1. Membership in UNESCO: since 27 January 1948

2. Membership on the Executive Board: yes (term expires in 2019)

3. Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.
   - Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation. Member (term expires in 2019)
   - Legal Committee (term expires in 2017)
   - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
   - International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (term expires in 2019)
   - Conciliation and Good Offices Commission Responsible for Seeking the Settlement of any Disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education (term expires in 2017)

4. The Director-General’s visits to Italy: 8
   - 3-4 November 2016: Venice, Italy, visit on the occasion of the city’s commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the major flooding in 1966
   - 14-15 February 2016: Perugia, Italy on 15 February, to be awarded with a Doctor Honoris Causa Degree at the University for Foreigners. On 16 February, in Rome (the Baths of Diocletian-Terme di Diocleziano) to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Italy.
   - 31 July –1 August 2015: to take part in the International Conference of the Ministers of Culture of the Countries participating in Expo Milan 2015, entitled “Culture as a Tool to Improve the Dialogue among Peoples”, organized by the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities and Tourism.
   - 2-6 October 2014: to participate in the 3rd edition of the UNESCO World Forum on Culture and Cultural Industries in Florence (2 October); meeting at the Italian Parliament on the theme “United Nations and the management of World Water Resources: the cooperation between Italy and UNESCO” in Rome (3 October); and attend to the opening of the ICTP's conference “50th years of Science for the Future Forum” in Trieste (6 October)
   - 31 August – 3 September 2012: Naples – visit of World Heritage sites, participation in the UNHABITAT Summit
   - 17 May 2011: Second UNESCO World Forum on Culture and Cultural Industries, Monza
   - 22 to 23 November 2010: official visit
   - 6-7 October 2010 (Milan): to receive a degree honoris causa in European and International Politics from the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, meeting with Mayor of Milan Letizia Moratti.

5. The former Director-General’s visits to Italy: 11
   - 28 September 2009 (Monza): UNESCO World Forum on Culture and Cultural Industries
   - 19-22 November 2007: official visit
   - 10-11 février 2006 (Turin): Jeux olympiques d'hiver
   - 16-17 mai 2005 (Trieste): Cérémonie de remise du Prix ICTP 2004 et entretien avec Sénateur Roberto Antonione, Sous-secrétaire d’Etat aux affaires étrangères
   - 9-12 avril 2002 (Rome): session de la CEB et entretien avec M. Silvio Berlusconi, Premier Ministre (le 10 avril 2002)
• 20 mai 2000 (Ancona): Conférence sur la sécurité et le développement de l'Adriatique et la Mer Ionienne

6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:
• Permanent Delegate: H.E. Ms Vincenza Lomonaco (since 27 September 2013)
• Staff: Mr Arnaldo Minuti, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mr Eugenio Poti, First Secretary, Mr Gianpetro Romano, First Secretary
• Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Maurizio Enrico Luigi Serra (January 2010 – August 2013); H.E. Mr Giuseppe Moscato (September 2005 – November 2009); H.E. Mr Francesco Caruso (March 2002 – September 2005)

7. The Italian National Commission for UNESCO:
• Date of establishment: 11 February 1950
• President: Mr Franco Bernabè (since April 2016)
• Secretary-General: Mr Enrico Vicenti (since May 2016)

8. Italian personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:
• Mr Giuseppina Nicolini, Mayor of Lampedusa, winner of the Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize
• Mr Giancarlo Elia Valori, Goodwill Ambassador (2001)
• Mr Francesco Margiotta-Broglio, member of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission Responsible for Seeking the Settlement of any Disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education (term expires in 2017)
• Prof. Laura Palazzani, member of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (term expires in 2019)

9. UNESCO institutions in Italy:
• UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe (BRESCE)
  - Date of establishment: 6 December 1988 (previously Regional Office for Science and Technology for Europe - ROSTE)
  - Name of Head: Ms Ana Luiza Thompson-Flores – Director
  - Staff size: 18
• International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)
  - Date of establishment: 1964
  - Name of Head: Mr Fernando Quevedo
  - Staff size: 30 permanent scientists and 112 research associates, long-term contract scientists, post-docs and scientific consultants
• Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS)
  - Date of establishment: 1983
  - Name of Head: Mr Romain Murenzi
• United Nations World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP)
  - Transferred to Italy in 2009
  - Name of Head (Coordinator): Mr Stefan Uhlenbrook - Coordinator
  - Staff size: 11
10. UNESCO Chairs: 25 Chairs and 1 Unitwin Network

