

**First Counsellor Luca DI GIANFRANCESCO**  
**Diplomatic Advisor to the Minister of Infrastructures and Transport**

Born in Rome, May 28<sup>th</sup> 1977.

**Education and Training**

**2000:** graduated with honors in Political Sciences at “Roma Tre” University.

**2001:** Master Degree in International Affairs at ISPI (Institute for International Political Studies), Milan.

**2003-2004:** Training course for Junior Diplomats (Italian MFA).

**2005-2006:** European Diplomatic Program, advanced program on EU policies for diplomats and officials of the European Union (EU Institutions).

**2016-2017:** Advanced training course for Counsellors (Italian MFA).

**Languages:** Italian, English, French, Serbo-Croatian.

**Professional Career**

**December 2002:** joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs/Diplomatic Career after state examination, upon fulfillment of military obligations as reserve 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant of the Italian Air Force.

**2003:** Directorate General for Personnel - Second Secretary.

**2004:** General Inspectorate – Deputy Head of the Secretariat of the Inspector General.

**2004:** Directorate General for European Countries – Head of Section, Deputy Head of Western Balkans Department (Countries of the former Yugoslavia and Albania).

**2007:** Embassy of Italy in Sarajevo (Bosnia-Herzegovina) – First Secretary, Head of Economic, Consular/Visa and Cultural Cooperation Departments.

**2010:** Embassy of Italy in Sana’a (Yemen) – Deputy Head of Mission, then Chargé d’Affaires.

**2012:** Permanent Representation of Italy to the North-Atlantic Council (NATO), Brussels - Head of the Secretariat of the Permanent Representative; Deputy Head of the Operations Department; National Delegate to the Cyber Defense Committee.

**2016:** Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Office of the Diplomatic Advisor of the Prime Minister – Head of MENA (Middle East and North Africa) and NATO Departments.

**2018-:** Diplomatic Advisor to the Minister of Infrastructures and Transport.