



# ITALY - UAE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

## A NEW ERA OF COOPERATION AFTER UAE PRESIDENT'S VISIT



Mohamed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan made the first state visit by a UAE President to Italy, meeting with President Sergio Mattarella and Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni to strengthen ties (23-24 February 2025).

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) pledged to invest

**\$40 bn**

in Italy's key sectors, signing some 40 new agreements and agreeing on cooperation in:



Shared desire to further strengthen their Strategic Partnership (signed in March 2023) and advance towards a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.



### TRADE & ECONOMY

**11.7**

USD billion, bilateral non-oil trade (2023)

**+50%**

growth of Italian investments in the UAE over the past 5 years

**13th**

UAE's ranking for Italian investments worldwide



strengthen **investment opportunities** in key sectors



expand **UAE presence in European markets** with Italy's support (UAE-EU Economic Partnership)



enhance their roles as **logistics hubs** linking Europe, the Middle East & Asia (India-Middle East-Europe Corridor)



### CULTURE & PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE EXCHANGES



**greater mobility** for students, tourists, & business professionals



**protection of cultural heritage** in Africa and Arab countries



**interreligious & intercultural dialogue**, addressing extremism & hate speech



### ADVANCED SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGIES, SPACE & INNOVATION



**AI & data centres** development



**innovation in AI, digital transformation, drones & space technologies** (UAE's Rashid Rover 3, Asteroid Belt Missions)



**education & research** (quantum, cryptography, AI & space science)



### DEFENCE, CYBERSECURITY, POLICE AND JUDICIARY



**defence and military industry** (technology transfer, joint production & defence manufacturing facilities)



**cybersecurity**, counter-terrorism, intelligence sharing & crisis management



**police & judicial cooperation** to combat transnational crime



### ENERGY, WATER & SUSTAINABILITY



**UAE-Italy-Albania** strategic renewable energy partnership



**energy efficiency, sustainable fuels & critical minerals**



**global water security, water management & water-energy nexus**



**agriculture & trade** in high-quality products



### HEALTH



**pharmaceutical sector investment**



**humanitarian medical efforts**



### AFRICA WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ROME PROCESS AND THE MATTEI PLAN



**trilateral economic partnerships** with African countries



**sustainable investment** to support Africa's energy transition & key sectors (like agriculture, health & education)



**focus on education & training, food security, rural development, water & sanitation, infrastructure, renewable energy & technology transfer**



**foster inclusive growth, job creation & regional stability to tackle migration's root causes**



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