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The Italian Olympic Committee is by law the only governing body for sport in the country. It is self financed by sport lotteries and betting, which are directly run by the Italian Olympic Committee.

The Italian Olympic Committee is, at the same time, the sport confederation – the 39 recognised federations elect the President, the General Secretary and the Executive Board. The Italian Olympic Committee also recognises another 25 federations.

The Italian Olympic Committee distributes 300 Millions US\$ to national federations of which about 50 Millions US\$ only on elite activity.

Italy won 20 medals in Lillehammer 1994 Winter Games, 35 in Atlanta 1996 and 10 in Nagano 1998.

The Sport Direction which I lead is responsible for the elite programme.