

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON ITALY / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 27 January 1948
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (Term expires in 2019)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.**
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation. Member (Term expires : 40th General Conference)
 - Legal Committee. Member elected by the General Conference at its 37th session - Member of the Legal Committee from the beginning of the 38th session (2015) until the beginning of the 39th session (2017)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **The Director-General's visits to Italy: 6**
 - 31 July-1 August 2015: to take part in the International Conference of the Ministers of Culture of the Countries participating in Expo Milan 2015, entitled "Culture as a Tool to Improve the Dialogue among Peoples", organized by the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities and Tourism.
 - 2-6 October 2014: to participate in the 3rd edition of the UNESCO World Forum on Culture and Cultural Industries in Florence (2 October); meeting at the Italian Parliament on the theme "United Nations and the management of World Water Resources: the cooperation between Italy and UNESCO" in Rome (3 October); and attend to the opening of the ICTP's conference "50th years of Science for the Future Forum" in Trieste (6 October)
 - 31 August – 3 September 2012: Naples – visit of World Heritage sites, participation in the UNHABITAT Summit
 - 17 May 2011: Second UNESCO World Forum on Culture and Cultural Industries, Monza
 - 22 to 23 November 2010: official visit
 - 6-7 October 2010 (Milan): to receive a degree honoris causa in European and International Politics from the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, meeting with Mayor of Milan Letizia Moratti.
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Italy: 11**
 - 28 September 2009 (Monza): UNESCO World Forum on Culture and Cultural Industries
 - 21-22 November 2008 (Palermo): the World Philosophy Day 2008
 - 19-22 November 2007: official visit
 - 9-10 May 2007 (Trieste and Venice): G8-UNESCO World Forum on "Education, Research and Innovation: New Partnership for Sustainable Development"
 - 10-11 février 2006 (Turin): Jeux olympiques d'hiver
 - 16-17 mai 2005 (Trieste): Cérémonie de remise du Prix ICTP 2004 et entretien avec Sénateur Roberto Antonione, Sous-secrétaire d'Etat aux affaires étrangères
 - 15 novembre 2002 (Rome): entretiens avec M. Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, Président de la République, et M. Marcello Pera, Président du Sénat; 15 - 16 novembre 2002 (Venise): Congrès international « Patrimoine mondial 2002 : Héritage partagé, responsabilité commune »
 - 9-12 avril 2002 (Rome): session de la CEB et entretien avec M. Silvio Berlusconi, Premier Ministre (le 10 avril 2002)
 - 14-16 mars 2001 (Turin): Table ronde « Intangible Cultural Heritage: Working Definitions »; Rome, 15 mars 2001: visite officielle et visite officielle au Vatican
 - 20 mai 2000 (Ancona): Conférence sur la sécurité et le développement de l'Adriatique et la Mer Ionienne
 - 5-8 avril 2000 (Rome): Session de l'ACC et entretiens avec M. Lamberto Dini, alors Ministre des affaires étrangères, et Mme Melandri, alors Ministre du patrimoine

6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:

- Permanent Delegate: H.E. Ms Vincenza Lomonaco (since 27 September 2013)
- Staff: Mr Arnaldo Minuti, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mr Eugenio Poti, First Secretary, Mr Gianpetro Romano, First Secretary; Mr Francesco Meucci, Second Secretary; Mr Alejandro Manuel Funes Lastra, Counsellor; and Mr Giovanni Minutolo, Attaché
- Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Maurizio Enrico Luigi Serra (January 2010 – August 2013); H.E. Mr Giuseppe Moscato (September 2005 – November 2009); H.E. Mr Francesco Caruso (March 2002 – September 2005)

7. The Italian National Commission for UNESCO:

- Date of establishment: 11 February 1950
- President: Mr Franco Bernabe' (since April 2016)
- Secretary-General: Ambassador Lucio Alberto Savoia (since September 2009)

8. Italian personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:

- Prof. Stefano Semplici, Member of the International Bioethics Committee (2008-2015)
- Ms Cristina Owen-Jones, Goodwill Ambassador for HIV/AIDS Prevention Education (2004)
- Ms Claudia Cardinale, Goodwill Ambassador (2000)
- Mr Giancarlo Elia Valori, Goodwill Ambassador (2001)
- Ms Marisa Berenson (actress), Artist for Peace (2000)
- Mr Roberto Parapetti, member of the International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of Iraq
- Mr Francesco Margiotta-Broglio, member of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission Responsible for Seeking the Settlement of any Disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education (term expires in 2015)

