



ITALIAN ELECTION: WHAT NOW?

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1. CONSULTATIONS

The President of the Republic, Sergio Mattarella, conducted the consultations on Thursday October 20th and Friday 21st. Having spoken with President Emeritus Giorgio Napolitano in a phone call, Sergio Mattarella received the President of the Senate, Ignazio La Russa, and the President of the Chamber of Deputies, Lorenzo Fontana. He then consulted the leaders of the political parties and the heads of the parliamentary groupings.

2. CONFERRAL

Acting on the basis of the outcome of the consultations and recommendations from the majority groupings, the President of the Republic confers the task of forming a government on the person who is able to put together a governmental team that will obtain the confidence of Parliament.

The elections on September 25th returned a clear parliamentary majority, led by *Fratelli d'Italia*. President Sergio Mattarella then conferred the task of forming a government on Giorgia Meloni at the end of a meeting in the Quirinale that began at 4.30 pm on October 21st, 2022. The conferral is always made verbally and then announced by the Secretary General of the Office of the President of the Republic in a press release.



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3. APPOINTMENT AND SWEARING IN

Giorgia Meloni accepted the conferral without reservation, so three decrees of the President of the Republic were immediately signed and countersigned: 1) appointment of the President of the Council of Ministers (head of the executive), 2) appointment of the individual ministers and 3) acceptance of the resignation of the outgoing government.

The President of the Council and the Ministers has been sworn in on Saturday October 22nd, at 10:30 am.

4. VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

The President of the Council and the Ministers presented their program on Tuesday October 25th to the Chamber of Deputies and on Wednesday October 26th to the Senate to obtain a vote of confidence from both Chambers.

The vote is proposed by the parliamentary groupings and voting is by roll call. Under this system, deputies and senators must personally commit themselves towards the electorate in their decision to support (or not support) the executive.

Giorgia Meloni's executive won the confidence of Parliament with 235 votes in favour in the Chamber of Deputies (the votes of the centre-right coalition parties amounted to 235) and with 115 votes in favour in the Senate (the votes of the centre-right coalition parties amounted to 115).

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The executive led by Giorgia Meloni has 26 members. Ten ministers belong to *Fratelli d'Italia*, five ministers are members of *Lega*, and five ministers are members of *Forza Italia*. There will be six ministries led by so-called technocrat ministers, figures only indirectly involved in politics and each an expert in their field.

The average age of the new ministers is 60, with Giorgia Meloni being the youngest (45). This is the first Italian government to be led by a woman. It has seven women ministers (out of 26 members) and 24 members have higher education qualifications.

Ministers may be distinguished in two types: those with and those without portfolio. This difference is based on the presence of a bureaucratic organization. A Minister is in charge of a bureaucratic structure, while a Minister without portfolio is not. Ministers without portfolio are not contemplated in the Constitution but their appointment is a consolidated practice that makes possible to obtain a political equilibrium.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS



GIORGIA MELONI

Fratelli d'Italia

Born in 1977, Giorgia Meloni is a freelance journalist. She founded *Fratelli d'Italia* in 2012 with Guido Crosetto and Ignazio La Russa and became its leader in 2014.

She has been president of the European Conservatives and Reformists Party since September 2020.

Parliamentary experience. Ms. Meloni was elected to the Chamber of Deputies in the *Alleanza Nazionale* lists in 2009 at the age of just 29 and was, at the time, the youngest deputy in the 15th legislature. In 2008, she was appointed Youth Minister in Berlusconi's 4th cabinet and continuously sat in parliament from the 15th to the 18th legislature prior to returning for the 19th as well.

UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS



ALFREDO MANTOVANO

Born in Lecce in 1958, Alfredo Mantovano studied law at the University of Rome "La Sapienza". He was a deputy prosecutor. He was part of the catholic foundation *Aiuto alla Chiesa che Soffre* and of the think tank *Centro studi Rosario Livatino*. He was director responsible of the semestral journal "L-Jus" of *Centro studi Rosario Livatino*.

