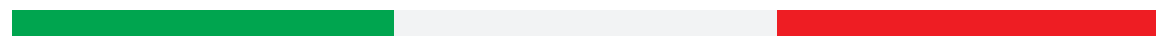


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ITALY FOR YOUR HIGHER EDUCATION



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EXCELLENCE

Italy is one of the 4 countries that first engaged in creating the European Higher Education Area, to foster the innovation and comparability of the higher education systems in Europe.

The Italian higher education system is based on the scientific method and a creative approach, which help students develop critical thinking and a problem-solving attitude.

It offers a variety of study programmes, many of which are international and/or taught in English.



INNOVATION

Italy has always been home to creativity and innovation. Outstanding Italians have always connected creativity and innovation with beauty.

Today 14 business incubators and 35 scientific parks foster innovation in both arts and technology in partnership with the Higher Education System.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Italian businesses offer excellent opportunities for fruitful internship and work experiences.

Italy ranks among the 8 most industrialized countries in the world. Italian industry is known for its excellence around the world, and Italian companies participate actively in forming high quality human capital, providing apprenticeships and job-training opportunities for graduates and PhDs.



HOSPITALITY

Italian Higher Education Institutions have welcomed foreign students and researchers for centuries. The friendliness of the people is matched by Italy's pleasant climate and excellent food.

Italy is the 10th destination in the global flow of higher-education students (UNESCO).

ITALY OFFERS PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES:



- 67 STATE UNIVERSITIES
- 20 NON-STATE LEGALLY RECOGNISED UNIVERSITIES
- 11 OPEN UNIVERSITIES

- 59 STATE MUSIC CONSERVATORIES
- 18 NON-STATE LEGALLY RECOGNIZED MUSIC INSTITUTIONS
- 20 STATE ACADEMIES OF FINE ARTS
- 17 NON-STATE LEGALLY RECOGNISED ACADEMIES OF FINE ARTS
- 1 NATIONAL DANCE ACADEMY
- 1 NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DRAMA
- 5 HIGHER SCHOOLS OF DESIGN (ISIA)
- 30 INSTITUTIONS OFFERING ACCREDITED COURSES



COURSES

UNIVERSITY COURSES

1st cycle: **2,550**

2nd cycle: **2,254**

AFAM COURSES

5,327

TOTAL: 10,131



PEOPLE

Students: **1,809,000**

Of which foreigners: **108,000**

1st year enrolled
students: **348,000**

Graduates: **356,000**



249 Higher Education
Institutions

STAFF

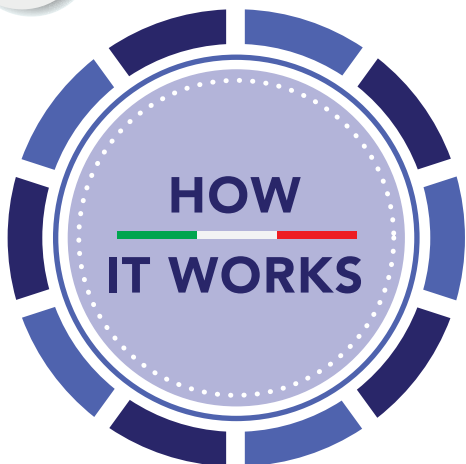


Academic Staff:

85,500

Administrative staff:

57,000



The Italian HE System is organized in **three cycles**, according to the principles of the **European Higher Education Area** (EHEA). Specific qualifications are associated with each cycle, allowing students to progress with their studies, participate in public recruitment competitions, take part in all European mobility programs, enter the labour market and develop professional careers.

HE study and degree courses are structured in credits.

A **credit** (CFU for Universities, CFA for AFAM) is equivalent to about 25 hours of student workload, including individual study.

Conventionally the average workload of a full-time student in one academic year corresponds to 60 credits. The CFU/CFA system is based on the ECTS system adopted by the EHEA.

Italy has a policy of support for **outstanding students** coming from all over the world, who can apply for grants, accommodation and financial support.