9. UNESCO institutions in Italy:

- UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe (BRESCE)
 - Date of establishment: 6 December 1988 (previously Regional Office for Science and Technology for Europe - ROSTE)
 - Name of Head: Ms Ana Luiza Thompson-Flores – Director
 - Staff size: 18
- International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)
 - Date of establishment: 1964
 - Name of Head: Mr Fernando Quevedo
 - Staff size: 30 permanent scientists and 112 research associates, long-term contract scientists, post-docs and scientific consultants
- Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS)
 - Date of establishment: 1983
 - Name of Head: Mr Romain Murenzi
- United Nations World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP)
 - Transferred to Italy in 2009
 - Name of Head (Coordinator): Mr Stefan Uhlenbrook - Coordinator
 - Staff size: 11

10. UNESCO Chairs: 20

- UNESCO Chair on Training and Empowering Human Resources for Health Development in Resource-Limited Countries, University of Brescia (2014)
- UNESCO Chair on Anticipatory Systems, University of Trento (2013)
- UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Urban Quality and Urban Culture, notably in Africa,- University of Rome-La Sapienza (2013)

- UNESCO Chair on Water Resources Management and Culture, University for Foreigners in Perugia (2013)
- Chaire UNESCO « Anthropologie de la santé biosphère et systèmes de soins », Université de Gênes (2013)
- UNESCO Chair in Energy for Sustainable Development, Politecnico di Milano (2012)
- UNESCO Chair in Architectural Preservation and Planning in Heritage Cities, Politecnico di Milano (2012)
- UNESCO Chair in Engineering for Human and Sustainable Development, Università Degli Studi di Trento (2011)
- UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Development and Territory Management, the University of Turin (2010)
- UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights, The Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum, Università Europea di Roma (2009)
- UNESCO Chair in Urban and Regional Planning for Sustainable Local Development, the Università degli Studi di Ferrara (2008)
- UNESCO Chair in Social and Spatial Inclusion of International Migrants: Urban Policies and Practice, the Università Luav di Venezia (2008)
- UNESCO Chair in Population, Migrations and Development, Sapienza University of Rome (2008)
- UNESCO Chair in Religious Pluralism and Peace, Bologna University (2008)
- UNESCO Chair in Cultural and Comparative Studies on the Imaginary, Libera Università di Lingue e Comunicazione (2006)
- UNESCO Transdisciplinary Chair in Human Development and Culture of Peace, Università degli Studi di Firenze (2006)
- Chaire UNESCO de Droits de l'homme et éthique de la coopération internationale, Università degli Studi di Bergamo, Bergamo (2003)
- Chaire UNESCO sur la Paix, le développement culturel et les politiques culturelles, Institut international Jacques Maritain, Rome (1999)
- UNESCO Chair in Human Rights, Democracy and Peace, Università degli Studi di Padova, Padova (1999)
- UNESCO Interdisciplinary Chair in Biotechnology, «Tor Vergata» University of Rome, Rome (1998)

11. Associated Schools: 267 (1 nursery and pre-schools, 25 primary, 214 secondary, 9 teacher training institutions, and 18 vocational and technical institutions). Italy joined the ASPnet in 1957.

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 1

- International Institute for a Partnership for Environmental Development, Trieste (approved by the General Conference in 2007)

13. UNESCO Clubs: 102 Clubs, coordinated by the Italian Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Centres

14. Biosphere Reserves: 15

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| • Toscana (2016) | • Tuscan Islands (2003) |
| • Collina Po (2016) | • Selva Pisana (2004) |
| • The Ledro Alps and Judicaria (2015) | • Valle del Ticino (2002) |
| • The Po Delta (2015) | • Cilento and Vallo di Diano (1997) |
| • The Appennino Tosco-Emiliano (2015) | • Somma-Vesuvio and Miglio d'Oro (1997) |
| • Sila (2014) | • Circeo (1977) |
| • Mont-Viso Area della Biosfera del Monviso (2013) - transboundary biosphere reserve - jointly with France | • Collemeluccio-Montedimezzo (1977) |
| | • Miramare (1979) |

15. Global Geoparks Network: 10

- Madonie Global Geopark
- Beigua Global Geopark
- Geological Mining Park of Sardinia Geopark
- Rocca di Cerere Global Geopark
- Adamello Brenta Global Geopark
- Cilento and Vallo di Diano Global Geopark
- Tuscan Mining Global Geopark
- Apuan Alps Global Geopark
- Sesia Val Grande Global Geopark
- Pollino Global Geopark

