



Ambassador Pietro Benassi

Diplomatic Adviser to the Italian President of the Council of Ministers and G7 - G20 Sherpa to the Italian President of the Council of Ministers since 28 August 2018.

He entered the diplomatic service on 1 March 1984.

From 1 January, 1985 he served at the Economic Affairs Directorate, first in the Office for Energy, Space and Research and later in the Director General's Secretariat.

On 12 June 1986, he was appointed Second Secretary (Commercial) in Havana, and became First Secretary on 1 September 1988.

On 15 January 1990 he was appointed First Secretary in Warsaw, during the fall of the Berlin Wall and the establishment of the First Solidarność Government.

In 1994, he was promoted to the rank of Counsellor and returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome to the Italian Directorate General for Development and Cooperation.

On 23 October 1996 he was appointed to work directly for the Director General of the Development and Cooperation Directorate.

On 18 January 1999, he was posted to Brussels as Counsellor to the Italian Permanent Representation to the EU. During this mission he was promoted to the rank of First Counsellor.

On 31 August 2002, He was posted to the Italian Embassy in Berlin where he served as First Counsellor and Head of Political Affairs.

On 1 September 2005, he was appointed Head of the Latin America Office of the Directorate General for the Americas.

On 2 January 2006, he was appointed Minister Plenipotentiary.

From 15 June 2006 to 12 May 2008, he served as Head of the Private Office of the Undersecretary of State for the EU and European Countries.

From 13 May 2008 to 30 November 2009, he served Head of the Private Office of the Undersecretary of State for the Mediterranean, Middle East and Asia.

On 1 December 2009, he was appointed Ambassador of Italy to Tunisia.

On 16 May 2013, he was appointed Chief of Cabinet to the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

On 2 January 2014, he was promoted to the rank of Ambassador.

On 22 September 2014, he was appointed Ambassador of Italy to Germany.

Born in Rome on 7 June 1958, he has two children.

He graduated in Political Science at the University of Padua on 28 October 1980.

He speaks fluent English, German, French and Spanish.

On 2019, he was awarded the honour of "*Grande Ufficiale dell'Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana*".

On 2009, he was awarded the honuor of "*Commendatore dell'Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana*".

On 2002, he was awarded the honour of "*Ufficiale dell'Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana*".

On 1995, he was awarded the honour of "*Cavaliere dell'Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana*".