

“Super Mario” joins Italy’s technocrats

Former European Central Bank chief Mario Draghi has agreed to form a government to steer Italy through its health and economic crises



1993-94, Carlo Azeglio Ciampi: Following series of corruption scandals, former central banker takes over as prime minister



1995-96, Lamberto Dini: Central bank economist appointed following fall of **Silvio Berlusconi's** government



2011-13, Mario Monti: Former European Commissioner introduces tax hikes and pension reforms



Feb 2021, Mario Draghi: Will have €209 billion from European Union's €1.8 trillion Covid recovery fund

Crisis: GDP plunges by almost 20%

2008: 2.41
GDP at start of financial crisis

Gross domestic product
(current prices, \$ trillions)

1.81

2.09

1.84

1.85

Jan 13, 2021: Dispute over Prime Minister **Giuseppe Conte's** (inset) blueprint for post-pandemic recovery. Former prime minister **Matteo Renzi** pulls his Italia Viva party out of coalition government



Jan 26: Conte resigns

1.17

1.31

1.27

1.05

1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015 2020