- UNESCO Chair on Heritage and urban regeneration (2016), University IUAV of Venice
- UNESCO Chair on the prevention and sustainable management of geo-hydrological hazards (2016), University of Florence
- UNESCO Chair on Landscape, Cultural Heritage, and Territorial Governance (2016), The Research Centre of Competence of the Campania Region for Cultural Heritage, Ecology and Economy (BENECON), Caserta
- UNESCO Chair on Mediterranean Cultural Landscapes and Communities of Knowledge (2016), University of Basilicata, Potenza
- UNESCO Chair on New paradigms and instruments for bio-cultural landscape management (2015), The Higher Institute on Territorial Systems for Innovation (SiTI), Torino
- UNESCO Chair on Training and Empowering Human Resources for Health Development in Resource-Limited Countries (2014), University of Brescia
- UNESCO Chair on Anticipatory Systems (2013), University of Trento
- UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Urban Quality and Urban Culture, notably in Africa (2013), University of Rome-La Sapienza
- UNESCO Chair on Water Resources Management and Culture (2013), University for Foreigners in Perugia
- Chaire UNESCO « Anthropologie de la santé biosphère et systèmes de soins » (2013), Université de Gênes
- UNESCO Chair in Energy for Sustainable Development (2012), Politecnico di Milano
- UNESCO Chair in Architectural Preservation and Planning in Heritage Cities (2012), Politecnico di Milano
- UNESCO Chair in Engineering for Human and Sustainable Development (2011), Università Degli Studi di Trento
- UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Development and Territory Management (2010), University of Turin
- UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights (2009), Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum, Università Europea di Roma
- UNESCO Chair in Urban and Regional Planning for Sustainable Local Development (2008), Università degli Studi di Ferrara
- UNESCO Chair in Social and Spatial Inclusion of International Migrants: Urban Policies and Practice (2008), Università Iuav di Venezia
- UNESCO Chair in Population, Migrations and Development (2008), Sapienza University of Rome
- UNESCO Chair in Religious Pluralism and Peace (2008), Bologna University
- UNESCO Chair in Cultural and Comparative Studies on the Imaginary (2006), Libera Università di Lingue e Comunicazione
- UNESCO Transdisciplinary Chair in Human Development and Culture of Peace (2006), Università degli Studi di Firenze
- Chaire UNESCO de Droits de l’homme et éthique de la coopération internationale (2003), Università degli Studi di Bergamo, Bergamo
- Chaire UNESCO sur la Paix, le développement culturel et les politiques culturelles (1999), Institut international Jacques Maritain, Rome
- UNESCO Chair in Human Rights, Democracy and Peace (1999), Università degli Studi di Padova, Padova
- UNESCO Interdisciplinary Chair in Biotechnology (1998), «Tor Vergata» University of Rome, Rome
- Network on International Cooperation and Development (2015), University of Pavia and the University of Bethlehem

11. Associated Schools: 25 (9 primary, 1 primary/secondary, 14 secondary, 1 teacher training institution). Italy joined the ASPnet in 1957.

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 1

- International Research Centre on the Economics of Culture and World Heritage Studies (Turin)

13. UNESCO Clubs: 102 Clubs, coordinated by the Italian Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Centres
14. **Biosphere Reserves**: 15

- Toscana (2016)
- Collina Po (2016)
- The Ledro Alps and Judicaria (2015)
- The Po Delta (2015)
- Sila (2014)
- Mont-Viso Area della Biosfera del Monviso (2013) - transboundary with France
- Tuscan Islands (2003)
- Selva Pisana (2004)
- Valle del Ticino (2002)
- Cilento and Vallo di Diano (1997)
- Somma-Vesuvio and Miglio d’Oro (1997)
- Circeo (1977)
- Collemeluccio-Montedimezzo (1977)
- Miramare (1979)

15. **Global Geoparks Network**: 10

- Madonie
- Beigua
- Geological Mining Park of Sardenia
- Rocca di Cerere
- Adamello-Brenta
- Cilento, Vallo di Diano e Alburni
- Tuscan Mining
- Apuan Alps
- Sesia Val Grande
- Pollino

16. **World Heritage Sites**: 51 (47 cultural and 4 natural)

