



**Joint Declaration**  
**on Cooperation in Science and Research,**  
**between**  
**the Ministry of University and Research of the Italian Republic**  
**and**  
**the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology, and Space of the Federal**  
**Republic of Germany**

On the occasion of the Italy-Germany Intergovernmental Summit, held in Rome on January 23, 2026, the Ministry of University and Research of the Italian Republic and the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space of the Federal Republic of Germany declare the following:

We share a unique, diverse and historically grown network of scientific institutions, universities and research centres, including the German Archaeological Institute, the German Historical Institute, the Max-Planck-Institutes, the European University Institute at Florence and the Italiencentren. Additionally, we intend to jointly invest in new concrete initiatives to secure our prosperity and Europe's technological sovereignty.

We will support the further development of large European and international research infrastructures of common interest, such as the Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research in Europe (FAIR), the Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso (LNGS), the Cherenkov Telescope Array Observatory (CTAO), the German National research Data Infrastructure (NFDI) and the corresponding European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) and the European XFEL and Virgo. We will continue the close collaboration on green hydrogen as well as on cultural heritage and climate resilience in the framework of the future European Partnership "Resilient Cultural Heritage".

We will also strengthen our bilateral partnership in the field of semiconductors, leveraging on existing and future capabilities such as STMicroelectronics in Italy (and France) and the future production facility of ESMC in Germany.

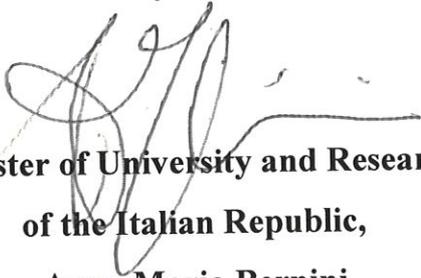


We reaffirm the role of the German-Italian Centre for European Dialogue (Villa Vigoni e. V.) as an important hub of cultural exchange and deepening of the German-Italian scientific relations in a European perspective. Furthermore, the Villa Vigoni e. V. carries out special scientific projects in collaboration with Italian and German academic institutions and scientists (e.g. the 'ReConstructions 2.0' project with particular considerations given to European perspectives - especially also France and Poland).

We agree to set up an Italian German Roadmap for further cooperation in research and technology to be signed by the end of September 2026.

This Joint Declaration is not legally binding and does not create enforceable rights or obligations under international law. The shared visions expressed herein reflect the shared goodwill and strategic priorities of the signatories.

**Rome, 23 January 2026**

  
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