

# List of Italian parties and abbreviations

## Main parties

PD – Partito Democratico (Democratic Party) was founded in 2007 by the merger of DS (Democratici di Sinistra - Democratic Left) and DL-Margherita (The Daisy – a Liberal and Christian-democratic party). It ran for the first time at the 2008 general election (33.2%). In the 2013 general election, its leader was Pierluigi Bersani. PD is the main center-left Italian party.

PdL – Popolo della Libertà (People of Freedom) was launched by its leader Silvio Berlusconi for the 2008 general election (37.4%) and officially founded in 2009 by the merger of the former Berlusconi's party, FI (Forza Italia - Go Italy) and the post-fascist AN (Alleanza Nazionale – National Alliance). PdL is the main center-right Italian party.

M5S – Movimento 5 Stelle (Five Star Movement) was launched by the popular comedian and blogger Beppe Grillo in 2009. It contested the Italian local elections of 2011 and 2012 and the regional elections of 2010. It ran for its first general election in 2013. The party refuses the left-right dimension and criticizes traditional political parties.

SC – Scelta Civica (Civic Choice) is a centrist political party formed for the 2013 general election. Its leader is the former Prime Minister Mario Monti. The 2013 general election represents its electoral debut. At the Senate SC formed a joint list named “Con Monti per l’Italia” (With Monti for Italy) along with UdC and FLI.

LN – Lega Nord (Northern League) is a regionalist party founded in 1991 by Umberto Bossi. Since 2001, it has been continuously part of the center-right coalition led by Silvio Berlusconi. In the 2008 general election, it got 8.3% nationwide. Since 2012, its leader is Roberto Maroni.

SEL – Sinistra Ecologia e Libertà (Left Ecology and Freedom) is a left-wing political party found-

ed in 2009 by its current leader Nichi Vendola. It emerged as a splinter from PRC (Partito della Rifondazione Comunista – Party for the Communist Refoundation) and grouped former socialist, green and other left-wing politicians. It ran for its first general election in 2013 as the main ally of PD in the center-left coalition led by Bersani.

## Minor parties abbreviations

### *Bersani's coalition*

CD – Centro Democratico (Democratic Center)  
SVP - Südtiroler Volkspartei (South Tyrolean People's Party)  
PSI – Partito Socialista Italiano (Italian Socialist Party)

### *Berlusconi's coalition*

FdI – Fratelli d’Italia (Brothers of Italy)  
LD – La Destra (The Right)  
GS-MpA – Grande Sud-Movimento per le Autonomie (Great South – Movement for Autonomies)

### *Monti's coalition*

UdC – Unione di Centro (Union of the Center)  
FLI – Futuro e Libertà per l’Italia (Future and Freedom for Italy)

### *Others*

RC – Rivoluzione Civile (Civil Revolution)  
FiD – Fermare il Declino (Stop the Decline)

### *Old parties*

IdV – Italia dei Valori (Italy of values)  
SA – La Sinistra – L’Arcobaleno (The Left – The Rainbow)  
DS – Democratici di Sinistra (Left Democrats)  
DL – Democrazia è libertà – La Margherita (Democracy is freedom – The Daisy)  
MRE – Movimento dei repubblicani europei (Movement of European republicans)  
FI – Forza Italia (Go Italy)  
AN – Alleanza Nazionale (National Alliance)

