



## **BIOGRAPHY**

### ***Enrico CASTIONI***

*Rear Admiral (LH), Italian Coast Guard*

Rear Admiral Enrico Castioni is the current **Head of the Budget and General planning Office of the Italian Coast Guard**.

In this position, since September 2022, Admiral Castioni is personal Advisor to the Commandant of the Italian Coast Guard for strategic planning. With his team of 26 experienced people he deals with the annual preparation and management of the Coast Guard budget. Furthermore, his office has the task of the financial managing all international projects that draw on international and European Union funds.

Commissioned at the Italian Coast Guard Headquarters since 2015, Admiral Castioni previously held the position of Head of the International Affairs Office for four years and then, for two years, the post of Head of the ICT Department.

Admiral Castioni attended the Naval Academy completing, in 1989, the cycle of university studies and professional training. In the early years of his career, he served on board various Navy units with prolonged periods of activity abroad.

In 1996, with the rank of Lieutenant, he transferred to the Coast Guard and commanded the Coast Guard Office of Grado. As Commander, in 2006-2008 he directed the Coast Guard Office of Rimini and, with the rank of Captain, from January 2013 to November 2015 the Coast Guard Office of La Spezia.

R. Adm. Castioni boasts important international experiences including - from December 2003 to April 2004 - his employment in Iraq to participate in the reconstruction of the Iraqi Coastal Defence Forces, within the international military staff of the Coalition Provisional Authority. As head of the International Affairs Office he followed and managed several international projects and organized relevant international events including the Italian presidency of the Mediterranean Coast Guard Functions Forum in 2016, as well as the presidency of the European Coast Guard Functions Forum in 2019.

In more recent times, till last February 2022, he acted as national representative at the High-Level Steering Group (HLSG) for Governance of the Digital Maritime System and Services of the European Commission. Furthermore, since 2021 he is still:

- member of the Administrative Board of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), representing Italy,
- by Ministerial Decree, member of the group of experts in "information systems, digitization and monitoring of projects and results" of the Italian Recovery and Resilience Plan Committee;

He graduated in "Maritime and Naval Sciences" and in "Government and Sea Administration Sciences" at the University of Pisa and acquired the further following academic titles:

- Master in "Strategic-Military International Studies" with the University of Milan and the LUISS "Guido Carli" of Rome;
- Patent as "Legal Advisor in the Armed Forces" granted by the Italian Defence's High Studies Centre;
- Master in "Global Strategy and Security" with the University of Turin;
- Patent in International Maritime Law granted by the Navy General Staff.

Abroad he attended, in 2005, the Seaport Security Antiterrorism Training Program at the US Coast Guard Training Centre in Yorktown (Virginia) and the Regional seminar on the use of remote sensing in oil pollution control organized in Cyprus by REMPEC. In 2017, he attended the seminar "The challenges of securing maritime areas" and the course "Civilian aspects of crisis management" organized in Brussels and Rome by the European Security and Defence College.