

Biography of Enrico Giovannini

Enrico Giovannini is an Italian economist and statistician, member of the Club of Rome. Since 2002 he is full professor of economic statistics at the Rome University "Tor Vergata". He is the co-founder and director of the Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (ASviS), a coalition established to implement in Italy the UN 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.

From April 2013 to February 2014 he was Minister of Labour and Social Policies in the Italian Government. From August 2009 to April 2013 he was President of the Italian Statistical Institute (Istat). From January 2001 to July 2009 he was Director of Statistics and Chief Statistician of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), where he established the World Forum on "Statistics, Knowledge and Policy" and launched the "Global Project on the Measurement of the Progress of Societies", which fostered the setting up of numerous worldwide initiatives on the issue "Beyond GDP".

He is the Chair of the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board, responsible for supervising the European Statistical System and member of boards of several Italian and international institutions. Over the last few years he was member of the Global Commission on the future of work at the ILO, Co-Chair of the Independent Experts Advisory Board on "Data revolution for sustainable development" established by the UN Secretary General, Vice-president of the High Level Group on Competitiveness and Growth of the European Council, member of the High-Level Expert Group on the Measurement of Economic Performance and Social Progress established by the OECD, member of the "Commission économique de la Nation" established by the French government.

In October 2014, the President of the Italian Republic made him "Cavaliere di Gran Croce al Merito della Repubblica", the highest ranking honour of the Italian Republic.

He is author of more than 100 articles and five books on economic and statistical topics.

In 1981, he received a bachelor's degree with honours in Economics at the University of Rome "La Sapienza", where he defended a thesis on "Technologies and combinations of factors in developing countries." He continued his post-graduate education at the Institute of Economic Policy at the University of Rome "La Sapienza" in the field of applied economic analysis, with a focus on the statistical/econometric analysis of the business cycle. In 1982, he joined the Italian National Institute of Statistics (Istat) as a researcher, focusing on national accounts and economic analysis. From 1989 to 1991, he was research director at the ISCO-National Institute for Studies on Economic Cycles, where he concentrated on financial/monetary economic analysis. In 1992 he returned to Istat, and in 1993 he was appointed Director of the Division of National Accounts and Economic Analysis. In 1997, he was appointed Director of the Department of Economic Statistics at Istat, serving in this position until he was appointed Chief Statistician of the OECD.

He was a consultant of the Ministry of Treasury and of the Italian Manufacturers' Association for the development of their econometric models. During his career, he took part in several national committees, including the Council of the Interuniversity Committee for Econometrics (CIDE) and the Council of the Italian Statistical Society. He was member of the high-level Committee for the introduction of the Euro in Italy established by the Ministry of Treasury.

From January 2001 to July 2009, he was Director of Statistics and Chief Statistician of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). As Chief Statistician he designed and implemented a thorough reform of the statistical system of the Organization, established the World Forum on "Statistics, Knowledge and Policy" and launched the "Global Project on the Measurement of the Progress of Societies", which fostered the setting up of numerous worldwide initiatives on the issue "Beyond GDP". In particular, at the end of the 2007 Forum the "Istanbul Declaration" on "Beyond GDP" was signed by the OECD, the

European Commission, the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme, the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, the World Bank and several other institutions. For his work on the measurement of societal well-being, in 2010, he received the Gold Medal of the President of the Republic of Italy by the Pio Manzù International Center and became a member of the Club of Rome.

In August 2009 he was nominated President of the Italian Statistical Institute ([Istat](#)). Under his leadership, Istat undertook a wide range of innovative initiatives aimed at improving the quality of Italian statistics, as well as to improve the dissemination and the communication of data. Especially important has been the launch of the initiative to measure "Equitable and Sustainable Well-Being" through a set of indicators, also available at regional level.

He was member of important national and international committees: Chair of the Conference of European Statisticians, a body of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Chair of the Board of the World Bank International Comparison Programme for the measurement of purchasing power parities worldwide, member of the Board of the Canadian Index of Wellbeing and of the UK Measuring National Wellbeing Advisory Forum. Moreover, he was member of important European Committees, such as the European Statistical System Committee and the Committee of Monetary, Financial and Balance of Payments Statistics. He was member of the "Stiglitz Commission", established by the French President Nicolas Sarkozy, Chair of the Global Council on the "Evaluation of Societal Progress" established by the World Economic Forum and advisor to the European Commissioner for the Environment.