

# Giuseppe Conte – Italy's premier designate

Giuseppe Conte, a law professor with scant political experience, has been picked as the candidate for prime minister by Italy's anti-establishment 5-Star Movement and the far-right League



Five Star leader **Luigi Di Maio** (above) and League leader **Matteo Salvini** (far right) both ruled themselves out of top job



Appointment of **Giuseppe Conte** (centre) must be approved by Italy's head of state – President **Sergio Mattarella**

■ **Aug 8, 1964: Giuseppe Conte** is born in Volturara Appula in southern region of Puglia – bedrock of 5-Star support

■ **1988:** Graduates from La Sapienza University in Rome after studying law. Continues his education at Yale (U.S.), Sorbonne (France) and Cambridge University (UK)

■ **Career:** Professor Conte teaches law at Florence University and LUISS private university in Rome, where he lives

■ **Politics:** Left-leaning, Conte is said to be close to Five Star, saying “ideological frameworks of the 20th century are no longer appropriate”

■ **Coalition government:** Top cabinet positions will likely see Salvini become interior minister – to oversee curbs on immigration – and Di Maio become minister for economic development, to introduce universal income for poor, a signature Five Star policy