16. World Heritage Sites: 51 (47 cultural and 4 natural)

Cultural Sites: 47

- Arab-Norman Palermo and the Cathedral Churches of Cefalú and Monreale (2015)
- Vineyard Landscape of Piedmont: Langhe-Roero and Monferrato (2014)
- Medici Villas and Gardens in Tuscany (2013)
- Longobards in Italy. Places of the power (568-774 A.D.) (2011)
- Prehistoric Pile dwellings around the Alps (2011)
- Mantua and Sabbioneta (2008)
- Rhaetian Railway in the Albula / Bernina Landscapes (2008)
- Genoa: Le Strade Nuove and the system of the Palazzi dei Rolli (2006)
- Syracuse and the Rocky Necropolis of Pantalica (2005)
- Etruscan Necropolises of Cerveteri and Tarquinia (2004)
- Val d'Orcia (2004)
- Sacri Monti of Piedmont and Lombardy (2003)
- Late Baroque Towns of the Val di Noto (South-Eastern Sicily) (2002)
- Villa d'Este, Tivoli (2001)
- Assisi, the Basilica of San Francesco and Other Franciscan Sites (2000)
- City of Verona (2000)
- Villa Adriana (Tivoli) (1999)
- Archaeological Area and the Patriarchal Basilica of Aquileia (1998)
- Cilento and Vallo di Diano National Park with the Archeological sites of Paestum and Velia, and the Certosa di Padula (1998)
- Historic Centre of Urbino (1998)
- Costiera Amalfitana (1997)
- Su Nuraxi di Barumini (1997)
- 18th-Century Royal Palace at Caserta with the Park, the Aqueduct of Vanvitelli, and the San Leucio Complex (1997)
- Archaeological Area of Agrigento (1997)
- Archaeological Areas of Pompei, Herculaneum and Torre Annunziata (1997)
- Botanical Garden (Orto Botanico), Padua (1997)
- Cathedral, Torre Civica and Piazza Grande, Modena (1997)
- Portovenere, Cinque Terre, and the Islands (Palmaria, Tino and Tinetto) (1997)
- Residences of the Royal House of Savoy (1997)
- Villa Romana del Casale (1997)
- Historic Centre of the City of Pienza (1996)
- Early Christian Monuments of Ravenna (1996)
- Castel del Monte (1996)
- The Trulli of Alberobello (1996)
- Historic Centre of Naples (1995)
- Crespi d'Adda (1995)
- Historic Centre of Siena (1995)
- Ferrara, City of the Renaissance, and its Po Delta (1995)
- The Sassi and the Park of the Rupestrian Churches of Matera (1993)

- Historic Centre of San Gimignano (1990)
- Venice and its Lagoon (1987)
- Piazza del Duomo, Pisa (1987)
- Historic Centre of Florence (1982)
- Historic Centre of Rome, the Properties of the Holy See in that City Enjoying Extraterritorial Rights and San Paolo Fuori le Mura (1980) (transboundary site)
- Church and Dominican Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie with (1980) City of Vicenza and the Palladian Villas of the Veneto (1994) Rock Drawings in Valcamonica (1979)

Natural sites: 4

- Mount Etna (2013)
- The Dolomites (2009)
- Monte San Giorgio (2003)
- Isole Eolie (Aeolian Islands) (2000) (Sicily)

