

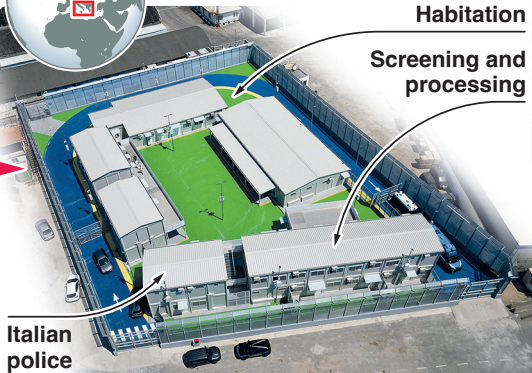
# Italy's overseas migrant centres

Italy has opened the first of two controversial migrant camps in neighbouring Albania – a move it hopes will reduce the number of illegal sea crossings to its shores

Italian PM  
**Giorgia Meloni**

**Cost to Italy:**  
Believed to be upwards of  
€650 million

Albanian PM **Edi Rama**



- Number of migrants crossing into Italy, 2023: **153,000**
- Number of migrants Albanian centres can process: **36,000 per year**
- Why Albania is allowing scheme: **To boost its image overseas as it negotiates for membership of European Union**