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## Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Italy)

The **Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Italy)** is responsible for the State's functions, tasks and duties in matters concerning Italy's political, economic, social and cultural relations with other countries. It's duty, therefore, is **to ensure that the international and European activities of Italy's other ministries and government offices are consistent with the country's international policy objectives.**

The **main functions** of the Foreign Ministry:

- International relations, especially establishing closer relations with the emerging economies, enhancing Italy's contribution to international security and contributing to our country's energy security
- Representing the Italian position in the European integration process, in implementing the European Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), and in the European Union's external political and economic relations
- Support for enterprise, economic-commercial questions, promoting the "Made in Italy" brand and supporting Italian businesses abroad
- Promoting the Italian language and culture abroad, through Italian schools, scholarships and grants for foreign citizens, language courses organised by the Italian Cultural Institutes, and archaeological missions
- Support and services for Italians abroad through the consular register office, assistance and protection for residents and tourists, intervention in emergencies, consular services, help for Italian prisoners abroad and assistance in cases involving international child abduction
- Entry visas to Italy
- Development Cooperation with the double objective of ensuring that human rights are protected and fostering the economic growth of all peoples
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