

## **‘DIVINAZIONE EXPO 24 AND G7 AGRICULTURE’**

Innovation, cooperation with developing Countries and reciprocity in trade to reaffirm the role of agriculture in the production of high quality food and in the stewardship of territories. These are some of the issues at the core of the G7 Agriculture and ‘Divinazione’ Expo that will take place from 21 to 29 September in Syracuse, on the island of Ortigia. This is the first ever Ministerial G7 dedicated not only to agriculture but also to fisheries, one of the most strategic sectors for the Nation. We want to show that Italy is able to contribute in all respects to the development of the planet together with the nations that comprise the G7, but also with the developing countries of Africa. We will engage in dialogue with agricultural associations, with the research and innovation sectors, with the youth, with our industry and our producers, both in agriculture and in the fisheries sector. Many guests have been announced, including the Chairs of the Agriculture, Environment and Fisheries Committees of the European Parliament, the Commissioner of the African Union for Agriculture, as well as the heads of the three UN agencies in the Rome hub (FAO, IFAD, WFP), the OECD and the CGIAR, a global partnership that brings together international organisations involved in food security research.

Following on from previous ministerial meetings of the G7 Agriculture Ministers’ Meeting, the proceedings will be developed through priority thematic areas identified by the Italian Presidency: science and innovation in agriculture for adaptation to climate change; the younger generations as agents of change in agriculture; the contribution of sustainable fishing and aquaculture to food security; and the G7’s contribution to the development of agriculture on the African continent.

From 21 to 29 September, Ortigia will also host Divinazione Expo 24. There will be more than 150 meetings and conferences with the participation of more than 10 government Ministers and representatives from institutions and the agricultural world. A true showcase of Italian excellence, with pavilions realised by companies, Regions, and municipalities, to promote and enhance the quality, innovative capacity, and terroirs of our products of excellence.

A unique opportunity to reflect, discuss, and draw up the best solutions to protect our Nation's wine and food heritage, preserve the identities and traditions of the territories carved out by man's work, and offer those who work in the agricultural sector certainty of an adequate income. A high-level event open to national and international audiences where we aim at telling the story of Italy and its beauty.