Parliamentary experience. He was elected to the Chamber of Deputies for the first time in 1996 with *Alleanza Nazionale*. He was elected again for the 14th and 16th legislature in the Chamber of Deputies and for the 15th legislature in the Senate of the Republic. He left *Alleanza Nazionale* in 2009 to join *Popolo della Libertà*. He held the post of Under-Secretary of State to the Ministry of Interior from 2001 and 2006 and from 2008 to 2011. In 2013 he chose not to run for another term and returned to his career as deputy prosecutor.

MINISTERS

MINISTER OF SUSTAINABLE INFRA-STRUCTURES AND MOBILITY, VICE-PREMIER



MATTEO SALVINI

Lega

Born in Milan in 1973, Matteo Salvini obtained a high school diploma and studied politics at the University of Milan but left without graduating.

He has been federal secretary of the *Lega* since 2013 and was responsible for its repositioning as a nationwide party.

Parliamentary experience. He was a city councillor in Milan from 1993 to 1998 and from 2006 to 2008. He was an MEP from 2004 to 2006 and from 2009 to 2018. He was a Senator in the 18th and 19th legislatures. He was Interior Minister and Vice-president of the Council in the 1st Conte government, which was supported by *Movimento 5 Stelle*.

MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, VICE-PREMIER



ANTONIO TAJANI

Forza Italia

Born in Rome in 1953, Antonio Tajani graduated in law from the University of Rome “La Sapienza”. A professional journalist, he has been a parliamentary reporter and a RAI presenter. He is among the

founders of *Forza Italia*, of which he has been vice-president and sole national co-ordinator since 2018.

Parliamentary experience. His political and institutional career has been mainly at European level. He was an MEP from 1994 to 2008. He was a member of the European Commission from 2008 to 2014, first as European Commissioner for Transport (2008-2010) and then as European Commissioner for Industry (2010-2014).

MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE



GIANCARLO GIORGETTI

Lega

Born in 1966 in the province of Varese, he graduated in business economics from Luigi Bocconi University in Milan. He is a chartered accountant and auditor.

He started out in the *Fronte della Gioventù* (youth wing of the *Movimento Sociale Italiano*) and joined the *Lega* in the '90s.

Parliamentary experience. He has held various posts in local government, having been a councillor, executive and mayor in his hometown. He has been a member of parliament since the 13th legislature. He was Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport in 2001, secretary to the Council of Ministers in the 1st Conte government and Minister of Economic Development in the Draghi government.

MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



ADOLFO URSO

Fratelli d'Italia

Born in Padova in 1957, Adolfo Urso graduated in sociology from the University of Rome "La Sapienza". He is a professional journalist and was among the founders of *Alleanza Nazionale* in 1993 and of *Popolo della Libertà* in 2008. He joined *Fratelli d'Italia* in 2013.

Parliamentary experience. He sat in parliament in 6 legislatures, in the Chamber of Deputies from 1994 to 2013 and in the Senate from 2018 to date. He was Vice-minister for Economic Development (foreign trade) in the 2nd and 4th Berlusconi governments (2001-2006; 2009-2010).

MINISTER OF ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION



GILBERTO PICHETTO FRATIN

Forza Italia

After graduating in economics and commerce at the University of Turin, Gilberto Pichetto Fratin worked as an accountant and teacher of economic subjects at technical schools.

Parliamentary experience. He began his political career in the town council of Giffenga (1975 – 1980) and was a councillor and then mayor of Biella from 1985 to 1994. In 1995 he was elected to the Piemonte regional government in the *Forza Italia* list and two years later appointed head of

the region's Industry, Trades and Commerce Department. In 2021, he was appointed Vice-minister of Economic Development in the Draghi government.

MINISTER OF DEFENCE



GUIDO CROSETTO

Fratelli d'Italia.

Born in Cuneo in 1963, Guido Crosetto graduated in economics and commerce from the University of Turin. He is co-founder of *Fratelli d'Italia* and president of AIAD (Federation of Italian Aerospace, Defence and Security Companies).