THE THREE CYCLES FOR UNIVERSITIES AND FOR ARTS AND MUSIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (AFAM)

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- **1st cycle** (Bachelor level):
Corso di Laurea and Corso di Diploma Accademico di I livello
(180 credits; 3 years)
- **2nd cycle** (Master level):
Corso di Laurea Magistrale and Corso di Diploma Accademico di II livello
(120 credits; 2 years)
Corso di Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico
(single-cycle course: from 300 to 360 credits; from 5 to 6 years)
- **3rd cycle** (PhD level):
Corso di Dottorato di Ricerca (3-4 years)
Specialization Course (variable duration)

A first cycle degree gives access to:

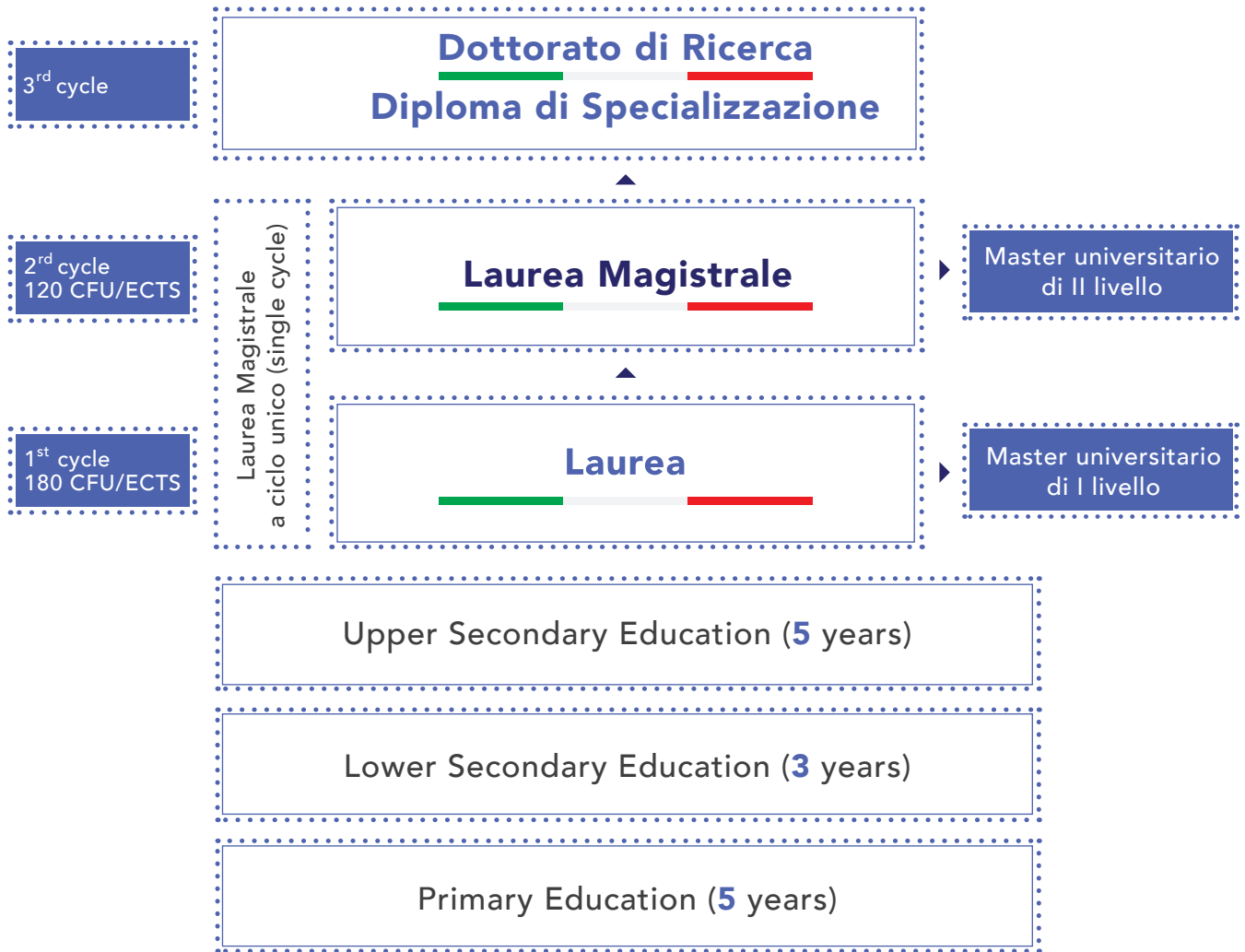
- Corso di Laurea Magistrale, Corso di Diploma Accademico di II livello or
- Master Universitario di I livello
(professionally-oriented post-graduate course - I level), or
- Diploma di Specializzazione di I livello (Specialization Degree – I level)

A second cycle degree gives access to:

- Corso di Dottorato di Ricerca, or
- Master Universitario di II livello
(professionally-oriented post-graduate course - II level)
- Specialization Course
- Diploma di Specializzazione di II livello
(Specialization Degree – II level)

