

Europa

Constellation: Euro South C8

Italy, Albania



## NEEDS

Continent: **Europa**

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Country: **Italy**

### Cry of the Earth

- air pollution from industrial emissions such as sulfur dioxide
- coastal and inland rivers polluted from industrial and agricultural effluents
- damage to lakes, caused by acid rain
- inadequate industrial waste treatment and disposal facilities
- electricity from fossil fuels- 54% (2016 est.)

### Cry of the Poor

- sustained community spread of new coronavirus (Covid-19)
- youth unemployment 37.1% (2018 est.)
- overall unemployment- 11.4% (2017 est.)
- legacy of unemployment and underdevelopment
- A sizable underground economy accounts for an estimated 17% of GDP (agriculture, construction, and service sectors).
- high public debt- 131% (2027 est.)
- structural economic problems (labor market inefficiencies, sluggish judiciary system, weak banking sector)
- tens of thousands of illegal immigrants from southeastern Europe and Northern Africa
- important gateway for and consumer of Latin American cocaine and Southwest Asian heroin entering the European market
- money laundering by organized crime and from smuggling

## Commitments

Continent: **Europa**

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Country: **Albania**

Cry of the Earth

- deforestation
- soil erosion
- water pollution from domestic and industrial effluents
- air pollution from industrial power plants
- loss of biodiversity due to lack of resources for sound environmental management

Cry of the Poor

- overall unemployment- 13.8% (2017 est.)
- youth unemployment- 31.9% (2027 est.)
- widespread corruption
- weak energy and transportation infrastructure
- powerful organized crime networks
- one of the poorest countries in Europe
- large informal economy
- Agriculture account for more than 40% of employment but less than one quarter of GDP (small family operations and subsistence farming, prevalence of small inefficient plots of land).
- complex tax codes and licensing requirements
- weak judiciary system
- endemic corruption
- poor enforcement of contracts and property issues
- high public debt
- active transshipment point for Southwest Asian opiates
- significant source country for cannabis production
- ethnic Albanian narco-trafficking organizations active and expanding in Europe
- vulnerable to money laundering associated with regional trafficking in narcotics, arms, contraband, and illegal aliens