

# Recent governments in Italy



**1 Apr 2000:** *Giuliano Amato* takes office at head of centre-left coalition

**2 Jun 2001:** *Silvio Berlusconi* forms new coalition government that includes two right-wing parties

**Apr 2005:** Coalition collapses after crushing defeat in regional polls – Berlusconi resigns but days later receives presidential mandate to form 60th post-war government

**3 Apr 2006:** Centre-left leader *Romano Prodi* wins closely-fought general election

**4 Jan 2008:** Prodi resigns after losing vote of confidence. Berlusconi wins general election, securing third term as Prime Minister in April

**5 Nov 2011:** As doubts grow over Italy's debt burden, Berlusconi resigns after failing to secure majority in vote on public finance in lower house. Former EU commissioner *Mario Monti* nominated to form government of technocrats

**Dec 2012:** Berlusconi's party withdraws support from Monti's government – parliament dissolved

**Feb 2013:** General election produces stalemate between centre-right and centre-left blocs

**6 Apr 24:** *Enrico Letta*, deputy head of centre-left **Democratic Party**, invited by President to head grand coalition