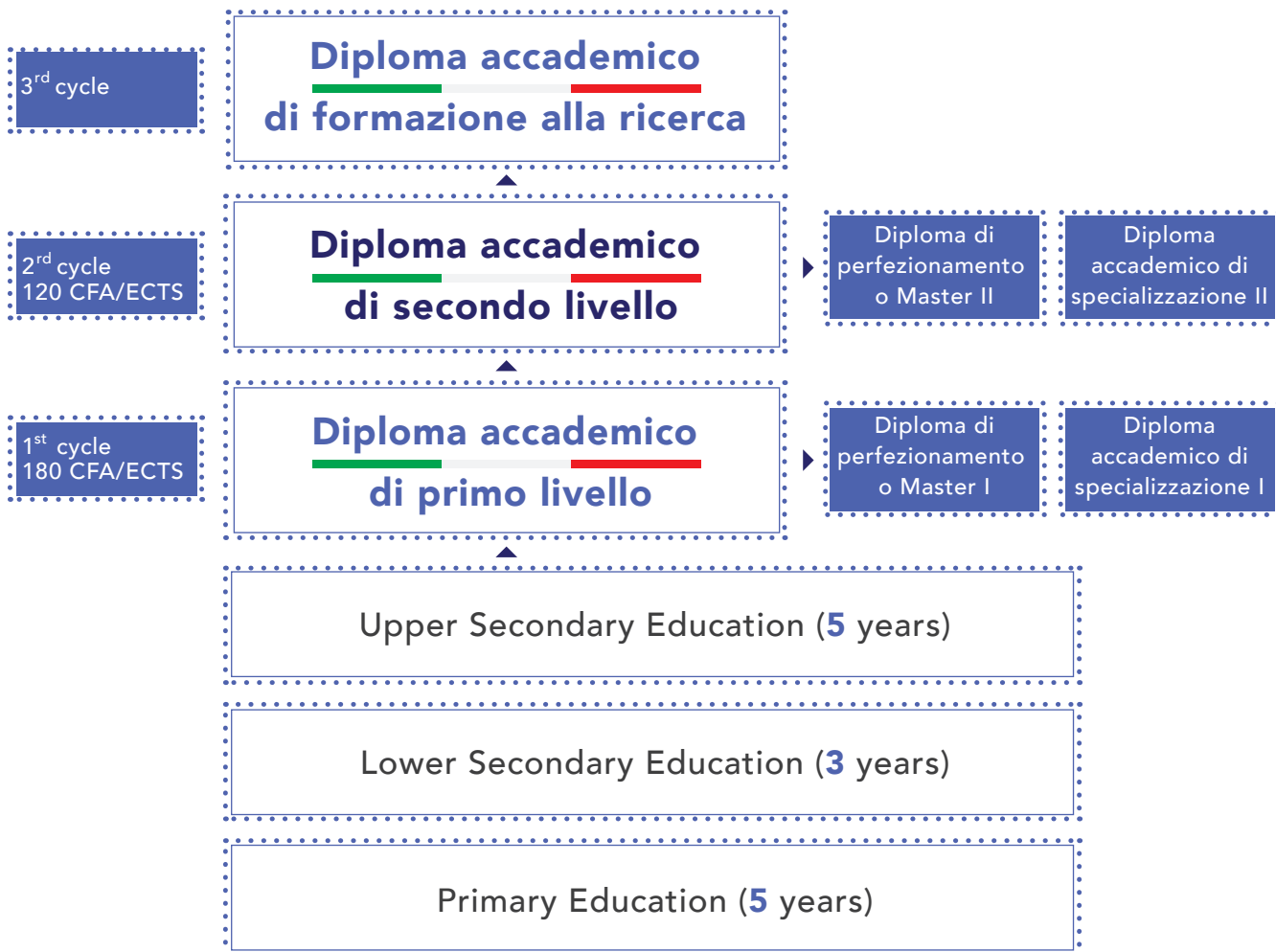


THE ITALIAN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM



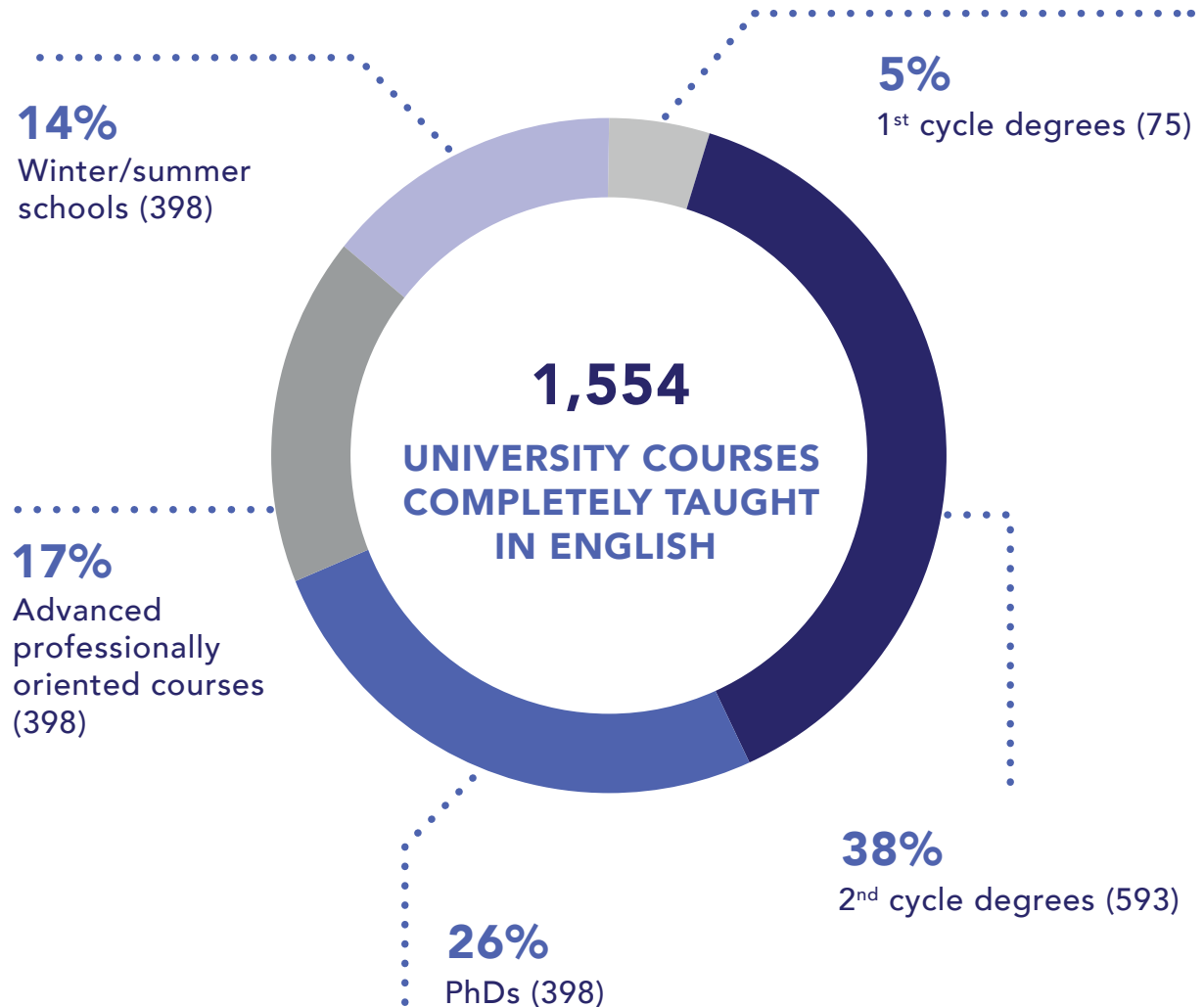


THE ITALIAN AFAM SYSTEM





THE WORLD WITHIN OUR BORDERS





If you are a **non-EU student**, you need an **entry visa** (before leaving your country) and a **residency permit** (upon your arrival in Italy) for study purposes.

Unless you apply for a programme taught in English, you will also need to know **Italian** in order to enroll. The Italian Diplomatic-Consular Missions can provide all the information you need on the procedure.

You can contact:

the network of the Italian Cultural Institutes (IIC)
Uni-Italia **centres abroad** (in China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Vietnam).



STUDY IN ITALY STEP-BY-STEP

- **Find your programme** (www.universitaly.it);
- **Verify your course entry requirements and your knowledge of the Italian language** (check the institution's website);
- **Contact the higher education institution** (to know all the relevant details for international applicants);
- **Start your online pre-enrolment application** (creating your [online account](#) on the Universitaly portal and filling in the online form);
- **Apply for your student visa** (check if you need a student visa on <https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en>. If your application is positively evaluated and the letter of eligibility for enrolment is issued by the Italian higher education institution, you can apply for the visa through the Universitaly portal);
- **Contact the Italian Diplomatic Consular Mission/Embassy in your country** (to book an appointment, if your application is validated).

