

Secondary school-leaving certificate in science. University of Cassino, advanced training course and specialisation in town and country planning (2005-2006).

Confcoltivatori (small farmers' confederation) official (1973-1977); Vice-Chair of the Lazio Association of Agricultural Cooperatives in the League of Cooperatives (1978-1980). Head of the productive sectors department of the National Association of Consumer Cooperatives (COOP) (1980-1983); member of the Trade Committee of the Rome City Council (1986-1995); member of the Board of the National Association of Consumer Cooperatives (1983-1989); Chair of the Regional Association of Consumer Cooperatives in Lazio (1989-2001); member of the Trade Committee of the Lazio Regional Council (1990-1999). Chair of Zephro publishing house

(1994-1998). Chair of Vignale advertising agency (1994-1998). Editor of 'Cinque' magazine (local self-government) (1996-2005). Deputy administrator of the Simbrivio Aqueduct (since June 2001). Manager of a company which builds shopping centres (since January 2002).

UPI LAZIO - Regional Union of the Provinces of Lazio (1995-1999). ALDE Vice-Chair at the Committee of the Regions (2005-2009).

Councillor of the 12th district in Rome (1989-1994); Member of the Rome Provincial Council (1995-1998); Mayor of Olevano Romano (1999-2005). Member of the Council of ANCI Lazio (National Association of Italian Municipalities) (1999-2005). Member of the Rome Provincial Council (1999-2005); regional councillor (since April 2005); Vice-President of the Lazio Regional Council (2005-2006); President of the Lazio Regional Council (2006-2009); Vice-Chair of the Committee on Institutional Affairs and Local Authorities and of the Supervisory Committee for Pluralism in Information (2004-2006); Vice-Chair of the Committee on SMEs, Commerce and Crafts (2004-2006).

Advisory Committee on Consumers (1986-1988). Committee of the Regions, member of the Commission for Territorial Cohesion (COTER) and the Commission for Economic and Social Policy (ECOS) (2005-2007); Committee of the Regions, member of the Commission for Sustainable Development (DEVE) and the Commission for Culture, Education and Research (EDUC) (since 2007).

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