

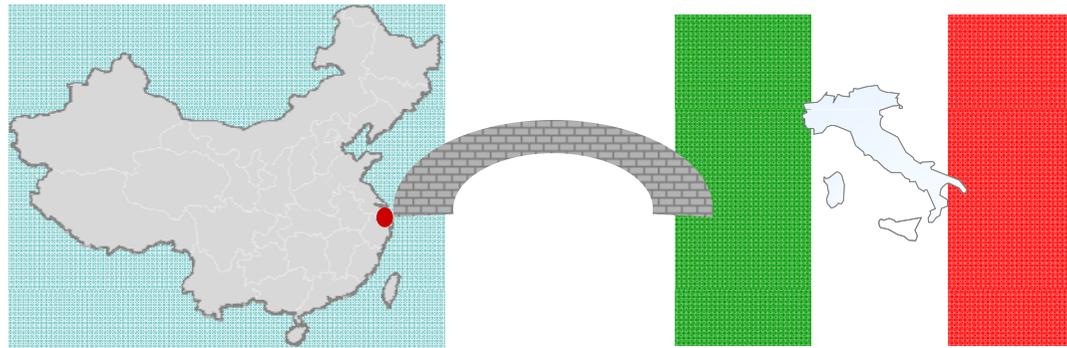


# Business Visa

## Stats, trends and perspectives

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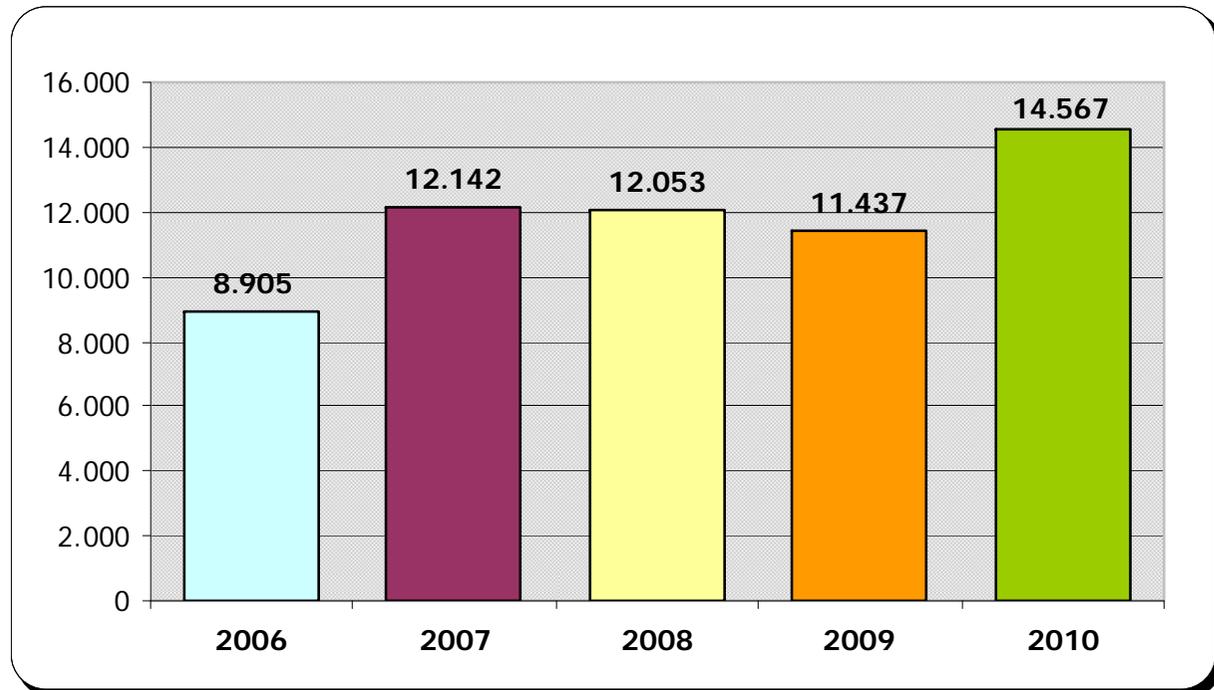


