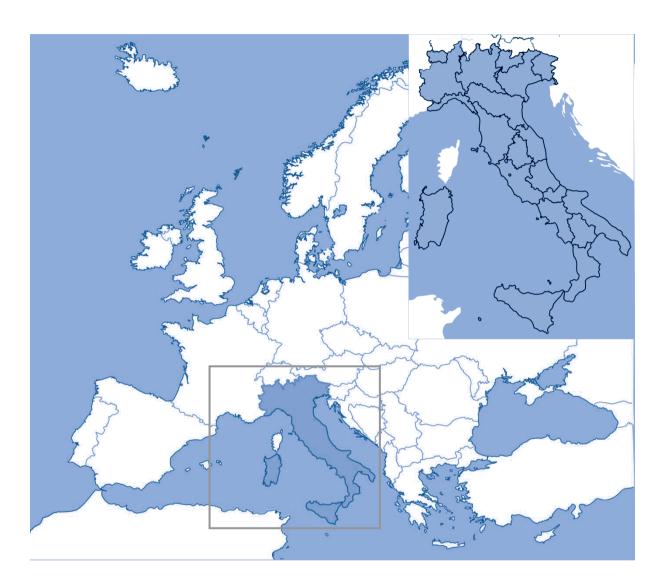
Country profile: Italy



Source: OECD (2007).

| The land | | |
|---|--|---------------------|
| Total Area (1 000 km ²): | 301 | |
| Agricultural (1 000 km ^{2,} 1995): | 165.2 | |
| Major regions/cities (thousand inhabitants, 2001): | Rome 2 547 Milan 1 256 Naples 1 005 Turin 856 | |
| The people | | |
| Population (thousands, 2007): | 59 336 | |
| Number of inhabitants per km ² : | 197 | |
| Net increase (2006/07): | 0.8 | |
| Total labour force (thousands): | 24 854 | |
| Unemployment rate (% of civilian labour force, 2009): | 7.8 | |
| The economy | | |
| Gross domestic product in USD billion: | 1 815.6 | |
| Per capita (PPP in USD): | 30 300 | |
| Exports of goods and services (% of GNI): | 27.9 | |
| Imports of goods and services (% of GNI): | 28.7 | |
| Monetary unit: | Euro | |
| The government (2008) ¹ | | |
| System of executive power: | Parliamentary | |
| Type of legislature: | Bicameral | |
| Date of last general election: | April 2008 | |
| Date of next general election: | 2013 | |
| State structure: | Unitary | |
| Date of entry into the EU: | 1951 | |
| Composition of the main chamber (number of seats): | S. Berlusconi Coalition (The People of Freedom, Lega Nord, Movement for Autonomy) | 344 |
| | W. Veltroni Coalition (Democratic Party, Italy of Values) Union of the Centre South Tyrolean People's Party Autonomy Liberty Democracy Movimento Associativo Italiani all'Estero | 246 36 2 1 |
| | Total | 630 |

Note: 2008 unless otherwise stated.

Source: OECD (2009b); OECD in Figures 2009; OECD (2009c); and OECD (2009d).

1. A new Government led by Mr. Mario Monti was sworn in on 16 November 2011 and received the confidence vote by the Chamber of Deputies on 17 November 2011. See www.camera.it/46.



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