**Cultural Sites**: 47

- Arab-Norman Palermo and the Cathedral Churches of Cefalú and Monreale (2015)
- Vineyard Landscape of Piedmont: Langhe-Roero and Monferrato (2014)
- Medici Villas and Gardens in Tuscany (2013)
- Longobards in Italy. Places of the power (568-774 A.D.) (2011)
- Prehistoric Pile dwellings around the Alps (2011)
- Mantua and Sabbioneta (2008)
- Rhaetian Railway in the Albula / Bernina Landscapes (2008)
- Genoa: Le Strade Nuove and the system of the Palazzi dei Rolli (2006)
- Syracuse and the Rocky Necropolis of Pantalica (2005)
- Val d’Orcia (2004)
- Late Baroque Towns of the Val di Noto (South-Eastern Sicily) (2002)
- Villa d’Este, Tivoli (2001)
- Assisi, the Basilica of San Francesco and Other Franciscan Sites (2000)
- City of Verona (2000)
- Villa Adriana (Tivoli) (1999)
- Archaeological Area and the Patriarchal Basilica of Aquileia (1998)
- Cilento and Vallo di Diano National Park with the Archeological sites of Paestum and Velia, and the Certosa di Padula (1998)
- Historic Centre of Urbino (1998)
- Costiera Amalfitana (1997)
- Su Nuraxi di Barumini (1997)
- 18th-Century Royal Palace at Caserta with the Park, the Aqueduct of Vanvitelli, and the San Leucio Complex (1997)
- Archaeological Area of Agrigento (1997)
- Archaeological Areas of Pompei, Herculanenum and Torre Annunziata (1997)
- Botanical Garden (Orto Botanico), Padua (1997)
- Cathedral, Torre Civica and Piazza Grande, Modena (1997)
- Portovenere, Cinque Terre, and the Islands (Palmaria, Tino and Tinetto) (1997)
- Residences of the Royal House of Savoy (1997)
- Villa Romana del Casale (1997)
- Historic Centre of the City of Pienza (1996)
• Early Christian Monuments of Ravenna (1996)
• Castel del Monte (1996)
• The Trulli of Alberobello (1996)
• Historic Centre of Naples (1995)
• Crespi d’Adda (1995)
• Historic Centre of Siena (1995)
• Ferrara, City of the Renaissance, and its Po Delta (1995)
• City of Vicenza and the Palladian Villas of the Veneto (1994)
• The Sassi and the Park of the Rupestrian Churches of Matera (1993)
• Historic Centre of San Gimignano (1990)
• Venice and its Lagoon (1987)
• Piazza del Duomo, Pisa (1987)
• Historic Centre of Florence (1982)
• Historic Centre of Rome, the Properties of the Holy See in that City Enjoying Extraterritorial Rights and San Paolo Fuori le Mura (1980) (transboundary site)
• Church and Dominican Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie with “The Last Supper” by Leonardo da Vinci (1980)
• Rock Drawings in Valcamonica (1979)

Natural sites: 4
• Mount Etna (2013)
• The Dolomites (2009)
• Monte San Giorgio (2003)
• Isole Eolie (Aeolian Islands) (2000)

