

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.:**
 - Conciliation and Good Offices Commission responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes that may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education (term expires in 2023)
 - Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (term expires in 2021)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **The Director-General's visits to Italy:** none
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Italy:** 13
 - 29 September 2017 : Milan, to address the Opening Ceremony of the Master in Arts Management and Administration at Bocconi University.
 - 25 September 2017: Milan, to take part in the fall meeting of the Global Consortium for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage, hosted by Bocconi University
 - 21-23 July 2017: Marche, to meet with the Italian Creative Cities and to participate to Projects presentation about areas hit by the 2016 earthquake
 - 30-31 March 2017: Florence, to participate to the G7 Ministerial Session on "Culture as a Tool for Dialogue among Peoples" in Florence, followed by the approval of the Joint Declaration of Florence. You also met with Mr Dario Franceschini, Minister of Cultural Heritage and Tourism
 - 3-4 November 2016: Venice, visit on the occasion of the city's commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the major flooding in 1966
 - 15-16 February 2016: Perugia, to be awarded with a Doctor Honoris Causa Degree at the University for Foreigners - Rome, the Baths of Diocletian – Terme di Diocleziano, Italy, to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UNESCO and the Government of Italy on the Italian National "Task Force in the framework of UNESCO's Global Coalition Unite4Heritage"
 - 31 July-1 August 2015: Milan, 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: Florence-Rome-Trieste, to participate in the 3rd edition of the UNESCO World Forum on Culture and Cultural Industries in Florence; attend the 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; and attend the opening of the ICTP's conference "50th years of Science for the Future Forum" in Trieste
 - 7-9 May 2014: visit to Rome to attend the CEB Spring Session
 - 31 August-3 September 2012: Naples, to visit World Heritage sites and participate in the UN HABITAT Summit
 - 17 May 2011: Monza, to attend the Second UNESCO World Forum on Culture and Cultural Industries
 - 22-23 November 2010: Rome, 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

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
- Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Maurizio Enrico Luigi Serra (January 2010 – August 2013)

7. The Italian National Commission for UNESCO:

- Date of establishment: 11 February 1950
- President: Mr Franco Bernabè (since April 2016)
- Secretary-General: Mr Enrico Vicenti (since October 2016)

8. Italian personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:

- Ms Giuseppina Nicolini, Mayor of Lampedusa, recipient of the Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize 2017
- Ms Francesca Merloni, Goodwill Ambassador for Creative Cities (2017)
- Ms Cristina Owen-Jones, Goodwill Ambassador for HIV/AIDS Prevention Education (2004)
- Mr Giancarlo Elia Valori, Goodwill Ambassador (2001)
- Ms Claudia Cardinale, Goodwill Ambassador (2000)
- Ms Marisa Berenson (actress), Artist for Peace (2000)
- 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 2019)
- Prof. Laura Palazzani, member of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (term expires in 2019)

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 – Executive Director:
- United Nations World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP)
 - Transferred to Italy in 2009
 - Name of Head: Mr Stefan Uhlenbrook – Coordinator
 - Staff size: 11