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# Trend 2006-2010

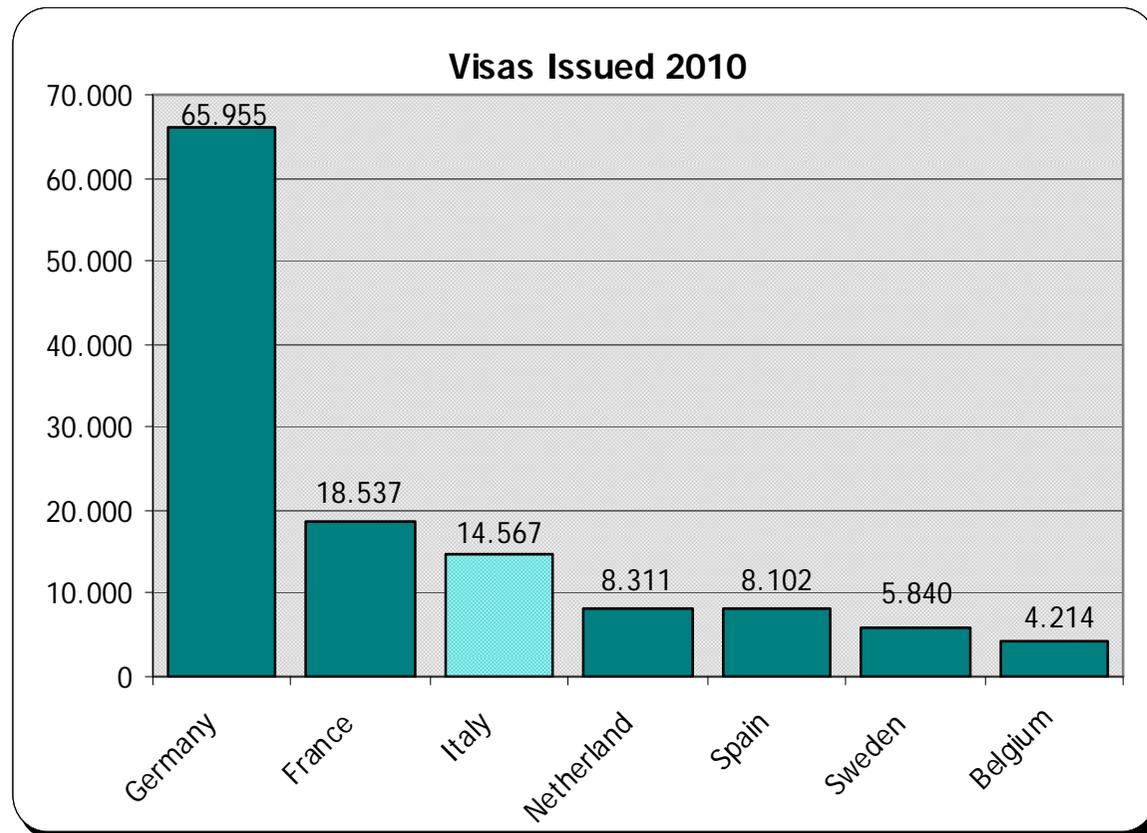
In the 5 years from 2006 to 2010, the number of the visas issued has almost redoubled. In 2008 and 2009 a small decrease has been experienced, due to the international economic crisis.

The amount of 2010 is the highest reached up to now.



