



## Matteo Renzi

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European political risk is rarely as simple as reading election results. Governments form and fall through coalition mechanics that most business advisers, and most executives, cannot reliably read from the outside. For organisations operating across EU markets, the question is how to build genuine political intelligence into strategic planning before regulatory or institutional disruption arrives.

When coalition politics and institutional volatility make European strategic risk hard to read, Matteo Renzi – Italy’s youngest-ever Prime Minister and Strategic Counsellor at the Tony Blair Institute – gives boards and executives the insider perspective that external analysis rarely provides.

### Matteo Renzi's 2026 Biography

#### Why organisations work with Matteo Renzi

- His grasp of European political risk comes from having run a G7 government, chaired the EU Council Presidency, and participated in three G7 and three G20 summits – not from studying these institutions but from operating inside them at the highest level.
- His current role as Strategic Counsellor at the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change connects his analysis to live government reform agendas across more than 40 countries, making his perspective current rather than retrospective.
- The Renzi government’s Jobs Act labour market overhaul, Madia Reform of public administration, and gender-equal cabinet were each delivered against significant institutional resistance – giving him specific, hard-won insight into what it actually takes to move reform through complex political systems.
- His co-authorship of the 2025 Tony Blair Institute paper “Europe in the Age of AI” – alongside Tony Blair and former Finnish Prime Minister Sanna Marin – positions him as a substantive current voice on technology governance and European competitiveness, not only on political history.
- For boards assessing exposure in Italy or the broader Southern European bloc, he provides a counterweight to the Germany-and-France framing that tends to dominate European political risk analysis in international advisory markets.

#### Biography highlights

- Prime Minister of Italy, 2014 to 2016 – youngest ever Italian PM and youngest G7 leader at appointment

#### AVAILABLE FOR

- After Dinner Engagement
- Guest Appearance
- Speaking

#### MATTEO'S SPEAKING THEMES

- Digital Transformation
- Economic Trends & Global Markets
- Geopolitics
- Leadership
- Political Risk & Policy
- Scenario Planning & Strategic Foresight

**LANGUAGES:** Italian

- Mayor of Florence 2009-2014; President of the Province of Florence 2004-2009; Senator for Florence since 2018
- Founder and leader of Italia Viva (since 2019); previously Secretary of the Democratic Party, 2013-2018
- Ranked #3 on Fortune's 40 Under 40 (2014); included in Foreign Policy's 100 Global Thinkers
- Strategic Counsellor, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change (since 2024); co-author of "Europe in the Age of AI" (2025) with Tony Blair and Sanna Marin
- Author of 15+ published books on Italian politics and governance; teaches "The Challenges of Europe" at Stanford University's Florence programme

## Biography

EU Council negotiations, coalition formation, and regulatory direction are shaped by decisions made under intense political pressure by a small number of insiders. Matteo Renzi was one of them. He served as Prime Minister of Italy from 2014 to 2016, becoming at 39 the youngest person ever to hold that office and the youngest leader in the G7.

His government moved fast. The Jobs Act overhauled Italy's labour market. The Madia Reform digitised public administration and introduced digital ID as a central pillar of state infrastructure. His cabinet became the first in Italian history to achieve gender equality between women and men. He chaired the EU Council Presidency in the second half of 2014 and represented Italy at three G20 and three G7 summits. Italy's signature on the Paris Agreement on climate change was made under his government.

Since leaving government, Renzi has stayed operationally active. He serves in the Italian Senate and leads the centrist party Italia Viva. Since 2024, he has been a Strategic Counsellor at the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, advising political leaders on reform strategy across more than 40 countries. His course "The Challenges of Europe" at Stanford University's Florence programme brings that accumulated experience directly into academic debate.

For organisations that need to understand how European coalitions form, how reform agendas succeed or fail under institutional pressure, and where geopolitical risk translates into policy, Renzi provides the granular, first-hand intelligence that covers the full range - from city government to the G7 table.

## Key speaking topics

- European political risk and governance
- EU institutional mechanics and reform
- Coalition politics and government formation
- Italian and Southern European political economy
- G7 and multilateral decision-making
- Digital transformation in government and public administration
- Political leadership under institutional pressure

## Ideal for

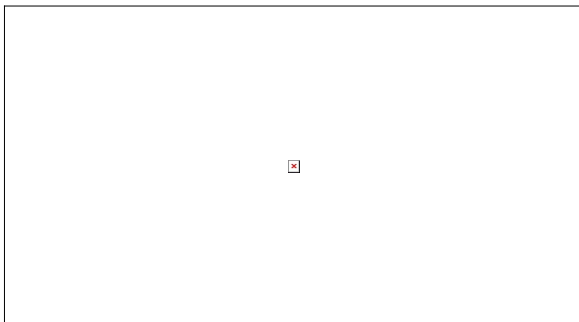
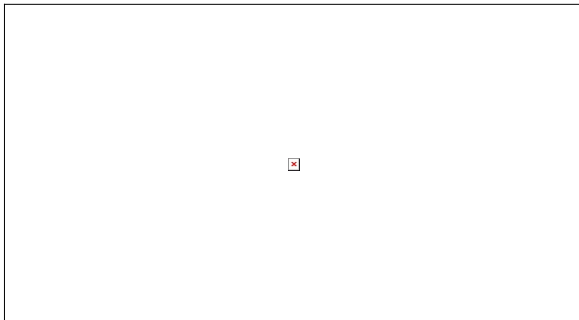
- Boards and C-suite executives with significant EU or Italian market exposure
- Government affairs and public policy functions within multinational organisations

- International business forums focused on European geopolitical and regulatory risk
- Senior leadership programmes and policy institutes requiring first-hand governmental perspective

**Audience outcomes**

- A clearer working model of how EU institutions make decisions and where the real pressure points are - moving beyond election-watching to structural analysis
- Specific insight into how reform agendas succeed or collapse inside complex political systems, drawn from the Renzi government’s own record
- A realistic account of what political risk in Italy and the Southern European bloc means for organisations with exposure in those markets
- Context on how European governments are approaching digital transformation, labour market flexibility, and AI governance
- A framework for separating structural political change from short-term electoral noise in European markets

**Matteo Renzi's Videos**



**Matteo Renzi's 2026 speaking fees**

Specific fees fall within the ranges shown. These are presented as a guide only and are subject to change without

notice.

|                                 | <b>EUR</b>       | <b>GBP</b>        | <b>USD</b>        |
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| <b>Home Country</b>             | €12000 to €40000 | £10,001 - £35,000 | \$15000 - \$50000 |
| <b>Asia Pacific</b>             | Please enquire   | Please enquire    | Please enquire    |
| <b>Europe</b>                   | €12000 to €40000 | £10,001 - £35,000 | \$15000 - \$50000 |
| <b>Middle East &amp; Africa</b> | Please enquire   | Please enquire    | Please enquire    |
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