

PASQUALE SALZANO

Pasquale Salzano has been Chairman of SIMEST SpA and Director of European and International Affairs of Cassa Depositi e Prestiti since December 2019. From November 2020 to November 2021 he was President of the CDP Foundation (Cassa Depositi e Prestiti).

Born in 1973, Pasquale Salzano graduated in 1996 in law from the Federico II University of Naples, where he subsequently collaborated with Prof. Benedetto Conforti at the chair of international law, earning a PhD in international law at the University of Siena. In 2000, he passed the state exam to practice law (Avvocato).

He began his diplomatic career in 1999 and held his first positions in Rome, at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, within the Directorate General for European Integration.

In 2001, he was Chief of Staff of the OSCE International Mission in Belgrade, and the following year opened the Italian Diplomatic Mission in Pristina, Kosovo, now the Italian Embassy.

In 2005, he worked in New York at the Permanent Representation of Italy to the United Nations where he followed the Balkans dossier.

In 2007, he returned to Rome to the Office of the Diplomatic Advisor of Palazzo Chigi (offices of the Italian Prime Minister) where, in view of the Italian Presidency of the G8, he was appointed Head of the G8 Sherpa Office.

At the end of the Italian Presidency of the G8 in 2009, he was transferred to the OECD Secretariat in Paris to take on the role of Director of the Heiligendamm / L'Aquila Process, a process of dialogue and involvement of the main emerging economies on the major global challenges started in 2007 by G8 member countries.

In 2011, he was seconded from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to Eni as head of International Institutional Relations and head of the Eni office in the United States. In 2014, he was appointed Senior Vice President and subsequently joined the Eni Management Committee as Executive Vice President and Director of Institutional and International Affairs.

From April 2017 to December 2019, he was Ambassador of Italy to Qatar.

Pasquale Salzano is a member of the Board of ASSONIME, the General Council of the ASPEN Institute Italy, the Board of Directors of the European Council on Foreign Relations, ISPI, and IAI. In 2010, he was appointed as a "Young Global Leader" by the World Economic Forum.

He has attended postgraduate courses at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, the Jackson Institute for Global Affairs at Yale University, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies at the University of Oxford and is the author of numerous publications on issues regarding energy and geopolitics. He oversaw the course on gas geopolitics at the LUISS Business School in Rome.

He speaks English, French and Spanish.