



**Fernando GENTILINI**

**Nationality:**

Italian

**Academic qualifications:**

**1986**  
Graduated in Law  
University of Rome

**Professional experience:**

**July 2018**  
EEAS Managing Director for the Middle East and North Africa

**May 2015**  
European Union Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process

**February 2012**  
Director for Western Europe, Western Balkans, and Turkey

**August 2011**  
European Union Special Representative in Kosovo

**March 2011**  
Promoted to Minister Plenipotentiary

**April 2010**  
Seconded to the EU Council Secretariat/EEAS as Senior Adviser on the Western Balkans

**July 2008**  
Seconded to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation as NATO Senior Civilian Representative in Afghanistan

**August 2006**  
Seconded to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers as Deputy Diplomatic Advisor to the Italian Prime Minister, Rome

	<p><b>December 2005</b> Seconded to the Policy Unit at the EU Council Secretariat under the authority of the Secretary General/High Representative for the CFSP in Brussels</p> <p><b>July 2004</b> Promoted to Counsellor of Embassy</p> <p><b>April 2004</b> Seconded as E.U. High Representative's Personal Representative in Kosovo</p> <p><b>December 2002</b> Posted to MFA's Department of European Countries as Head of Unit for Western Balkans, Rome</p> <p><b>July 2000</b> Promoted to Counsellor of Legation, Rome</p> <p><b>December 1999</b> Seconded as Italian Representative within the Policy Planning and Early Warning Unit at the EU Council Secretariat, under the authority of the High Representative for the E.U. Common Foreign and Security Policy</p> <p><b>December 1996</b> First Secretary at the Italian Permanent Representation to the E.U. in Brussels</p> <p><b>January 1995</b> Promoted to First Secretary of Legation</p> <p><b>July 1992</b> Second Secretary (Economics and Trade) at the Italian Embassy in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)</p> <p><b>February 1990</b> Joined the Italian Diplomatic Service; first assigned to Department of Human Resources and Administration, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome Second Lieutenant (short service) of the Italian Army (Artillery)</p> <p><b>March 1987</b> Awarded the Italian Honour, "Cavaliere Ufficiale dell'Ordine al Merito della Repubblica" i</p>
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