on the [YouTube channel](#) of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Audio-visual contents produced by the Host Broadcaster will be made available to the accredited press via the Italian G7 Presidency website.

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

Further information and any updates will be available on the G7 website at <https://www.g7italy.it/it/>

Each journalist/photographer/cameraman will have to take care of his own travel and accommodation arrangements autonomously.

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