

PRESIDENT

Franco Bassanini

Franco Bassanini, former Italian Cabinet Minister for Public Administration and Regional Affairs (1996-2001) and Professor of Constitutional Law at the First University of Rome, is now Chairman of Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (the most important Italian long term investor in the fields of infrastructures, energy, and public utilities) and President of Astrid Foundation, an Italian think tank established in 2001, gathering together about 350 scientists and experts in the field of European institutions, public policies, public administration's reform, market regulation and e-government (www.astrid.eu). He is also Chairman of the Board of Directors of Metroweb SpA, of the Supervisory Board of Condotte d'Acqua Spa, of the Investment Board of the Equity Fund Inframed, Vice-President of the Long-Term Investors Club and member of the Supervisory Board of *2020 European Fund for Energy, Climate Change and Infrastructure (Marguerite Fund)*, of the French *Commission pour la Libération de la Croissance française*, chaired by Jacques Attali and of the French *Commission pour le financement du codéveloppement de la Méditerranée*, chaired par Charles Milhaud.

Franco Bassanini was Cabinet Minister for Public Administration and Regional Affairs in the Italian Government led by Romano Prodi (1996-1998), Under-secretary of State to Prime Minister's Office and responsible for the Cabinet Office in the first Government led by Massimo D'Alema (1998-1999), Cabinet Minister for Public Administration in the second Government led by Massimo D'Alema (1999-2000) and in the second Government led by Giuliano Amato (2000-2001). During those years, he carried out a wide and comprehensive reform program of the Italian administrative system.

Franco Bassanini has been member of Italian Parliament from 1979 to 2006 (Member of the House of Deputies from 1979 to 1996, Senator from 1996 to 2006). He has also been member of the *E.N.A. (Ecole Nationale d'Administration)* Executive Board (2001-2005), of the *Comité d'évaluation des stratégies ministérielles de réforme* led by Francis Mer (2003-2005) and of the *High Level Panel of the U.N. ICT Task Force* (2001-2006). In Italian Parliament, he has been Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for Monetary Policy and Budget (1987-1990) and Chairman of the Parliamentary Group of the Independent Left (1988-1991).

From 1965 to 2001 Franco Bassanini has taught at the Universities of Milan, Trento, Sassari, Florence and Rome. He is the author of 18 books and about 300 academic articles on issues of constitutional law, economic law, political science, European law and administrative law. (www.bassanini.it)

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