

Meloni urges allies to unite

Brussels views Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's cabinet appointments as a sign that she is seeking to appease concerns about the direction of the eurozone's third-largest economy

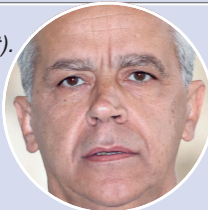


■ **Coalition:** Comprises Meloni's far-right *Brothers of Italy* party, Matteo Salvini's anti-immigration *League* and Silvio Berlusconi's right-wing *Forza Italia*

■ **Foreign Minister:** **Antonio Tajani*** (left). Former president of EU parliament, deputy-leader of Forza Italia since 2018. Considered safe pair of hands by EU



■ **Interior Minister:** **Matteo Piantedosi** (right). Career civil servant who was chief of staff to League leader Salvini, helping him shape hard-line ideas on illegal immigration



■ **Economy Minister:** **Giancarlo Giorgetti** (left). Veteran politician viewed as moderate and relatively pro-European League member



■ **Defence Minister:** **Guido Crosetto** (right). "Gentle giant" is close aide to Meloni and co-founder of Brothers of Italy



■ **Industry Minister:** **Adolfo Urso** (right). Brothers of Italy member is likely to continue policy of blocking foreign acquisitions of strategic Italian companies



■ **Infrastructure Minister:** **Matteo Salvini*** (left). Populist agenda includes mass deportations of boat migrants, sweeping tax cuts and lowering retirement age



*Tajani and Salvini are also deputy premiers