



# TRADE MINISTERS' MEETING

16-17 July 2024  
Reggio Calabria & Villa San Giovanni

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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 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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 hosts 22 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.

TEMA	DATA	SEDE
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 e 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 Perugia
DEFENCE	18-19-20 October	Napoli
DEVELOPMENT	24-25 October	Pescara
URBAN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	3-5 November	Genova
TOURISM	13-14-15 November	Firenze
FOREIGN AFFAIRS	November	Fiuggi

# TRADE MINISTERS' MEETING

After a first meeting organized via videoconference by the Italian G7 Presidency on February 7, 2024, the G7 Trade Ministers' Meeting will be held in Reggio Calabria and Villa San Giovanni on July 16-17.

Italy's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hon. Antonio Tajani, will welcome the G7 Ministers and the Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Trade, as well as the Ministers of invited non-member countries and representatives of the business world (Business 7) and of International Organizations.

The main objective of the G7 Trade Ministerial is to respond to the tensions and frictions that jeopardize global trade and sustainable and inclusive growth. To this end, the Italian G7 Presidency has identified four main issues for international trade that need to be addressed: consolidation of the multilateral trading system through the reform of the World Trade Organization (WTO); equal conditions of access to third markets; trade and environmental sustainability; and economic resilience and security.

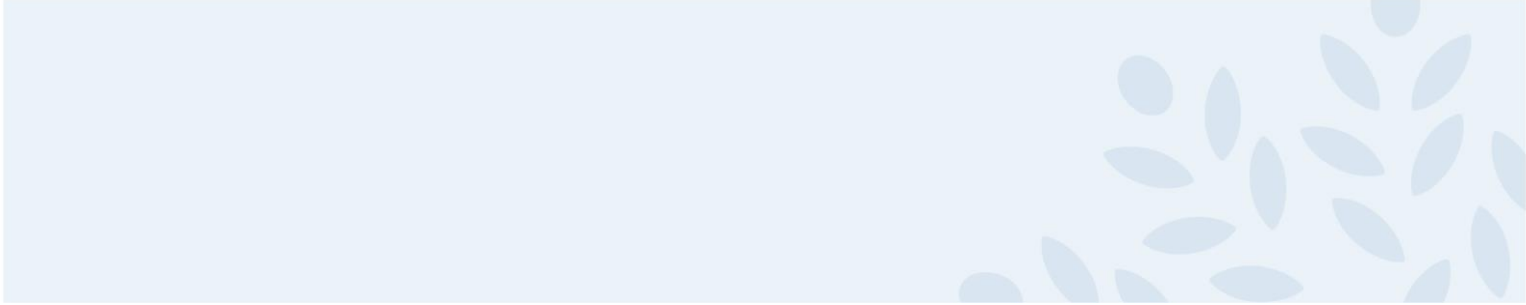
The session with non-member countries and business representatives will be devoted to supply chain resilience. Special attention will be paid to the crisis in the Red Sea - which affects international trade routes and has serious economic impacts on Mediterranean ports and supply chains - and the stability and prosperity of the Indo-Pacific region, key to safeguarding political and international trade order.

The G7 Ministers and their guests will therefore have the opportunity to discuss these major issues with a view to maintaining trade as a driver of growth and development for both G7 members and the rest of the world. The G7 will work to ensure a well-functioning WTO, which is also essential for Italy's economic development, given the country's capacity to export.

The G7 Ministers will then be called to address the issue of access to third markets, which is key to a competitive and open global market for companies.

With regard to the environmental crisis, the role played by trade in defending the planet from the damage caused by climate change and in fostering the green transition, by increasing exchange of environmentally friendly goods and services, will also be discussed. The meeting will also focus on improving the resilience of economies through the strengthening and diversification of global value chains, ensuring increasing de-risking against excessive economic dependencies, and promoting economic security against coercive practices.

The programme of the meeting will also feature the Port of Gioia Tauro, which, with more than 3.5 million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent unit), is Italy's leading port in terms of cargo traffic and the eighth in Europe. The visit to the Port of Gioia Tauro will be an opportunity to present to G7 Ministers the "Food for Gaza" humanitarian initiative, launched at the initiative of Deputy Prime Minister Tajani



to alleviate the suffering of the civilian population in Gaza. Specifically, the visit will involve a presentation of the team of twelve trainers that will travel to Cyprus to train local staff in the use of the container scanner that the Italian Customs Agency has made available to speed up checks on containers bringing humanitarian aid to the Strip from Cyprus.

# HOST CITIES: REGGIO CALABRIA & VILLA SAN GIOVANNI



## Reggio Calabria

Overlooking the sea and steeped in history and culture, Reggio Calabria is a vibrant and captivating city. Founded in the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC, it was one of the most prosperous settlements of Magna Graecia due to its strategic position. Oriented towards trade and commerce since its inception, the city will host the ministerial meeting of the Italian G7 Presidency focused on global trade.