10. UNESCO Chairs: 25 Chairs and 2 Unitwin Networks

- UNESCO Chair on Heritage and urban regeneration (2016), University IUAV of Venice
- UNESCO Chair on the prevention and sustainable management of geo-hydrological hazards (2016), University of Florence
- UNESCO Chair on Landscape, Cultural Heritage, and Territorial Governance (2016), The Research Centre of Competence of the Campania Region for Cultural Heritage, Ecology and Economy (BENECON), Caserta
- UNESCO Chair on Mediterranean Cultural Landscapes and Communities of Knowledge (2016), University of Basilicata, Potenza
- UNESCO Chair on New paradigms and instruments for bio-cultural landscape management (2015), The Higher Institute on Territorial Systems for Innovation (SiTI), Torino
- UNESCO Chair on Training and Empowering Human Resources for Health Development in Resource-Limited Countries (2014), University of Brescia
- UNESCO Chair on Anticipatory Systems (2013), University of Trento
- UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Urban Quality and Urban Culture, notably in Africa (2013), University of Rome-La Sapienza
- UNESCO Chair on Water Resources Management and Culture (2013), University for Foreigners in Perugia
- Chaire UNESCO « Anthropologie de la santé biosphère et systèmes de soins » (2013), Université de Gênes
- UNESCO Chair in Energy for Sustainable Development (2012), Politecnico di Milano
- UNESCO Chair in Architectural Preservation and Planning in Heritage Cities (2012), Politecnico di Milano
- UNESCO Chair in Engineering for Human and Sustainable Development (2011), Università Degli Studi di Trento
- UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Development and Territory Management (2010), University of Turin
- UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights (2009), Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum, Università Europea di Roma
- UNESCO Chair in Urban and Regional Planning for Sustainable Local Development (2008), Università degli Studi di Ferrara
- UNESCO Chair in Social and Spatial Inclusion of International Migrants: Urban Policies and Practice (2008), Università luav di Venezia
- UNESCO Chair in Population, Migrations and Development (2008), Sapienza University of Rome
- UNESCO Chair in Religious Pluralism and Peace (2008), Bologna University
- UNESCO Chair in Cultural and Comparative Studies on the Imaginary (2006), Libera Università di Lingue e Comunicazione
- UNESCO Transdisciplinary Chair in Human Development and Culture of Peace (2006), Università degli Studi di Firenze
- Chaire UNESCO de Droits de l'homme et éthique de la coopération internationale (2003), Università degli Studi di Bergamo, Bergamo
- Chaire UNESCO sur la Paix, le développement culturel et les politiques culturelles (1999), Institut international Jacques Maritain, Rome
- UNESCO Chair in Human Rights, Democracy and Peace (1999), Università degli Studi di Padova, Padova
- UNESCO Interdisciplinary Chair in Biotechnology (1998), «Tor Vergata» University of Rome, Rome
- Network on International Cooperation and Development (2015), University of Pavia and the University of Bethlehem
- Network on “Green Chemistry Excellence from the Baltic Sea to the Mediterranean and Beyond” (2017), Politecnico di Milano

11. **Associated Schools:** 25 (9 primary, 1 primary/secondary, 14 secondary, 1 teacher training institution). Italy joined the ASPnet in 1957.

12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** 1

- International Research Centre on the Economics of Culture and World Heritage Studies (Turin)

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

14. **Biosphere Reserves:** 15

- Tepilora, Rio Posada and Montalbo (2017)
- Collina Po (2016)
- Ledro Alps and Judicaria (2015)
- Po Delta (2015)
- Appennino Tosco-Emiliano (2015)
- Sila (2014)
- Mont-Viso Area della Biosfera del Monviso (2013), transboundary with France
- Selve Costiere di Toscana (2004) (former Selve Pisana, extended and renamed in 2016)
- Tuscan Islands (2003)
- Valle del Ticino (2002)
- Cilento and Vallo di Diano (1997)
- Somma-Vesuvio and Miglio d'Oro (1997)
- Miramare (1979)
- Circeo (1977)
- Collemeluccio-Montedimezzo (1977)

15. **Global Geoparks Network:** 10

- Madonie
- Beigua
- Geological Mining Park of Sardinia
- Rocca di Cerere
- Adamello-Brenta
- Cilento, Vallo di Diano e Alburni
- Tuscan Mining
- Apuan Alps
- Sesia Val Grande
- Pollino

16. **World Heritage Sites:** 53 (48 cultural and 5 natural)

Cultural Sites: 48

- Venetian Works of Defence between 15th and 17th centuries: Stato da Terra – western Stato da Mar (2017), jointly with Croatia and Montenegro
- 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)
- City of Vicenza and the Palladian Villas of the Veneto (1994)
- 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 "The Last Supper" by Leonardo da Vinci (1980)
- Rock Drawings in Valcamonica (1979)

