



MINISTERS' MEETING ON SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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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
SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT	3-4 November	Roma
TOURISM	13-14-15 November	Firenze
FOREIGN AFFAIRS	25-26 November	Fiuggi

MINISTERS' MEETING ON SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The G7 Ministerial Meeting on Sustainable Urban Development is taking place in Rome on 3-4 November 2024 at the historic **Palazzo Altemps**. This meeting represents a significant opportunity to deepen discussions on the main challenges related to sustainable urban development, continuing the dialogue initiated by the previous German (in 2022) and Japanese (in 2023) presidencies and aims to promote a structured discussion between the Ministers of Sustainable Urban Development of the G7 countries and the international institutions involved.

The Undersecretary of State to the Ministry of the Interior - Ms Wanda Ferro will welcome the Ministers of the G7 countries, the European Commissioner with the delegation on the matter, as well as representatives of the OECD, the UN-Habitat, the European Investment Bank and Urban7, which represents the coordination body of the cities of the G7 countries.

During the summit, G7 Ministers and their guests will have the opportunity to discuss crucial topics for the future of cities within the context of global transitions. The debate will focus primarily on how urban policies can address the challenges posed by ecological, demographic, and digital transitions. Ministers will explore the potential for cities to become hubs of innovation, inclusive growth, and climate resilience, with a particular focus on multilevel governance tools and the integration of urban policies with national and European strategies.

A central aspect of the discussion will be promoting an integrated approach to urban policies, fostering the adoption of innovative practices for reducing emissions, using renewable resources, and developing more inclusive cities. The debate will also cover topics related to international cooperation and the G7 countries' commitment to supporting cities in their transition toward sustainable development models, in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. In this context, the OECD will present its findings on best practices in urban policy, providing a foundation for constructive dialogue among delegations. The Minister of the Interior Mr Matteo Piantedosi will chair the work session which will define the joint actions of the G7 countries on the subject of sustainable urban development.

At the conclusion of the summit, a final *communiqué* will be presented, summarizing the dialogue between member countries and outlining future joint actions to promote sustainable urban development. The *communiqué* will provide an overview of the main challenges and shared commitments of the G7 members, serving as a starting point for future G7 presidencies, with a particular focus on the upcoming Canadian presidency in 2025.

VENUE

PALAZZO ALTEMPS



Credit: Cargnel, Colasanti. Museo Nazionale Romano, Palazzo Altemps

The G7 Meeting dedicated to Sustainable Urban Development will take place at Palazzo Altemps in Piazza Sant'Apollinare, situated in the historic Ponte district, one of Rome's oldest neighbourhoods.

Located just a few meters from Piazza Navona and Via dei Coronari—two of the city's most significant locations—Palazzo Altemps is home to the National Roman Museum, which focuses on the history of collecting. It houses exceptional masterpieces of ancient sculpture from renowned noble collections.

The most famous among the collections of ancient sculpture displayed in the museum is the Boncompagni Ludovisi collection. Ancient sculptures such as the Ares Ludovisi, the Galata Suicida, and the striking view from the noble floor, the Loggia delle Delizie—adorned with fruits and exotic animals—are some of the notable works that will serve as a backdrop for the sessions of the G7 Meeting.

MEDIA AGENDA

04 NOVEMBER 2024

DAY 2

09:40 am

Arrival of the Heads of Delegations and Welcome by the Undersecretary

Palazzo Altemps

Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers + Photographers/Cameramen

09:50 am - 10:00 am

Family Photo

Courtyard Palazzo Altemps

Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers + Photographers/Cameramen

Opening remarks by the Italian G7 Presidency

10:10 am - 11:15 am

Session I – G7 Sustainable Urban Development Ministers' Meeting

Global transitions and common challenges for sustainable urban development

Palazzo Altemps – Tour de table

Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers

14:30 pm – 14:40 am

Family Photo with the Minister

Courtyard Palazzo Altemps

Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers + Photographers/Cameramen

14:40 pm - 15:35 pm

Session III – G7 Sustainable Urban Development Ministers’ Meeting and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Commitment and Joint Actions for sustainable urban development and handover of the presidency to Canada

Palazzo Altemps – Tour de table

Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomaker

Concluding remarks by the Italian Presidency

04:00 pm - 04:30 pm

Press Statements of the Italian G7 Presidency

Alexandrine Library Hall of the State Archive in the complex of Sant'Ivo alla Sapienza

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

MEDIA PROGRAMME: INFORMATION

Journalists, photographers and TV crews interested in attending the media programme, press statements of the Italian G7 Presidency and accessing the Media Centre, may request **accreditation** by 3 November 2024 at 24:00 (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://www.esteri.it). The visa requirements must be met before arrival in Italy.

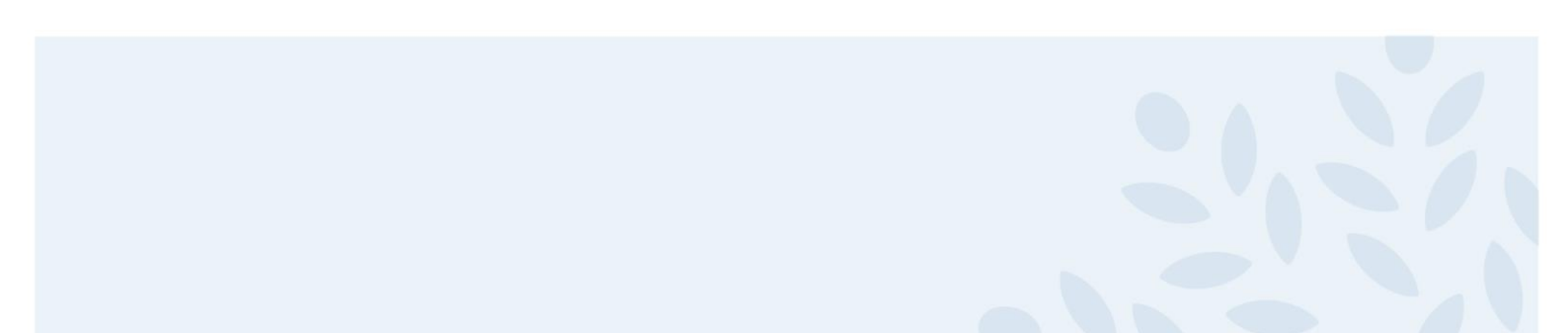
Following approval of the registration, accreditation badges will be provided to media representatives at the **Accreditation Centre** at Hotel Bernini, Piazza Barberini, 23, 00187 Roma and It will open:

- 02 November from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- 03 November from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm
- 04 November from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

The **Media Centre** is located at Complesso Sant'Ivo alla Sapienza - Corso del Rinascimento, 40 – 00186 Roma

It will open:

- on 04 November from 08:00 am to 08:00 pm



Press Statements of the Italian G7 Presidency for the Sustainable Urban Development Ministers' Meeting will take place in **Alexandrine Library Hall** of the **State Archive** in the complex of **Sant'Ivo alla Sapienza** (Corso del Rinascimento, 40 – 00186 Roma) on 4 November 2024, at 04:00pm (local time).

Press Statements of the Italian G7 Presidency 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 the Department for the cohesion policy and the south](#)

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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