



# BAHRAIN - ITALY RELATIONS

787 km<sup>2</sup>  
1.5 M  
Manama



**2002**  
Italy's Embassy to the Kingdom of Bahrain opened in Manama

**1973**  
establishment of diplomatic and economic relations



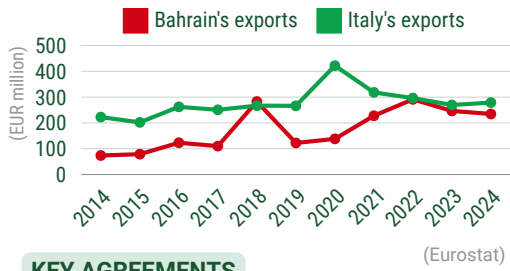
**2020**  
Bahrain's Embassy in Rome opened



301,230 km<sup>2</sup>  
58.8 M  
Rome

(WorldBank Data)

## BILATERAL TRADE IN GOODS



### KEY AGREEMENTS

- 2000** mutual exemption of taxes on air and sea transport
- 2006** promotion and protection of investments
- 2006** equal treatment of merchant ships in terms of port & anchorage taxes

## BAHRAIN'S EXPORTS TO ITALY

€241.2M (47.3%)



- 74%** aluminium
- 8.7%** machinery & equipment
- 5.3%** coke & oil refining products
- 3.9%** rubber & plastic articles
- 2.4%** other manufacturing industries products

## ITALY'S EXPORTS TO BAHRAIN

€269.2M (52.7%)

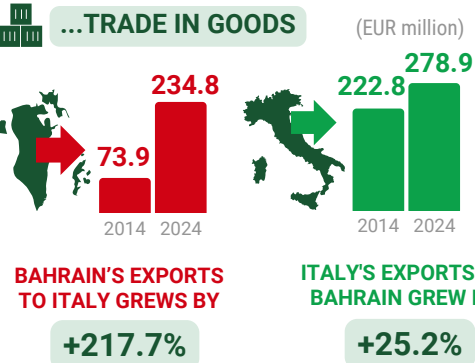


- 16.4%** machinery & equipment
- 12.4%** chemical products
- 9.6%** motor vehicles, trailers
- 7.4%** furniture
- 6.2%** food products



(infoMercatiEsteri, Osservatorio Economico)

## INCREASE OVER 10 YEARS...



## ...TRADE IN SERVICES

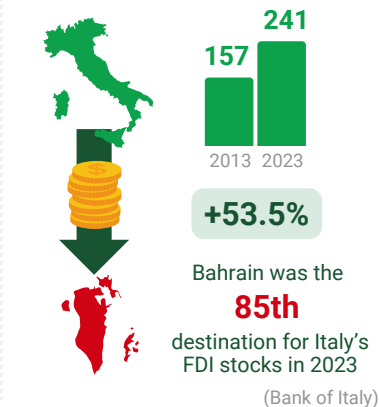
(EUR million)



(Eurostat)

## ...ITALY'S FDI STOCKS IN BAHRAIN

(EUR million)



(Bank of Italy)

## HIGH-LEVEL VISITS

- 2008** Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa made his first official visit to Italy, where he met President Giorgio Napolitano
- 2015** Bahrain's Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa visited Expo in Milan
- 2020** Bahrain's Crown Prince inaugurated Bahrain's Embassy in Rome and met Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte
- 2023** Bahrain's King met with Italy's President Sergio Mattarella and Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni in Rome to mark the 50th anniversary of bilateral relations
- 2025** Giorgia Meloni became Italy's first Prime Minister to visit Bahrain and met with King Hamad and Crown Prince Salman.

## MILESTONES

- 2016** Bahrain Petroleum Company (BAPCO) and Italy's Eni signed exploration and production cooperation agreements
- 2018** The King Hamad Chair for Interfaith Dialogue and Peaceful Coexistence at the University of Sapienza was founded
- 2019** The Royal University for Women inaugurated the first Centre for Italian Language and Culture in Bahrain
- 2020** The Italian Space Agency and Bahrain's National Space Agency cooperation on space for civil peaceful purposes
- 2020** Several Bahraini and Italian companies signed agreements worth €330 million during the Crown Prince's visit to Rome

- 2021** The 3rd Bahrain-Italy Joint Military Committee Meeting in Manama
- 2021** The Italy-Bahrain Business Council established; the first bilateral Business Forum was hosted in Manama in 2023
- 2022** Units of the Italian Navy and the Royal Bahrain Naval Force conducted an exercise off the coast of Bahrain
- 2022** Bahrain's national carrier Gulf Air launched flights to Rome and Milan
- 2023** The Bahrain-Italy Joint Commission, created in 2021, first met in Rome, co-chaired by their Foreign Ministers
- 2025** Data Sovereignty Agreement signed, granting Italy control over subscriber data in Bahrain's cloud centres



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