



BIOGRAPHY

Enrico CASTIONI

Rear Admiral (LH), Italian Coast Guard

Rear Admiral Enrico Castioni is the current Head of the VII Department – ICT and Vessel Traffic Monitoring Systems – at the Italian Coast Guard Headquarters (ITCG HQs).

Born in 1966, he attended the Naval Academy in 1985 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, as an expert, in the reconstruction of the Iraqi Coastal Defence Forces, within the international military staff of the Coalition Provisional Authority.

He served, in different occasions, at the International Affairs Office of the ITCG HQs, which he was the Head from April 2016 to January 2020. In that post, being the foreign policy Advisor to the Commandant of the Italian Coast Guard and responsible for international relations, 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.

Rear Admiral Castioni is:

- member of the Administrative Board of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), representing Italy,
- national representative at the High Level Steering Group (HLSG) for Governance of the Digital Maritime System and Services of the European Commission,
- by Ministerial Decree, member of the group of experts in "information systems, digitization and monitoring of projects and results" of the Italian PNRR (national 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.