Parliamentary experience. He began his political career with *Democrazia Cristiana*, in which he was also regional secretary of the youth movement and national head of training. In 1988, he was an economic adviser to the Goria government. In the 2001, 2006 and 2008 general elections, he won seats in Parliament, first with *Forza Italia* and then with *Popolo della Libertà*. From 2008 to 2011, he was Under-Secretary at the Defence Ministry in the Berlusconi government.

MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR



MATTEO PIANTEDOSI

Technocrat

A practising lawyer, Matteo Piantedosi joined the civil service in April 1989 and was assigned to the Prefecture of Bologna, where he held various posts before being Chief of Staff for eight years.

Parliamentary experience. In January 2012, he was appointed Vice-Chief of Staff to the Interior Minister and, in June 2012, Deputy Chief of Staff. He was Prefect in Bologna and Chief of Staff to Interior Minister Matteo Salvini. He has been the Prefect of Rome since August 17th, 2020.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE



CARLO NORDIO

Fratelli d'Italia

A magistrate since 1977, Carlo Nordio was a deputy prosecutor in Venice and in charge of the MOSE inquiry, as well as being a protagonist in the Clean Hands period, in the celebrated inquiry into the so-called red co-operatives. In the '80s, he conducted

investigations into the Red Brigades in Veneto and kidnappings, and in the '90s investigated Tangentopoli offences.

Parliamentary experience. In the 2022 justice referendums, he was an advocate of the *Vote Yes movement* and, as one of its leading exponents, sat on the Yes Committee. In the 2022 elections, he won a seat in the Chamber of Deputies in competition with Cristina Guarda (centre-left) and Alessandra Nava (*Azione - Italia Viva*).

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL POLICIES



MARINA ELVIRA CALDERONE

Technocrat

Born in 1965 in the province of Sassari, Marina Elvira Calderone graduated in International Business Economics from the University of Cagliari. With her husband, she set up the employment consultancy firm “Calderone e De Luca STF S.r.l.”. She has been president of the National Council of Employment Consultants since 2005. She has chaired the European club of employment law professions since 2006 and is spokesperson for the Associations and professions regulated by the European Economic and Social Committee.

From 2017 to 2020, she was a director (representing the Renzi government) on the board of Leonardo Finmeccanica.

MINISTER OF HEALTH



ORAZIO SCHILLACI

Technocrat

Born in Rome in 1966, Orazio Schillaci graduated in medicine and surgery from the University of Rome “La Sapienza”. After a long academic career as a specialist in nuclear medicine, he is now Rector of “Tor Vergata” University in Rome.

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FOREST POLICIES



FRANCESCO LOLLOBRIGIDA

Fratelli d'Italia

Francesco Lollobrigida graduated in law in Rome, where he currently lives. He is the brother-in-law of Giorgia Meloni, he entered politics at an early age, joining the Youth Front of the *Movimento Sociale Italiano* and leading its branch in the Province of Rome until 1995.

Parliamentary experience. He was a town councillor in Subiaco from 1996 to 2000 and a Rome provincial councillor from 1998 to 2003. In 2008, he became president of *Alleanza Nazionale* in the Rome province section and was president of *Popolo della Libertà* from 2010 to 2012. He was councillor for mobility and transport in the Lazio regional government (Renata Polverini) from 2010 to 2013. He was head of the *Fratelli d'Italia* grouping in the Chamber of Deputies in the 18th legislature.

MINISTER OF UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH



ANNA MARIA BERNINI

Forza Italia

Daughter of Giorgio Bernini, a lawyer at the UN and a politician, member of parliament and foreign trade minister in the first Berlusconi government, she graduated in law from the University of Bologna in 1991.

Parliamentary experience. First an exponent of *Alleanza Nazionale*, she then joined *Popolo della Libertà* and finally moved to *Forza Italia*. From July 27th to November 16th, 2011, she was Minister for European policies in the 4th Berlusconi government. She was head of the *Forza Italia* grouping in the Senate in the 18th legislature and has been the party's Vice National Co-ordinator since 2021.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION



GIUSEPPE VALDITARA

Lega

Born in Milan in 1961, Giuseppe Valditara graduated in law from the University of Milan. He is a full professor of Roman private and public law at the University of Turin. He directs the scientific journal "Studi Giuridici Europei" and is co-ordinator of the think tank Lettera 150.

