

ITALY

Decision-Making

Stakeholders: Ministry of Health and the 19 regions and 2 autonomous provinces

Introducing a new vaccine: New vaccines are evaluated and approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA), then discussed at the Italian Agency for Drugs (AIFA) before the Ministry of Health, supported by NITAG, produces and updates the National Immunisation Plan (NIP).

Ministry of Finance Involvement: The Ministry of Finance is involved in the annual budgeting process for vaccines, influencing how funds are allocated across regions.

Financing

Primary Funding Sources: The government budget is based on general taxation, ensuring a minimum level of care accessible to all citizens.

Ringfencing: About 5% of the national funding is mandated to be spent on prevention, including vaccines.

Financial Mechanisms for Sustainability: No. Reliance on political decisions and public funding, with regional authorities playing a significant role.

External Funding Sources: No

Influence of Public-Private Partnerships: PPPs are limited to research initiatives, with little impact on the direct funding of vaccines.

Critical Financing Challenges: High public debt, which places significant scrutiny on public spending, including for vaccines.

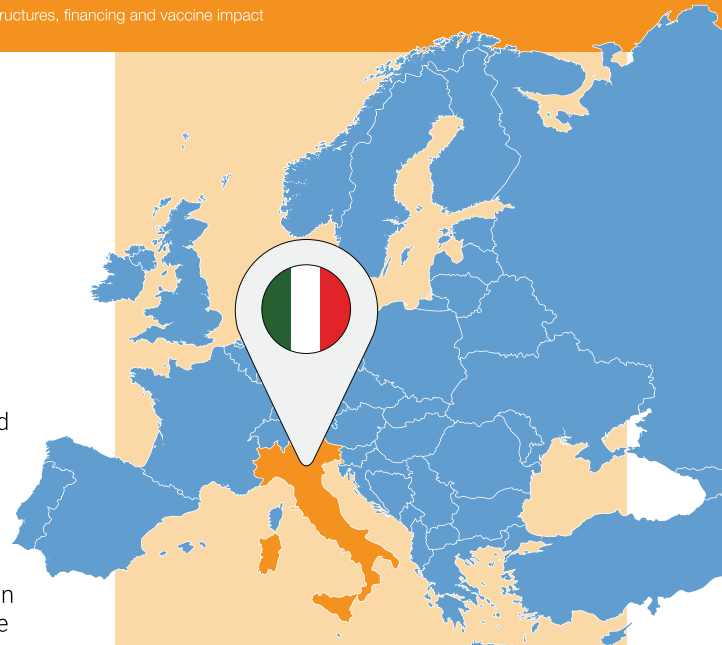
	Yes	No
Ministry of Finance Involvement	✓	
Financial Mechanisms for Sustainability		✓
External Funding Sources		✓

Landscape

History: Over the past decade, the NIP has been recognised as a critical component of public health, with stable funding and updates to include new vaccines.

Most Funded Campaign: Children's vaccinations receive the most funding.

Future: There are no planned changes. COVID mechanisms have not stayed.



Decentralised Health System



9%
of GDP spent
on healthcare



6.8%
of healthcare
budget is spent
on prevention



56.7%
Over-65 influenza
vaccination
coverage (2022)

Adult vaccination (18+) recommendation against 8 diseases:

COVID-19
Diphtheria
Tetanus
Pertussis
Pneumococcal disease
Meningococcal disease
Influenza
Herpes Zoster

All are
government
funded

