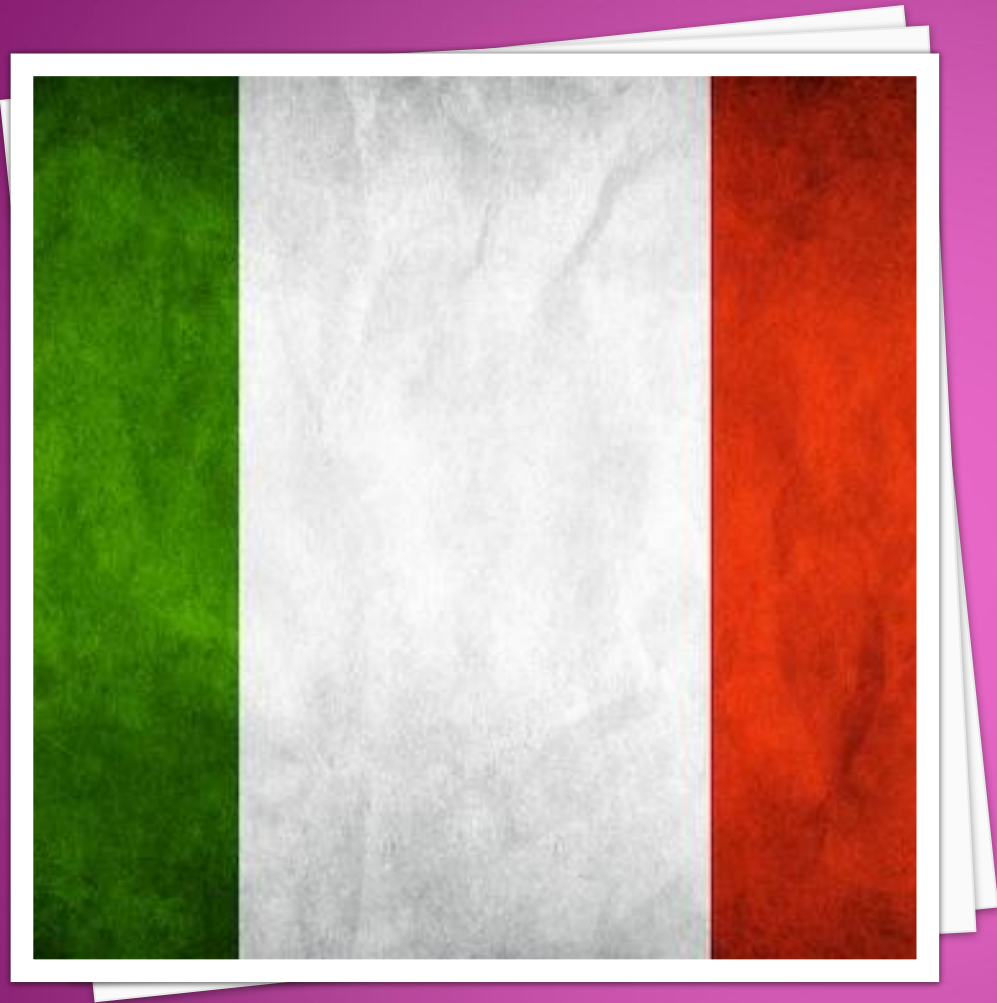




ITALY



The official name of the country is Italy. It is situated in Europe. It is washed by the Mediterranean sea.



FLAG OF ITALY

For the first time the Italian tricolor appeared on January 7, 1797 in Aemilia as a flag of the republic proclaimed Giuseppe Kompanyoni. During Napoleon's board the flag also was used as a symbol of the French revolution.

After the Vienna Congress and Restoration the tricolor remained a symbol of freedom and was used in revolutionary movements of 1831 and 1848.

In the 12th article of the Constitution of Italy it is said that "the flag of Italy — is a tricolor, green, white and red in the form of three equal vertical strips".



EMBLEM OF ITALY

The official emblem of the Republic of Italy was published by the President of Italy of Enrico de Nicola on May 5, 1948. The sketch of an emblem was made by artist Paolo Pasetto.

The emblem contains a white five-pointed star with the red edges, imposed on a cogwheel with five spokes, standing between an olive branch at the left and oak on the right. Green branches are connected together by a red tape with an inscription the "Republic of Italy" (ital. REPUBBLICA ITALIANA) capital white letters



The state capital – Rome. The country is divided into 20 areas. The population of Italy makes about fifty seven million people. The area is about three thousand square kilometers.



Official languages of Italy are considered English and Italian



HOLIDAYS OF ITALY

- On January 1 – New year
- On January 6 – Epiphany
- On March 8 – the International Women's Day
- On April 21 – Day of the basis of Rome
- On April 25 – Day of release from fascism and the German occupation
- On May 1 – a work Holiday
- On June 2 – Day of declaration of the Republic Italy
- On August 15 – Ferragosto
- On November 2 – All Saints' Day, Day of memory
- On December 8 – Virgin Mary's
- On December 25 – Christmas
- On December 26 – Day of Sacred Stephan



BIG CITIES OF ITALY

Rome, Milan, Naples, Turin, Palermo, Genoa, Bologna, Florence, Bari, Catania, Venice