Parliamentary experience. He was head of the Higher Education and Research Department at the MIUR (Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research). He was Milan provincial councillor for education and school construction from June 2000 to July 2001. He sat in the Senate from May 2001 to March 2013 (14th, 15th and 16th legislatures).

MINISTER OF TOURISM



DANIELA SANTANCHÉ

Fratelli d'Italia

Born in Cuneo in 1961, Daniela Santanché graduated in politics from the University of Turin. She is an entrepreneur in the tourism industry and a business partner of Flavio Briatore.

Parliamentary experience. She began her political career in *Alleanza Nazionale*, working with Ignazio La Russa. She won her first seat in the Chamber of Deputies in 2001 and was also confirmed to Parliament in the 15th, 17th and 18th legislatures.

MINISTER OF CULTURE



GENNARO SANGIULIANO

Technocrat

Born in Naples in 1962, he graduated in law from Federico II University in Naples. He also has a PhD in law and economics. He started his career as a journalist in 1995 and joined the RAI in 2003. He was

appointed vice-director of TG1 in 2009 and director of TG2 in 2018.

Parliamentary experience. He was active in the *Fronte della Gioventù* and a district councillor for the *Movimento Sociale Italiano-Destra Nazionale* in the Soccavo district of Naples from 1983 to 1987. He ran in the 2001 general elections, in the centre-right lists, but was not elected.

MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO

MINISTER FOR RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT



LUCA CIRIANI

Fratelli d'Italia

Born in Pordenone in 1967, Luca Ciriani graduated in modern literature from the University of Trieste. He became politically active in the *Movimento Sociale Italiano* when still young.

Parliamentary experience. He was a town councillor in Fiume Veneto and then a regional councillor in Friuli, joining the regional government as councillor for sport and local self-government. He was re-elected as councillor in the 2003 regional elections in Friuli and became head of the *Alleanza Nazionale* group. In 2008, he joined *Popolo della Libertà* and was appointed vice-president of Regione Friuli and councillor for civil protection. Elected again as councillor in the 2013 elections, he stood down on being elected senator for *Fratelli d'Italia* in the 2018 general elections. He has been leader of the *Fratelli d'Italia* parliamentary group in the Senate since 2018.

MINISTER FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, COHESION POLICIES AND THE NRRP



RAFFAELE FITTO

Fratelli d'Italia

Born in Lecce in 1969, he graduated in law from “Aldo Moro” University in Bari. He began his political career in *Democrazia Cristiana*, which he left for *Forza Italia* and then, in 2019, *Fratelli d'Italia*.

Parliamentary experience. In 2000, he was president of Regione Puglia in a centre-right coalition. He was not re-elected governor of the region in 2005 but won a seat in the Chamber of Deputies in 2006. Having retained his seat in 2008 and 2013, he was elected an MEP in the *Forza Italia* lists in 2014. In 2019, he again won a seat in the European Parliament with *Fratelli d'Italia* and was appointed co-president of the European Conservatives and Reformists. In 2020, he was the centre-right candidate in the Puglia regional elections, losing against the outgoing president (*Partito Democratico*). He gained a seat in the Chamber of Deputies in the 2022 general elections.

MINISTER FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION



PAOLO ZANGRILLO

Forza Italia

Born in Genoa in 1961, Paolo Zangrillo graduated in law from the University of Milan. He began his career at Magneti Marelli and was vice-president for human resources at Fiat Powertrain Technologies.

Parliamentary experience. He was elected to the Chamber of Deputies in 2018 and appointed the new regional commissioner of *Forza Italia* in Piemonte and Valle d'Aosta. He was elected to the Senate, with an impressive margin, in the early elections in 2022.

MINISTER FOR REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND AUTONOMIES



ROBERTO CALDEROLI

Lega

Born in Bergamo in 1956, Roberto Calderoli graduated in medicine and surgery, specializing in maxillofacial surgery. He is a registered orthodontist.