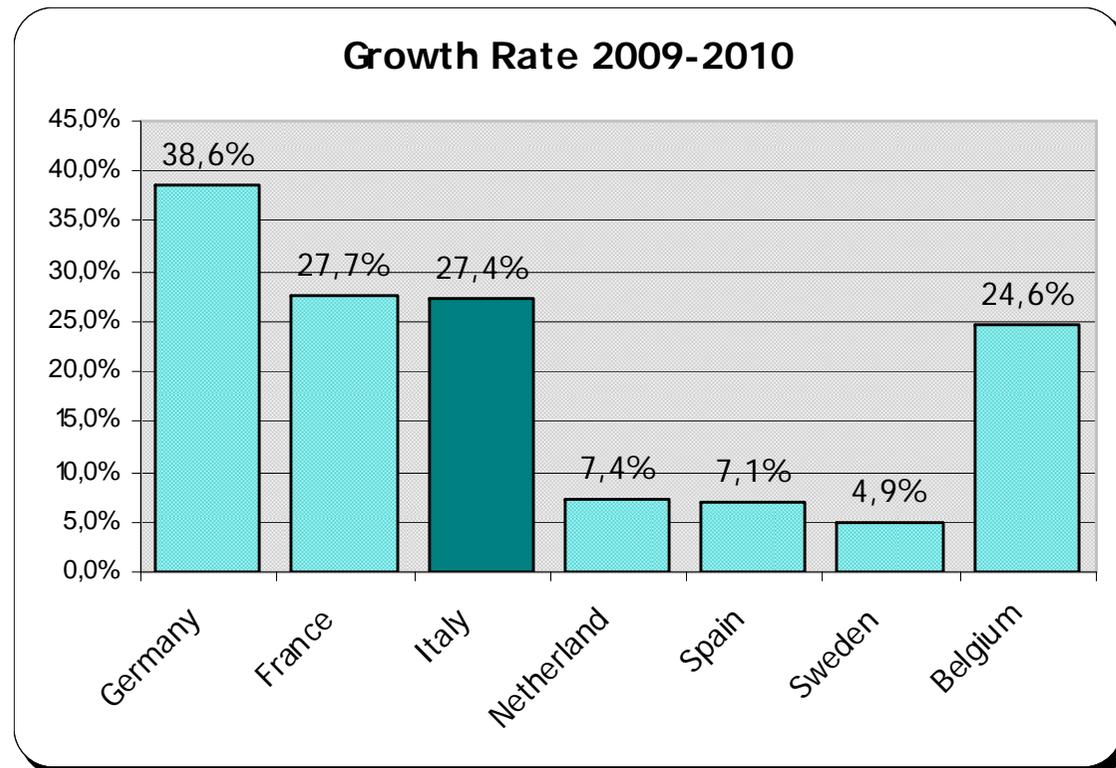
# Comparison with Schengen Partners

Compared to the major Schengen countries, Italy is at the 3rd place, after Germany and France.



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The growth rate is encouraging, but there is still a lot to do in terms of promotion.





# Timing and Facilitations

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Peak periods excluded, business visas are issued in a maximum of 5 working days:  
1-2 days to get the appointment;  
1-2 days for the processing of the application;  
1 day for the passport pass-back.

CCIC members enjoy the exemption from interview and some other facilitations (BFT channel), so that the timing is even shorter (3 working days). This special treatment is based on the principle that CCIC members are trustworthy partners of the Consulate.



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# Multiple Visas

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In the last years we have also issued a certain number of multiple-entry visas, but without a specific “strategy”. Multiple visas can be issued to qualified applicants, who need to go frequently to our country.

	<b>C1</b>	<b>C2</b>	<b>C3</b>	<b>C5</b>	<b>tot.</b>
<b>2006</b>	91	14	4	1	<b>110</b>
<b>2007</b>	816	29	20	4	<b>869</b>
<b>2008</b>	414	30	5	2	<b>451</b>
<b>2009</b>	93	14	11	2	<b>120</b>
<b>2010</b>	193	29	16	4	<b>242</b>



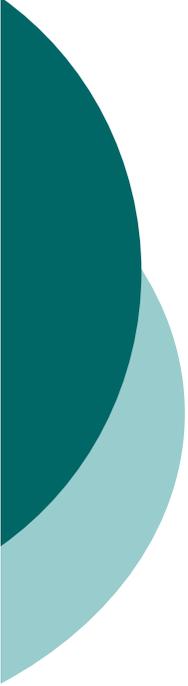
## More and Better

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A better visa service can be an instrument of promotion for trade and investments. Our next step will be facilitating the issuing of multiple-entry visas for reliable Chinese businessmen.

Italian companies in China, together with ICE and CCIC, can cooperate with us in selecting “VIPs” who will enjoy a special treatment, for the development of their business, tourism and shopping in Italy.

Please, give us your feedback and some suggestions, filling up the survey form you will receive shortly!



# The End

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