



# Global Health Summit

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**Media Handbook**

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# ABOUT THE GLOBAL HEALTH SUMMIT

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On May 21, 2021, in Rome, the Italian Government and the European Commission will co-host the "Global Health Summit", a special event of the Italian G20 Presidency dedicated to the theme of global health security.

Ahead of the Global Health Assembly (24 May-1 June 2021), the Global Health Summit will provide world leaders a timely opportunity to share lessons learned from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and look to the future at how to improve global health security through enhanced cooperation and joint action, in a spirit of global solidarity.

The main aim of the Summit is to agree on a joint set of principles that would serve as a basis for coordinated action at global, regional and national levels to strengthen health systems and improve preparedness and response capabilities. Key themes such as equity/solidarity, evidence/science base, sustainable financing and partnerships, will be addressed.

The Summit will reinforce the work of multilateral institutions and frameworks already in place, notably supporting WHO leadership and the International Health Regulations. It aims to bring coherence to the various health initiatives and processes, taking place in international fora such as G7, G20, and the World Health Organization (WHO).

The preparation of the Summit will be an inclusive process informed by scientific evidence, civil society and other stakeholder views, as well as those of relevant international fora and multilateral institutions.

# PARTICIPANTS

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The G20 members: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union. The Netherlands, Singapore and Spain are guest countries.

The Heads of State and Government from Portugal (as Presidency of the Council of the EU), Norway (as Co-Chair of the ACT-Accelerator), and Switzerland.

The Heads of international and regional organizations such as the United Nations (UN), the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the African Union, the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

The representatives of Global Health Actors such as the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations (GAVI), the Global Fund and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI).

# GLOBAL HEALTH SUMMIT: A SPECIAL G20 EVENT

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## About G20

The G20 is the international forum that brings together the world's major economies. Its members account for more than 80% of world GDP, 75% of global trade and 60% of the population of the planet. The forum has met every year since 1999 and includes, since 2008, a yearly Summit, with the participation of the respective Heads of State and Government. In addition to the Summit, ministerial and finance track Deputies meetings, working groups and special events are organized throughout the year. The G20 does not have a permanent secretariat: its agenda and activities are established by the rotating Presidencies, in cooperation with the membership.

## Origins of the G20

In 1999, in the wake of the 1997 economic crisis, the G7 Finance Ministers announced the creation of the "Group of 20", aimed at including other countries in their discussions related to global economics and finance. The first official meeting of the G20 was held in Berlin in December that same year. The G20 Leaders have met every year since 2010.

# ITALIAN G20 PRESIDENCY

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The pandemic has had profound impacts on the health of humans worldwide. It has affected peoples' livelihoods, our economies, international trade. It has added its burden onto other systemic problems, from climate change to inequality, which are hampering our ability to fully prosper and express our potential. It has also made one thing clear: we live in an era in which local problems swiftly become global challenges. This, however, also means that we can work together to recover from this crisis and seize the opportunity to build back better, learning from our shared experience and ensuring that efficient, innovative tools and technologies become the basis for a more resilient, sustainable and greener growth.

In an increasingly interconnected world, multilateralism is far more than an abstract concept. It is the key to responding to these challenges, and the G20, bringing together much of the world's population and of the global economy, must live up to its role. This is why the 2021 G20, under the Italian Presidency, will focus on three broad, interconnected pillars of action: People, Planet, Prosperity.

Within these pillars, we are taking the lead in ensuring a swift international response to the pandemic - able to provide equitable, worldwide access to diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines - while building up resilience to future health-related shocks.

We are also looking beyond the crisis, towards ensuring a rapid recovery that addresses people's needs. This implies a focus on reducing inequalities, on women's empowerment, on the younger generations and on protecting the most vulnerable. It means promoting the creation of new jobs, social protection and food security.

# EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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In September 2020, Ursula von der Leyen, the President of the European Commission, announced in her State of the Union address the decision to host the Global Health Summit together with the Italian G20 Presidency.

The pandemic has demonstrated that health is a true global public good. While world leaders must do all they can to fight COVID-19, they also need to focus on the future. Therefore, the Global Health Summit will discuss how to prevent future crises, how to prepare better for tackling pandemics and how to increase resilience.

The European Commission has been at the forefront of the coronavirus global response. In the early days of the pandemic, in spring 2020, it brought together world leaders to pledge funding and start global cooperation to develop COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics, and to make them available in an equitable way. From the pledging marathon in May 2020 that raised €16 billion, to its overall global response via 'Team Europe' amounting to more than €40 billion, the European Union is steadfast in its commitment to fight this pandemic from every angle and to help the world recover sustainably.

The European Union is one of the leading donors to COVAX, the global vaccine supply scheme, with 2 and a half billion euros.

