

42. Italy – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAE)

TOTAL

15.9%

**SECTION A
COMMITMENT TO
AID TRANSPARENCY:
1.11/10**

**SECTION B
PUBLICATION
ORGANISATION LEVEL:
7.09/25**

**SECTION C
PUBLICATION
ACTIVITY LEVEL:
7.75/65**

Overview

The Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (MAE), the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, is responsible for Italy's international cooperation and development policy. In January 2016 Italy set up a separate development agency responsible for implementation under the MAE's responsibility.

Challenges and room for improvement

- Italy's transparency efforts have stalled meaning that the MAE remains in the 'very poor' category, where it has ranked since 2013.
- Italy is the only European nation included in the Index that does not currently publish to the IATI Registry and publishes mostly OECD DAC CRS data making it difficult to get a picture of its current activities.
- Italy does not provide access to current information on its open aid portal.
- Of the twenty-eight activity-level indicators only ten are always published, six are sometimes published and twelve are not published at all. This is particularly poor in the case of financial and performance data: only commitments are always published on the organisations website and results are sometimes published. None of the twenty-two indicators that are scored graduated on the basis of format are published in a machine-readable format.
- Budgetary information is not published at either the organisation or activity level.

Recommendations

- Italy should aim to publish in the IATI Standard starting with the publication of a full organisation file with three-year forward-looking total and disaggregated budgets.
- It should publish more comprehensive activity-level information, including to the IATI Registry.
- Italy should publish current data to its open aid portal.

Have they met the Busan commitment on aid transparency?

☐ yes ☐ partly ☒ no

National, regional or international commitments to aid transparency?

- 2011 EU Transparency Guarantee
- 2013 G7 commitment
- 2015 International Open Data Charter

Donor Profile

2016 Index:
VERY POOR 15.9%

2014 Index:
VERY POOR 15.6%

2013 Index:
VERY POOR 10.0%

First published to IATI:
N/A

Frequency of publication	Does not publish to IATI
Indicators published to IATI	0/36
Activity budgets	Not published
Total budget	Not published
Disaggregated budgets	Not published

This table highlights the organisation's performance in providing timely, comprehensive and forward-looking aid data in a comparable and open format.

- Frequency of publication is measured by the IATI Dashboard.
- Comprehensiveness is measured against the indicators used in the Index at the organisation and activity levels and their publication in the open and comparable IATI Standard.
- Forward-looking budgets for the organisation and its development activities are measured by indicators 9, 10 and 33.