17. Tentative List: 42 properties
• Les Alpes de la Méditerranée (2017)
• The Cultural Landscape of Civita di Bagnoregio (2017)
• The cultural landscape of the Benedictine settlements in medieval Italy (2016)
• Padova Urbs Picta. Giotto, the Scrovegni Chapel and the 14th century painting cycles (2016)
• Extension to the Joint World Heritage Property “Primeval Beech forests of the Carpathians (Slovak Republic and Ukraine) and the Ancient Beech forests of Germany (Germany)” (2015)
• Great Spas of Europe (2014)
• The Venetian Works of defence between 15th and 17th centuries (2013)
• Parco Nazionale della Sila – Sila, gran bosco d’Italia (2012)
• Ivrea, industrial city of the 20th century (2012)
• The Prosecco Hills of Conegliano and Valdobbiadene. (Le Colline del Prosecco di Conegliano e Valdobbiadene) (2010)
• Massif du Mont-Blanc (inscription comme patrimoine naturel transfrontalier, avec France et Suisse) (2008)
• The Marble Basin of Carrara (2006)
• The Transhumance: The Royal Shepherd’s Track (2006)
• Volterra: Historical City and Cultural Landscape (2006)
• The Aniene valley and Villa Gregoriana in Tivoli (2006)
• The Murge of Altamura (2006)
• The Lower Palaeolithic Palaeosurfaces at Lake Maggiore and Lake D’Orta lakelands (2006)
• Karstic caves in prehistoric Apulia (2006)
• Citadel of Alessandria (2006)
• Historic centre of Pavia and Chartreuse (2006)
• The city of Bergamo (2006)
• Hanbury botanical gardens (2006)
• Historic Centre of Lucca (2006)
• Orvieto (2006)
• Via Appia "Regina Viarum" (2006)
• Villas of the Papal Nobility (2006)
• Historic Centre of Parma (2006)
• Salento and the "Barocco Lecceese" (2006)
• Cattolica Monastery in Stilo and Basilian-Byzantine complexes (2006)
• Ponds in the Bay of Oristano and the Sinis Peninsula island of Mal di Ventre (2006)
• Fortress Town of Palmanova (2006)
• Romanesque Cathedrals in Puglia (2006)
• Taormina and Isola Bella (2006)
• Archipelago of La Maddalena and Islands of Bocche di Bonifacio (2006)
• Mithia Island and Lilibeo: The Phoenician-Punic Civilization in Italy (2006)
• Bradyseism in the Flegrea Area (2006)
• Cascata delle Marmore and Valnerina: Monastic sites and ancient hydrogeological reclamation works (2006)
• Pelagos: The Cetacean Sanctuary
18. **Intangible Heritage lists:** 7 elements on the Representative List
- Falconry, a living human heritage together with the United Arab Emirates, Austria, Belgium, Czechia, France, Germany, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Morocco, Pakistan, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Spain and Syrian Arab Republic (2016)
- Traditional agricultural practice of cultivating the “vite ad alberello” (head-trained bush vines) of the community of Pantelleria (2014)
- Celebration of big shoulder-borne processional structures (2013)
- The Mediterranean diet, jointly with Cyprus, Croatia, Greece, Morocco, Portugal and Spain (2013)
- Traditional violin craftsmanship in Cremona (2012)
- Opera dei Pupi, Sicilian Puppet Theatre (2008)
- Canto a tenore, Sardinian Pastoral Songs

19. **Creative Cities Network:** 5
- Rome, UNESCO City of Film (2015)
- Parma, UNESCO City of Gastronomy (2015)
- Torino, UNESCO City of Design (2014)
- Fabriano, UNESCO City of Craft and Folk Art (2013)
- Bologna, UNESCO City of Music (2006)

20. **Memory of the World Register:** 7 inscriptions
- Collection of Barbanera Almanacs (2015)
- The work of Fray Bernardino de Sahagún (1499-1590) (2015), with Mexico
- Lucca’s Historical Diocesan Archives (2011)
- The Malatesta Novello Library (2005)
- The Bibliotheca Corviniana Collection (joint nomination: Hungary with Austria, Belgium, France, Germany and Italy) (2005)

21. **Legal instruments:** 30 ratified and 10 non-ratified
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: ratified (8 January 2010)
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (27 February 2008)

22. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017:** none

23. **Participation Programme:** no requests submitted since 2000. Italy owes two evaluations and financial reports for projects implemented between 1998 and 2001.

24. **Fellowships:**
- 2 fellowships awarded since 2010 for a total amount of US$ 23,146.
- 10 fellowships awarded to Italian nationals since 2007, for a total amount of US$137,983
- 14 fellowships were awarded in 2004 under the UNESCO/Italy Co-sponsored Fellowships for Iraqi Women, for a total amount of US$ 298,420

25. **NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO:** 15
- Association of Private Committees for the Safeguarding of Venice, Italy
- Associazione Internazionale New Humanity, Roma and Milano, Italy
- Caritas Internationalis (CARITAS)
- Community of Mediterranean Universities (CMU)
- Fondazione Idis Citta Della Scienza (IDIS)
• Forum Internazionale Delle Donne Del Mediterraneo (IMWF)
• International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL)
• International Union of Notaries (IULN)
• Jacques Maritain International Institute
• Mediterranean Women's Forum (MWF)
• Society for International Development (SID)
• Stichting Eifl.net
• World Organization of Former Pupils of Catholic Education (OMAAEEC)
• World Underwater Federation (CMAS)
• World Union of Catholic Teachers (WUCT)

26. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016/2017**: fully paid
   - Assessment rate for 2016/2017: 3.748%
   - Contributions assessed for 2016/2017: US$ 24,474,440

27. **Extrabudgetary contributions (in US$):**

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28. **Representation within the Secretariat (min. 11, max. 18)**: over-represented, with 23 professional staff (min. 10, max. 16)
   - 15 professional staff at Headquarters in geographical posts
   - 8 professional staff in the field in geographical posts