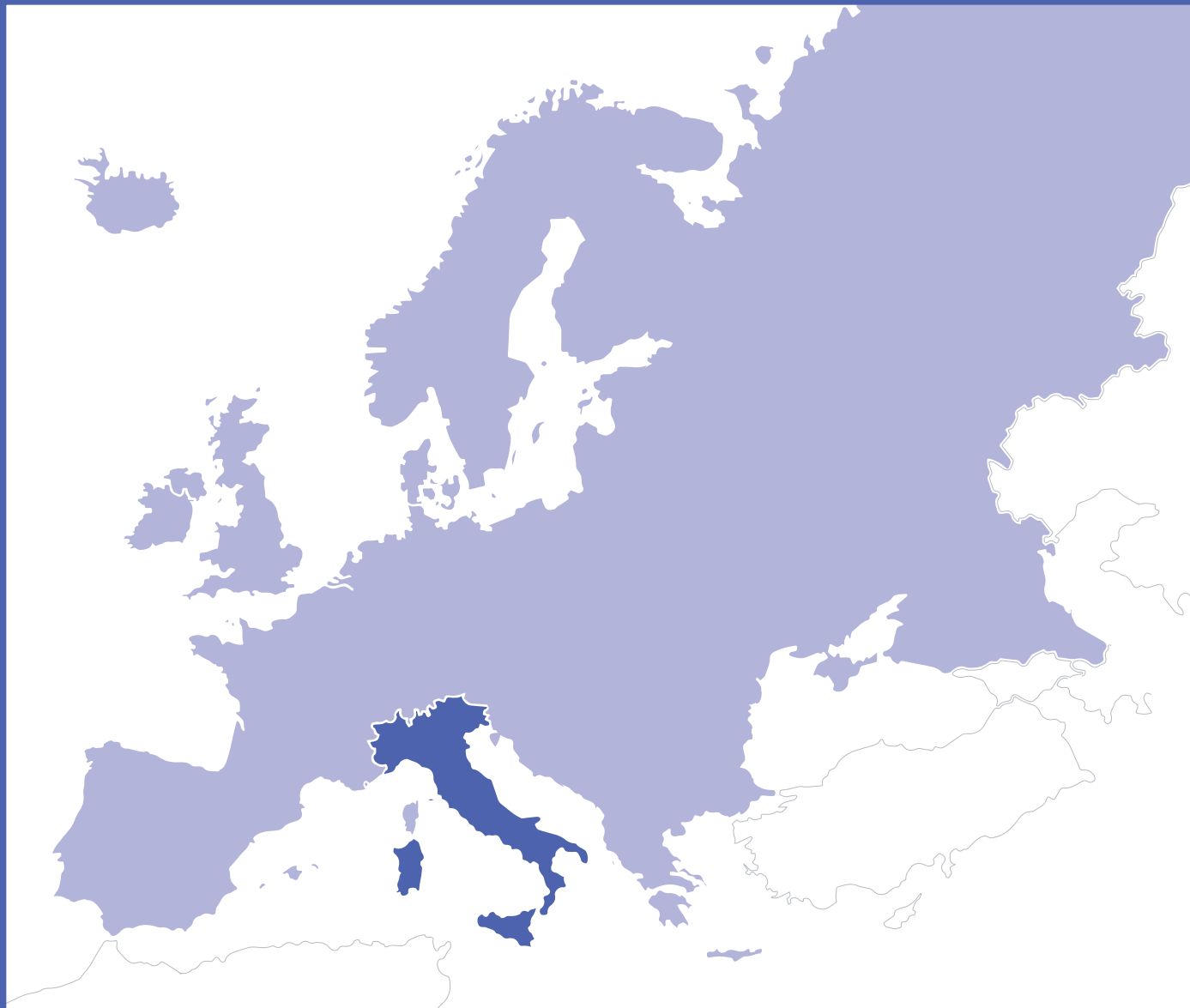


UPON YOUR ARRIVAL IN ITALY

- **Request your permit of stay** (within 8 working days of your arrival in Italy);
- **Finalise your enrolment** (follow all the procedures and steps indicated by your higher education institution in order to finalise your enrolment and to become an Italian International Student).

The Italian higher education institution will give you all the relevant information on services and possibilities for international students at national and local level to have a unique experience here in Italy.

For detailed information on the whole pre-enrolment procedure visit [University](#), the official platform for international students in Italy.



ITALY

YOUR EDUCATION IN EUROPE



Ministry of Foreign Affairs and
International Cooperation



Ministry of University and Research



Conference of Italian University Rectors



Confederation of Italian Industries



Information Centre on
Academic Mobility and Equivalence



Centre for the Academic Promotion
and Orientation of Study in Italy