

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON ITALY / UNESCO COOPERATION

Membership in UNESCO: since 27 January 1948

Membership on the Executive Board: yes (term expires in 2019)

Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.

- Chair of the 7th session of the General Assembly of State Parties to the UNESCO Convention of 2003 for the Safeguarding of Cultural Intangible Heritage (May 2018)
- Chair of the Cultural Commission of the 39th General Conference (term expires in 2019)
- 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 in 2019)
- Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Council (term expires in 2019)
- Conciliation and Good Offices Commission responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes which may arise between State's Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education
- International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (term expires in 2019)
- Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict established by the Second Protocol of 1991 to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (term expires in 2021)
- Fund Approval Committee of the International Convention against Doping in Sport of 2005 (term expires in 2019)

Membership on UNESCO Executive Board Committees

- Special committee (SP)
- Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR)
- Committee on Non-governmental Partners (NGP)

Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:

- Permanent Delegate: H.E. Ms Vincenza Lomonaco (since 27 September 2013)
- Staff: Mr Arnaldo Minuti, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mr Tommaso Giordano, First Secretary, Mr Gianpetro Romano, First Secretary, Expert of the Carabinieri Department for the Protection of Cultural Heritage
- 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)

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)

Italian personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:

- Ms Maria Francesca Merloni, Goodwill Ambassador (2017)
- Prof. Laura Palazzani, member of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (term expires in 2019)

- Prof. Amedeo Santuosso, member of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology - COMEST (term expires in 2021)
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
Ms Giuseppina Nicolini, former mayor of Lampedusa, recipient of the Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize 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)

UNESCO institutions in Italy:

- UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe (BRESCE) in Venice
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) of Trieste
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
- The World Academy for Science (TWAS)
 - Date of establishment: 1983
 - Name of Head: Interim Executive Director: Mohamed H.A. Hassan (2016)
- United Nations World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) in Perugia
 - Transferred to Italy in 2009
 - Name of Head (Coordinator): Mr Stefan Uhlenbrook - Coordinator

World Heritage Sites: 54 (49 cultural and 5 natural)

Cultural Sites: 49

- Ivrea, Industrial City of the XXth Century (2018)
- 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

- Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and Other Regions of Europe (Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Italy, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Ukraine) [formerly "Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and the Ancient Beech Forests of Germany" (Germany, Slovakia, Ukraine)]" (2017)
- Mount Etna (2013)
- The Dolomites (2009)
- Monte San Giorgio (2003)
- Isole Eolie (Aeolian Islands) (2000) (Sicily)

Tentative List:

- 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 (2012)
- 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)
- Historic Centre of Parma (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 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)
- Pelagos: The Cetacean Sanctuary (2006)
- Island of Asinara (2006)
- Sulcis Iglesiente (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)
- Bradyseism in the Flegrea Area (2006)
- Cascata delle Marmore and Valnerina: Monastic sites and ancient hydrogeological reclamation works (2006)

Intangible Heritage lists: 8

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

Creative Cities Network: 9

- Alba, City of Gastronomy (2017)
- Carrara, UNESCO City of Craft and Folk Art (2017)
- Pesaro, UNESCO City of Music (2017)
- Milano, UNESCO City of Literature (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)

Memory of the World Register: 8

- The Documentary heritage of Antonio Carlos Gomes (2017), with Brazil
- Collection of Barbanera Almanacs (2015)
- The work of Fray Bernardino de Sahagún (1499-1590) (2015), 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 (joint nomination: Hungary with Austria, Belgium, France, Germany and Italy) (2005)

Biosphere Reserves: 17

- Val Camonica – Alto Sebino (2018)
- Monte Peglia (2018)
- Tepilora, Rio Posada e Moltalbo (2017)
- Collina Po (2016)
- Selve Costiere di Toscana (extended and renamed in 2016) – former Selva Pisana (2004)
- The Ledro Alps and Judicaria (2015)
- The Po Delta (2015)
- The Appennino Tosco-Emiliano (2015)
- Sila (2014)
- Monteviso Area della Biosfera del Monviso transboundary biosphere reserve - jointly with France (2013)
- 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)

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

UNESCO Chairs: 27 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
- UNESCO Chair « Anthropologie de la santé biosphère et systèmes de soins » (2013), Università di Genova
- 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 Iuav 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
- UNESCO Chair de Droits de l'homme et éthique de la coopération internationale (2003), Università degli Studi di Bergamo, Bergamo
- UNESCO Chair 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
- UNESCO Chair on Intersectoral Safety for Disaster Risk Reduction (2018), University of Udine
- UNESCO Chair “Food: Access and Law” at the University of Milan.

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

Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 1

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

UNESCO Clubs: 102

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)

Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated

- 500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci (1452 - 1519). N.B.: The “550th anniversary of the birth of Leonardo da Vinci” has been celebrated in 2002.

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)

Ordinary Contributions to UNESCO

- for 2018: 12,237,220 \$
- Contribution Rate for 2018: 3,748%

Extrabudgetary contributions (in US\$):

Year	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Total	28,054,715	28,760,553	29,005,631	38,161,506	36,707,054	40,310,182	35,438,705	34,822,233