

Curriculum Vitae

GIOVANNI KESSLER



Italian Public Prosecutor. Committed to rule of law and anti-corruption in the judiciary, legislative and executive power, in International Organizations and in the European Union.

Professional Experience

Public prosecutor

Court of Bolzano, Italy

From September 2018

Director of Italian Customs and Monopolies Agency

Head of the body that collects customs duties from imported goods and excise duties from production, distribution and consumption of mineral oil, electricity, alcohol and tobacco. The Agency is also the Italian Gaming and Tobacco Authority. It investigates on custom frauds, smuggling, illicit trade and gaming.

Rome, Italy

October 2017 – September 2018

Director-General of Olaf (European Anti-Fraud Office)

Head of the Office responsible for conducting independent investigations into fraud and corruption affecting the financial interests of the European Union, and for investigating serious misconduct by staff and members of the EU institutions.

European Commission, Brussels

February 2011 – October 2017

President of the Council of the Autonomous Province of Trento

Elected member and president of the legislative Assembly.

Chairing Assembly's sessions, setting the agenda of parliamentary works. Head of the Council administration.

Trento, Italy

November 2008 – January 2011

High Commissioner to Combat Counterfeiting

Responsible for the Italian governmental agency in charge of setting national policy and coordinating public bodies activities on anti-counterfeiting and tackling IP rights infringements.

Rome, Italy

September 2006 – August 2008

Member of the Italian Parliament

Member of the Chamber of Deputies elected in the Trento constituency. Vice-President of the Parliamentary jurisdictional committee and member of Justice Committee.

Author of bills on Council of Europe Convention against corruption, EU Judiciary Cooperation, and International Criminal Court.

Rome, Italy

April 2001 – April 2006

Deputy Head of OSCE Kosovo Verification Mission

Head of Police and Justice Department.

Monitoring and reporting on judicial and police activities in Serbia's Kosovo. Negotiations with the local authorities. Setting up of a plan for an emergency judiciary system for after war Kosovo.

From August 1999, Italian Government's representative at the Security Table of the Stability Pact of South Eastern Europe.

Pristina, Kosovo – Vienna - Rome

December 1998 – December 2000

Public Prosecutor

Leading crime investigations and representing prosecution in trials, mainly in fraud, corruption and transnational crimes.

Court of Bolzano, Italy

December 2000 – April 2001

January 1997 – December 1998

Court of Trento, Italy

June 1985 – February 1995

Leading investigations and representing prosecution in trials on mafia-related crimes

Anti-Mafia Prosecution Office, Caltanissetta, Sicily

March 1995 – December 1996

Auditor

Legality control of expenditures of local and national public bodies in Trento province.

Court of Auditor, Trento, Italy

June 1984 – June 1985

Junior Barrister

Trento

April 1982 – April 1984

International Activities

Member of the International Anti-Corruption Advisory Board (IACAB), European Union Anti-Corruption Initiative (EUACI) in Ukraine.

Kiev, from 2017

Member of the selection panel for the Head of the Ukrainian independent Anti-Corruption Bureau (NABU).

Kiev, 2015

Member of the Executive Committee of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA), based on UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), which includes nearly three hundred law enforcement national institutions and bodies entrusted with the task of fighting against corruption.

2013 – 2017

President of the European Partners Against Corruption/European Anti-Corruption Network (EPAC/EACN), a network including close to fifty European anti-corruption authorities.

2012 – 2016

President of the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE).

2009 - 2010

Vice-President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly. Member and Chairman of Election Monitoring Missions in OSCE countries, including Ukraine.

2001 - 2006

Judicial expert in EU Commission and Council of Europe evaluation missions on corruption, judiciary and rule of law.

Czech Republic, Hungary, Estonia, Albania, Moldova

1998-2001

Education and Titles

Humanities Studies

Master's degree in Law with honours

1981, Università degli Studi di Bologna

Qualified as a Lawyer

1984, Trento's Bar

Foreign Languages

Fluent in English and German