# VENUE

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Villa Doria Pamphilj is the largest park in the city of Rome, housing interesting Roman and medieval archaeological sites, such as the Traiano-Paolo aqueduct that used to feed several fountains. It was born as a country estate for the noble Pamphilj Roman family, who built the “Casino del Bel Respiro” with the adjoining gardens – as a museum for a rich collection of ancient and modern statues.

In the nineteenth century, the Pamphilj family expanded the property, acquiring the land and ruins of nearby Villa Corsini, and building a portal over the remains of the ancient structure: the monumental “Arco dei Quattro Venti”. Today, part of the park is used for the Representation of the Prime Minister’s office, while the remaining portion is owned by the Municipality of Rome.

President Draghi will welcome President von der Leyen outside the building. A guard of honour will be deployed in the courtyard while some media members will capture this moment.



# AGENDA 21<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021

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12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (CEST)

**Pre-Summit**

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Break

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1:30 pm - 5:30 pm (CEST)

**Summit, including an ACT-A session**

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5:30 pm - 6:00 pm (CEST)

**Press Conference by the Italian G20 Presidency and the European Commission**

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The **full agenda** of the Pre-Summit and of the Summit is available on:  
[https://global-health-summit.europa.eu/agenda\\_en](https://global-health-summit.europa.eu/agenda_en)

# MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

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The **Pre-Summit**, the **Summit** and the **Joint Press Conference** will be available on the Italian government website: <https://www.governo.it/it/diretta-video>.

RAI RADIOTELEVISIONE ITALIANA (RAI) will be the Official Host broadcaster and it will guarantee the international distribution through the European Broadcasting Union network of satellites. The **satellite coordinates** of the live signal for the whole event (including the **welcoming ceremony**) are available on the Italian government website: <https://www.governo.it/it/agenda/2021-05-21t000000/global-health-summit/16862>.

The official language of the Summit is English.

The whole event (including the **welcoming ceremony**) will also be available on **Europe by Satellite (EbS) channels**: <https://audiovisual.ec.europa.eu/en/>

At the end of the Summit, Prime Minister Draghi and President von der Leyen will hold a **Joint Press Conference** starting on Friday 21 May 2021 at 5.30 PM (CEST).

For remote participation in the press conference on Zoom, specific rules will be announced through the Media Advisories that will be circulated ahead of the event.

## Accreditation procedures

Journalists wishing to attend the Press Conference in presence are required to register on the AMEI (Accreditation Media Institutional Events) portal at the following link: <https://amei.palazzochigi.it>. Accreditation is allowed by Wednesday May 19 at 5 pm (CEST).

In compliance with regulations in force against the coronavirus, access to the Villa Pamphilj is allowed to a limited number of journalists, according to the "first come first served" principle and following rotation criteria.

Journalists admitted to participate will be contacted for confirmation. Badges may be collected in person by their holders on Friday 21 May at Villa Pamphilj (entrance from via Aurelia Antica, 111).

Before entering the site they shall submit evidence of being tested negative to Covid-19 (rapid antigenic test) and wear an Ffp2 mask.

The GHS organization will distribute any statements or communique from the meeting.

Photos and videos of the event will be ensured by official photographers and made available for free-of-charge download on the Italian government website and by the European Commission's EbS.

If you have any questions, please use the provided contacts of Sala Stampa Palazzo Chigi +39 06 67793050.

# RESOURCES FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

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## Social Media accounts

### Italian Government

- Twitter: @Palazzo\_Chigi
- Facebook: @palazzochigi.it
- Instagram: @ palazzo\_chigi
- LinkedIn: @presidenza-del-consiglio-dei-ministri
- YouTube: /palazzochigi

### EU Commission

- Twitter: @ EU\_Commission
- Facebook: @EuropeanCommission
- Instagram: @europeancommission
- LinkedIn: @european-commission
- YouTube: /eutube

### Italian G20 Presidency

- Twitter: @g20org
- Facebook: @g20org
- Instagram: @g20org
- [www.youtube.com/channel/UCKoPhEcXLR8h3skJ\\_wSE7LQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKoPhEcXLR8h3skJ_wSE7LQ)

Press can join the conversation and share information on the Global Health Summit using the official hashtag **#GlobalHealthSummit**.

The images below can be used to customize your organisation's social media platforms ahead of the Global Health Summit. You can save these images and use them for your cover photo. The images have been pre-formatted to fit the respective social media. They can be downloaded from the Global Health Summit website [https://global-health-summit.europa.eu/index\\_en](https://global-health-summit.europa.eu/index_en)

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### Global Health Summit Twitter cover



### Global Health Summit LinkedIn event cover



Global Health Summit YouTube cover



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### European Commission:

For queries about the participation of the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, media can contact: **Dana Spinant, Deputy Chief Spokeswoman (European Commission)**, [dana.spinant@ec.europa.eu](mailto:dana.spinant@ec.europa.eu), +32 498 99 01 50