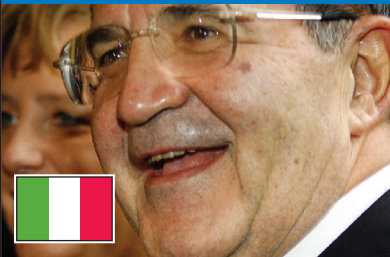


Italy



Prime Minister: ***Romano Prodi*** – Pragmatic left-of-centre reformer

Country area: **301,230 sq km**

Population: **58.1 million**

Capital city: **Rome**

Life expectancy (yrs): **77 (m), 83 (w)**

GDP – per capita: **\$28,700**

Unemployment: **7.7%**

Main exports: **Machinery, transport, chemicals, clothes, wine**

Religion: **Roman Catholic 85%**

Currency: **Euro**

Support for European Union: **52%**