Nowadays there are several companies in the Reggio Calabria area that export all over the world. Examples include Hitachi Rail, a leading manufacturer in the production of trains, and companies in the district of bergamot, one of the most popular citrus fruits chosen by perfume manufacturers at global level. A land of legends and heroes, Reggio Calabria is considered a temple of Mediterranean classicism, preserving its ancient remains and housing the Riace Bronzes - ancient bronze warrior statues that symbolize the region.

In recent years, Reggio Calabria has experienced a remarkable resurgence, known as the "Reggio Spring," which has also revitalized the Lungomare Falcomatà. This picturesque waterfront, celebrated by poet Gabriele D'Annunzio as "the most beautiful kilometer in Italy," is now enhanced by the adjacent Marina Street, an outdoor contemporary art museum featuring sculptures by Rabaroma and Edoardo Tresoldi's "Opera" installation.

The event programme will also involve the Port of Gioia Tauro, which, with over 3.5 million TEUs, is Italy's leading port for merchandise traffic and the eighth largest port in Europe. It spans an area of 620 hectares and is one of the major infrastructure facilities in the Mediterranean Sea.





### **Villa San Giovanni**

The G7 meeting will take place in Villa San Giovanni, a strategic location in Italy's transportation network, serving as the main railway station and port for ferries to Sicily and the islands.

Villa San Giovanni is a city known for its industrious nature and openness to foreign investments. It was famous for its silkworm farming and spinning mills, and the thriving commerce that developed in the area earned it the nickname "little Manchester" - a testament to the region's textile industry's similarity to that of the English city, and the significant presence of foreign investors.

# AGENDA

## JULY 16, 2024

### 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY

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10:00 am	<b>Welcoming and Family Photo of the G7 Ministers</b> Altafiumara Resort & Spa <i>Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers + Pool photographers/cameramen</i>
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11:30 am	<b>Visit of the Port of Gioia Tauro</b> Gioia Tauro <i>Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers</i>
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02:15 pm	<b>Meeting of the G7 Ministers with the B7</b> Altafiumara Resort & Spa – Round table <i>Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers</i>
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03.15 pm	<b>Welcoming and Family Photo of the G7 Ministers and Outreach</b> Altafiumara Resort & Spa <i>Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers + Pool photographers/cameramen</i>
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03.45 pm	<b>Ministerial Session of the G7 Ministers and Outreach</b> Altafiumara Resort & Spa – Round table <i>Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers</i>
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07.00 pm	<b>Visit to the Archaeological Museum of Reggio Calabria</b> Archaeological Museum of Reggio Calabria <i>Host Broadcaster</i>
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# AGENDA

## JULY 17, 2024

### 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY

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#### Ministerial Session 1

09:00 am

Altafiumara Resort & Spa – Round table

*Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers*

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#### Ministerial Session 2

11:15 am

Altafiumara Resort & Spa – Round table

*Host Broadcaster + Official photographers and videomakers*

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#### Press Conference of the Italian G7 Presidency

02:30 pm

Altafiumara Resort & Spa (“Le Vele” Media Center)

*Open to all accredited press*

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# 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 **Friday 12 July at 24:00** (local time) through the accreditation section of <https://www.g7-2024.it/>

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 following link: [Il visto per l'Italia \(esteri.it\)](https://www.esteri.it/). The visa requirements must be met before arrival in Italy.

The accreditation badges for journalists and photo-video operators who receive confirmation of accreditation will be handed out at the **Accreditation Centre** set up at the **Direzione Marittima di Reggio Calabria** (Piazzale Porto n. 2 – 89100 Reggio Calabria) during the following hours:

Monday 15 July from 13:00 to 18:00

Tuesday 16 July from 8:00 to 18:00

Wednesday 17 July from 9:00 to 14:00

Below are the directions on how to reach the accreditation center:

- From the Stretto Airport, proceed towards SS 106/E90, continue on RA4/E90, continue on A3, exit "port".
- From the two train stations, head towards Corso Vittorio Emanuele III - Via Cesare D. Zerbi - Viadotto Santa Caterina - Port.

The **Media Centre** is located at **struttura "le Vele" dell'Altafiumara Resort & Spa** during the following hours:

- Tuesday 16 July from 8:30 to 18:00;
- Wednesday 17 July from 8:00 to 17:30.



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The **final Press Conference** of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon, Antonio Tajani, will take place at “Le Vele” of the Altafiumara Resort & Spa on July 17, 2024, at 02.30 pm CET.

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 the Ministry.

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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