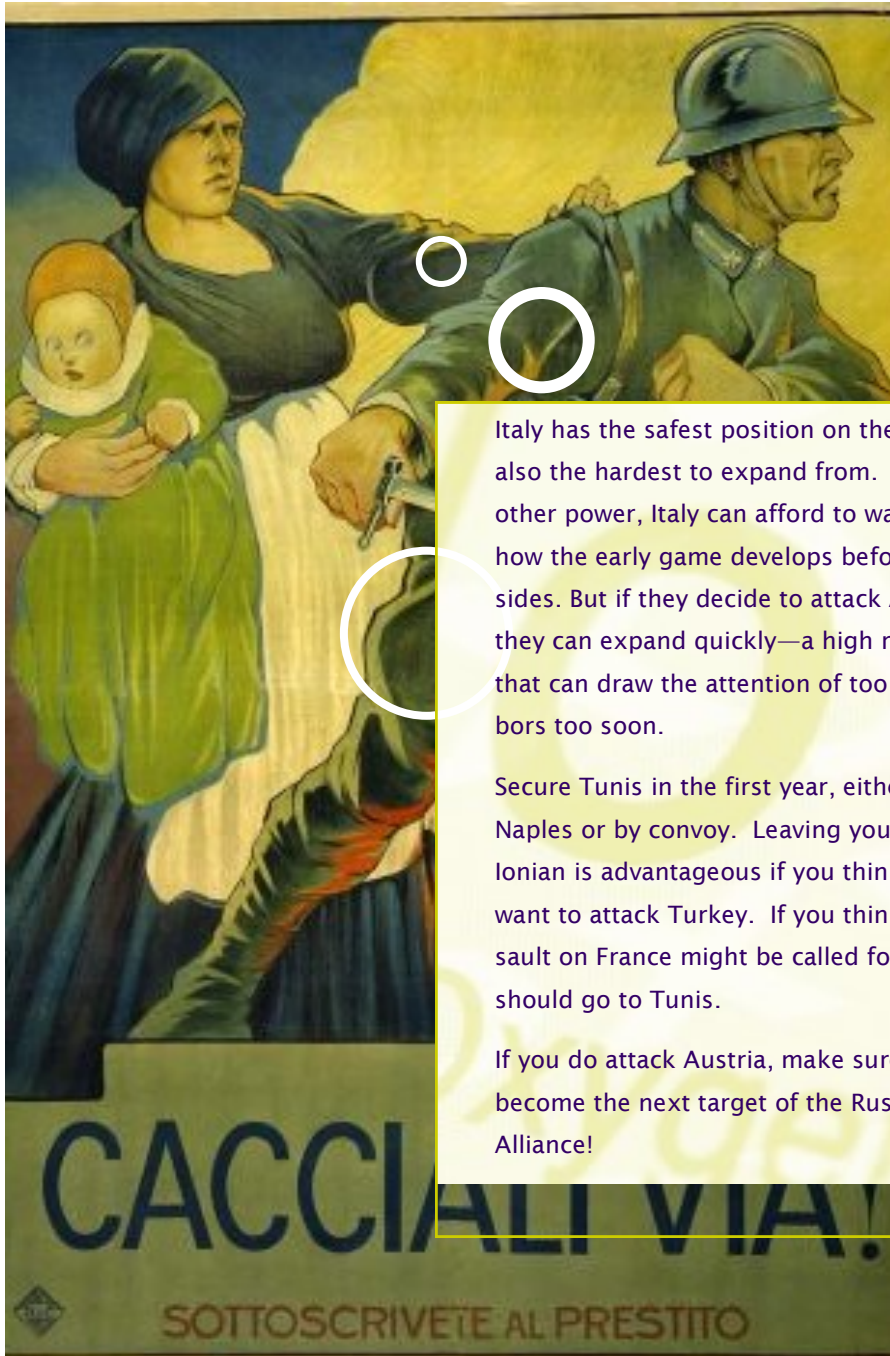


ITALY



Italy has the safest position on the board, but also the hardest to expand from. More than any other power, Italy can afford to wait and see how the early game develops before picking sides. But if they decide to attack Austria early, they can expand quickly—a high risk strategy that can draw the attention of too many neighbors too soon.

Secure Tunis in the first year, either with Fleet Naples or by convoy. Leaving your fleet in the Ionian is advantageous if you think you might want to attack Turkey. If you think an early assault on France might be called for, the fleet should go to Tunis.

If you do attack Austria, make sure you don't become the next target of the Russia-Turkish Alliance!

Discuss with Austria:

- Relationship with Russia and Turkey
- Plans for expansion

Discuss with France:

- Demilitarize Piedmont
- Do not build fleets in Mar-

Discuss with Turkey:

- Relationship with Russia and Austria
- Plans for expansion—no more than one additional fleet!

Discuss with Russia:

- Relationship with Austria and Turkey
- Plans for Black Sea
- Will they attack Turkey or Austria early?

ITALY



Neutral Opening:

Spring 1901:

Fleet Naples -> Ionian

Army Venice Hold

Army Rome -> Apulia

Fall 1901:

Fleet Ionian -> Tunis

Army Apulia support Venice

Army Venice Hold

Anti-Turkish Opening:

Spring 1901:

Fleet Naples -> Ionian

Army Venice Hold

Army Rome -> Apulia

Fall 1901:

Fleet Ionian Convoy Apulia -> Tunis

Army Apulia -> Tunis

Army Venice Hold

Anti-Austrian Opening:

Fleet Naples -> Ionian

Army Venice -> Trieste

Army Rome -> Venice

Fall 1901:

Fleet Ionian -> Tunis

Army Trieste -> Budapest

Army Venice -> Trieste*

* If you get two builds, build Army Venice & Fleet Naples. If you get three builds, also build Fleet Rome

PRIORITIES

1901	Capture Tunis	Consider your possible allies	Build a new Fleet
1902	Determine next objective	Advance force towards target	Talk to players in other theaters

Information to Learn:

Will Russia attack Austria?

Will Turkey attack Austria?

Who will France work with?

Will Turkey agree not to build fleets?

If you are attacked:

Defend your home supply centers

Try to talk one of your opponents into changing sides—make them a better offer!

Make sure only one person