

Comites

Comites, the Committee for the Italians Abroad, is also operating in the city of Toronto.

Comites are elected bodies, which represent Italians Abroad in dealing with Embassies and Consulates, and facilitate the settlement in a new country. Moreover, they also promote the needs and interests of Italians abroad, enhance the Italian activities in the country where they operate, and preserve the historical memory of the Italian emigration.

In total, there are 105 Comites: 46 in Europe, 42 in the Americas and 17 in the rest of the world.

Comites are composed of 18 members in countries where there are more than one hundred thousand Italian residents, whereas they are composed of 12 members in countries where there are less than one hundred thousand compatriots. A Committee remains in charge for five consecutive years running its activities on a voluntary basis. Foreign nationals of Italian origin can be elected as members, however, the total number of foreign nationals should not exceed one third of the total number of members.

For more info, please check out the following website:

<https://www.esteri.it/mae/it/servizi/italiani-all-estero/organismirappresentativi/comites.html>