Parliamentary experience. He was elected as town councillor in Bergamo in 1990 and was leader of the *Lega* group until 1995. He sat in the Chamber of Deputies from 1992 to 2001 and was elected to the Senate in 2001. He was also vice-president of the Senate in the last two legislatures.

He was Minister for Institutional Reforms and Devolution, from 2004 to 2006, in the 2nd and 3rd Berlusconi governments and Minister for Simplification of the Law from 2008 to 2011.

MINISTER FOR MARINE POLICIES AND SOUTHERN ITALY



SEBASTIANO NELLO MASUMECI

Fratelli d'Italia

Born in the province of Catania in 1955, Sebastiano Nello Masumeci graduated in communication sciences from Kore University in Enna. A freelance journalist since 1977, he currently works as a banker.

He became politically active when still young, in the *Movimento Sociale Italiano*, later switching to *Alleanza Nazionale* and, in 2005, to "*La Destra*". He joined *Fratelli d'Italia* in 2022.

Parliamentary experience. He was a provincial councillor in Catania from 1990 to 1993 and president of the Province of Catania from 1994 to 2003. In 1994, he was also elected to the European Parliament in the *Alleanza Nazionale* lists. He retained his seat in the next legislature, remaining in office until 2009. He was Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies in the 4th Berlusconi government (April to November 2011). Having run for president of Regione Sicilia in 2006 and 2012, he was finally elected President of the region in 2017 in a civic list. He was elected to the Senate in 2022.

MINISTER FOR THE FAMILY, BIRTH RATE AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES



EUGENIA MARIA ROCCELLA

Fratelli d'Italia

Born in Bologna in 1953, Eugenia Maria Roccella graduated in modern literature and then completed a PhD at the University of Rome “La Sapienza”. She is a professional journalist and writes for the *Il Foglio* and *Il Giornale* newspapers. She began her career in the “Women’s liberation movement” and later joined *Partito Radicale*. She then moved into the Catholic area and adopted a conservative stance entering *Il Popolo della Libertà*.

Parliamentary experience. Elected to the Chamber of Deputies for the first time in 2008 with “*Il Popolo della Libertà*”, she was appointed Under-Secretary for the Health Ministry. She was re-elected in 2013 with Angelino Alfano’s *Nuovo Centrodestra* party and in 2022 in the *Fratelli d'Italia* lists.

MINISTER OF SPORT AND YOUTH



ANDREA ABODI

Technocrat

Born in Rome in 1960, Andrea Abodi graduated in economics and commerce from LUISS Guido Carli University. He specialized in the industrial management of sport and the development of sport marketing. He was a director at CONI Servizi Spa and in 2017 was appointed president of Istituto per il Credito Sportivo.

Andrea Abodi is a technocrat minister chosen for his expertise in the area of sport.

MINISTER OF DISABILITY



ALESSANDRA LOCATELLI

Lega

Born in Como in 1976, Alessandra Locatelli graduated in sociology from the University of Milan-Bicocca. She has always been active in *Lega*.

Parliamentary experience. Elected to Como's city council in 2017, she became vice-mayor and councillor. Elected to the Chamber of Deputies in 2018, she was made Minister for Family Affairs and the Disabled in the 1st Conte government, replacing Lorenzo Fontana. In 2021, she was elected regional councillor in Lombardia and appointed Councillor for the Family, Social Solidarity, Disability and Equal Opportunities.

MINISTER FOR INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS



MARIA ELISABETTA ALBERTI CASELLATI

Forza Italia

Born in Rovigo, Maria Elisabetta Alberti Casellati studied law at the University of Ferrara and specialized in Roman canon law at the Pontifical Lateran University. She then worked as a researcher at the University of Padova while also practising as a matrimonial lawyer.

Parliamentary experience. She joined *Forza Italia* since its foundation and was elected to the Senate in the 12th legislature and again from the 14th to the 18th legislature. She has twice held the post of Under-Secretary of State and has been a member of the High Council of the Judiciary. She was President of the Senate in the 18th legislature.



Thank you.