Natural sites: 5

- Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and Other Regions of Europe (2007, 2011, 2017), transboundary with Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Ukraine
- Mount Etna (2013)
- The Dolomites (2009)
- Monte San Giorgio (2003)
- Isole Eolie (Aeolian Islands) (2000)

17. Tentative List: 40 properties

- Les Alpes de la Méditerranée (2017)
- The Cultural Landscape of Civita di Bagnoregio (2017)
- The cultural landscape of the Benedictine settlements in medieval Italy (2016)
- Padova Urbs Picta. Giotto, the Scrovegni Chapel and the 14th century painting cycles (2016)
- Great Spas of Europe (2014)
- Parco Nazionale della Sila – Sila, gran bosco d'Italia (2012)
- Ivrea, industrial city of the 20th century
- Lake Maggiore and Lake D'Orta lakelands (2006)
- Karstic caves in prehistoric Apulia (2006)
- Citadel of Alessandria (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)

- (2012)
- 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 Marble Basin of Carrara (2006)
- 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 Lower Palaeolithic Palaeosurfaces at Isernia-La Pineta and Notarchirico (2006)
- The Porticoes of Bologna (2006)
- Sulcis Iglesiente (2006)
- Pelagos: The Cetacean Sanctuary (2006)
- Island of Asinara (2006)
- Historic Centre of Parma (2006)
- Salento and the "Barocco Leccese" (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)
- 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)
- Bradysism in the Flegrea Area (2006)
- Cascata delle Marmore and Valnerina: Monastic sites and ancient hydrogeological reclamation works (2006)

18. Intangible Heritage lists: 8 elements on the Representative List

- Art of Neapolitan 'Pizzaiuolo' (2017)
- Falconry, a living human heritage together with the United Arab Emirates, Austria, Belgium, Czechia, France, Germany, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Morocco, Pakistan, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Spain and Syrian Arab Republic (2016)
- 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)
- Canto a tenore, Sardinian Pastoral Songs (2008)

19. Creative Cities Network: 9 cities

- Alba, UNESCO City of Gastronomy (2017)
- Carrara, UNESCO City of Crafts and Folk Art (2017)
- Milan, UNESCO City of Literature (2017)
- Pesaro, UNESCO City of Music (2017)
- 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: 8 inscriptions

- Antonio Carlos Gomes (2017), jointly with Brazil
- Collection of Barbanera Almanacs (2015)
- The work of Fray Bernardino de Sahagún (1499-1590) (2015), jointly with Mexico
- 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 (2005), jointly with Hungary, Austria, Belgium, France and Germany)

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:

2016-2017: none

2018-2019: 1

- 500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519). *N.B.:* The "550th anniversary of the birth of Leonardo da Vinci" was celebrated in 2002.

23. Participation Programme: no requests submitted since 2000

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. NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO: 15

- Association of Private Committees for the Safeguarding of Venice
- Associazione Internazionale New Humanity
- Caritas Internationalis (CARITAS)
- Community of Mediterranean Universities (CMU)
- Fondazione Idis Citta Della Scienza (IDIS)
- Forum Internazionale Delle Donne Del Mediterraneo (IMWF)
- International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL)
- International Union of Notaries (IULN)
- Jacques Maritain International Institute
- Mediterranean Women's Forum (MWF)
- Society for International Development (SID)
- Stichting Eifl.net
- World Organization of Former Pupils of Catholic Education (OMAAEEC)
- World Underwater Federation (CMAS)
- World Union of Catholic Teachers (WUCT)

26. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2018: not-paid

- Assessment rate for 2018: 3.748%
- Contributions assessed for 2018: US\$ 12,237,220

27. Extrabudgetary contributions (in US\$):

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	28,760,553	29,005,631	38,161,506	36,707,054	40,310,182	35,438,705	34,822,233	38,063,554

28. Representation within the Secretariat (min. 11, max. 18): over-represented, with 23 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 10, max. 16)

- 15 professional staff at Headquarters in geographical posts
- 8 professional staff in the field in geographical posts