17. Tentative List: 40 properties

- Extension to the Joint World Heritage Property "Primeval Beech forests of the Carpathians (Slovak Republic and Ukraine) and the Ancient Beech forests of Germany (Germany)" (2015)
- Great Spas of Europe (2014)
- Espace transfrontalier Maritime-Mercantour (Les Alpes de la Mer) (2013)
- The Venetian Works of defence between 15th and 17th centuries (2013)
- Parco Nazionale della Sila – Sila, gran bosco d'Italia (2012)
- Ivrea, industrial city of the 20th century (2012)
- The Marble Basin of Carrara (2006)
- The Prosecco Hills of Conegliano and Valdobbiadene. (Le Colline del Prosecco di Conegliano e Valdobbiadene (2010)
- Massif du Mont-Blanc (inscription comme patrimoine naturel transfrontalier, avec France et Suisse) (2008)
- The Transhumance: The Royal Shepherd's Track (2006)
- Volterra: Historical City and Cultural Landscape (2006)
- The Aniene valley and Villa Gregoriana in Tivoli (2006)
- The Murge of Altamura (2006)
- The Porticoes of Bologna (2006)
- Karstic caves in prehistoric Apulia (2006)
- Citadel of Alessandria (2006)
- The Lower Palaeolithic Palaeosurfaces at Isernia-La Pineta and Notarchirico (2006)
- Lake Maggiore and Lake D'Orta lakelands (2006)
- Historic centre of Pavia and Chartreuse (2006)
- The city of Bergamo (2006)
- Hanbury botanical gardens (2006)
- Historic Centre of Lucca (2006)
- Orvieto (2006)
- Via Appia "Regina Viarum" (2006)
- Villas of the Papal Nobility (2006)
- Historic Centre of Parma (2006)
- Salento and the "Barocco Lecce" (2006)
- Cattolica Monastery in Stilo and Basilian-Byzantine complexes (2006)
- Ponds in the Bay of Oristano and the Sinis Peninsula island of Mal di Ventre (2006)
- Scrovegni's Chapel (2006)
- Fortress Town of Palmanova (2006)
- Romanesque Cathedrals in Puglia (2006)
- Taormina and Isola Bella (2006)
- Archipelago of La Maddalena and Islands of Bocche di Bonifacio (2006)
- Mothia Island and Lilibeo: The Phoenician-Punic Civilization in Italy (2006)
- Bradiseism in the Flegrea Area (2006)
- Cascata delle Marmore and Valnerina: Monastic sites and ancient hydrogeological reclamation works (2006)
- Pelagos: The Cetacean Sanctuary (2006)
- Island of Asinara (2006)
- Sulcis Iglesiente (2006)

18. Intangible Heritage lists: 6 elements on the Representative List

- Traditional agricultural practice of cultivating the "vite ad alberello" (head-trained bush vines) of the community of Pantelleria (2014)
- Celebration of big shoulder-borne processional Structures (2013)
- The Mediterranean diet, jointly with Cyprus, Croatia, Greece, Morocco, Portugal and Spain (2013)
- Traditional violin craftsmanship in Cremona (2012)
- Opera dei Pupi, Sicilian Puppet Theatre (2008)
- The Canto a tenore, Sardinian Pastoral Songs (2008)

- 19. Creative Cities Network: 5**
- Rome, UNESCO City of Film (2015)
 - Parma, UNESCO City of Gastronomy (2015)
 - Torino, UNESCO City of Design (2014)
 - Fabriano, UNESCO City of Craft and Folk Art (2013)
 - Bologna, UNESCO City of Music (2006)
- 20. Memory of the World Register: 9 inscriptions**
- Collection of Barbanera Almanacs (2015)
 - Codex Purpureus Rossanensis (2015)
 - The work of Fray Bernardino de Sahagún (1499-1590) (2015), with Mexico
 - Collection of Barbanera Almanacs (2015)
 - Codex Purpureus Rossanensis (2015).
 - Newsreels and photographs of Istituto Nazionale L.U.C.E. (2013)
 - Lucca's Historical Diocesan Archives (2011)
 - The Malatesta Novello Library (2005)
 - The Bibliotheca Corviniana Collection (joint nomination: Hungary with Austria, Belgium, France, Germany and Italy) (2005)
- 21. Legal instruments: 30 ratified and 10 non-ratified**
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: ratified (8 January 2010)
 - International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (27 February 2008)
 - Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified (30 October 2007)
 - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratified (19 February 2007)
- 22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017: none**
- 23. Participation Programme: no requests submitted since 2000. Italy owes two evaluation and financial reports for projects implemented between 1998 and 2001.**
- 24. Fellowships:**
- 2 fellowships awarded since 2010 for a total amount of US\$ 23,146.
 - 10 fellowships awarded to Italian nationals since 2007, for a total amount of US\$137,983
 - 14 fellowships were awarded in 2004 under the UNESCO/Italy Co-sponsored Fellowships for Iraqi Women, for a total amount of US\$ 298,420
- 25. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016: fully paid**
- Assessment rate for 2016: 3.748%
 - Contributions assessed for 2016: US\$ 12,237,220
- 26. Extrabudgetary contributions (in US\$):**
- | Year | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
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| Total | 38,161,506 | 36,707,054 | 40,310,182 | 35,438,705 | 34,822,233 | 38,063,554 |
- 27. Representation within the Secretariat (min. 11, max. 18): over-represented**
- 22 International professional staff in geographical posts
 - 13 International professional staff at Headquarters in geographical posts*
 - 9 International professional staff in the field in geographical posts*