



Professor Ignacio Tirado was appointed Secretary-General by the Governing Council at its 97th session, and officially took office on 27 August 2018. A national of Spain, Professor Tirado (Commercial, Corporate and Insolvency Law, Universidad Autónoma of Madrid, Spain) holds a PhD from the Universities of Bologna and Autónoma de Madrid and an LLM from the University of London. Professor Tirado has been a Senior Legal Consultant at the World Bank's Legal Vice-Presidency and Financial Sector Practice for almost nine years, having also consulted for the IMF on insolvency related matters as well as for the Asian Development Bank on commercial legal reform.

Amongst other accolades to his professional experience, Professor Tirado is a founding member of the European Banking Institute, Director of the International Insolvency Institute and an International Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.



Mario Pezzini is Director of the OECD Development Centre.

Moreover, after having served for a year as Acting Director of the OECD Development Co-operation Directorate, he has been now nominated Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary General on Development.

The OECD Development Centre is an institution where governments, enterprises and civil society organisations informally discuss questions of common interest. Its Governing Board includes most of the OECD countries but also developing and emerging economies as full members. The Centre helps policy makers in OECD and partner countries find innovative solutions to the global challenges of development. (www.oecd.org/dev).

Before joining the Development Centre in 2010, Mario Pezzini held several senior management positions in the OECD, where he has been working since 1995.

Prior to joining the OECD, Mr. Pezzini was Professor in Industrial Economics at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris as well as in US and Italian Universities. Also, Mr. Pezzini served as an Advisor in the field of economic development, industrial organisation and regional economics in international organisations and think tanks (e.g. ILO, UNIDO, European Commission and Nomisma in Italy). Mr. Pezzini started his career in the Government office of the Emilia-Romagna Region.



Sergio Pagano is graduated in Law at the University of Rome “La Sapienza”. From 1987 to 1991 he served at the Company Italstat – IRI Group. Following a public competition he joined the Diplomatic Career in 1991.

In 1994 he was appointed Second Secretary in the economic and commercial sectors at the Italian Embassy in Bucharest.

In 1997, he was appointed Deputy Consul at the Consulate General in Munich. In 2001 he was assigned to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Directorate General for the Mediterranean and Middle East countries as responsible for relations with Maghreb countries.

From 2004 to 2006 he served as Counselor at the Directorate General of Human Resources of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2006, he was assigned to the Italian Embassy in Paris as Counselor in charge of relations with the press and domestic policy. From 2009 to 2013 he served at the Italian Embassy in Vienna as First Counselor.

In 2014 he was appointed Minister Plenipotentiary and, at the moment, he is in charge of Unit II at the Directorate General for Development Cooperation.

Cavaliere Ufficiale dell'Ordine al Merito della Repubblica, 2008



Andrea Zorzi is an aggregate professor of Business Law (tenure-track) at the University of Florence, Italy and an attorney at law of the Venice bar. He graduated *cum laude* at the University of Bologna and holds a doctorate (Ph.D.) in Business Law and an LLM (Corporations) from the New York University Law School.

Andrea Zorzi has published extensively on company law, securities regulation and insolvency law.

He has worked for the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance as a member of the pre-accession advising committee to the Czech Republic in the field of securities regulation; he participated in the drafting of the "Guidelines for the financing of distressed enterprises" of the Italian National Board of Certified Accountants and is member of the Italian research team on a European project (JUST) on "Contractualised Distress Resolution".



Margherita Bianchini is Deputy Director General and Head of Corporate Legal Affairs at Assonime – Associazione fra le società italiane per azioni. She joined Assonime in 2003.

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She was local partner in the law firm SALT (Studio Associato Legale e Tributario) associated with Ernst & Young International; senior associate in the law firm Magrone & Ardito; junior associate in the law firm Collodel, Leone, Ligi, Queirola & assoc. She had significant experience in the field of international Corporate law, M&A and Corporate Reorganizations. She was admitted to Italian BAR in 1990.

She was visiting research fellow at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. She received a scholarship awarded by CNR (National Research Centre) for a Research Program at the University La Sapienza of Rome, Italy on 'Preliminary Agreement' and within this research program she was visiting research fellow at the University of Cambridge, UK. She received a Degree in Law Degree (Laurea in Giurisprudenza, J.D. at the University of Macerata, Italy).

She holds lecture on Corporate and Bankruptcy Law. Among others. From 2001 to 2006 she held the course on 'Cross border regulation, international contracts and companies cooperation' at the University of Roma3 - LL.MM. on EU Law. From 2014 on she holds a course on Corporate Liability at the Law School of the LUISS University of Rome.

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Dr. Juli Ponce is a Law Professor, a member of the European Group of Public Law and the current director of TransJus, a transdisciplinary research institute at the Barcelona University, where he was an Assistant Dean at the Law School.

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Professor Ortega earned her J.D. and her Doctorate from the University of Barcelona and holds a Master's Degree in Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science (UK).

She is the author of more than forty publications including the following books in Spanish language: *Locus Standi of Individuals before the Court of Justice of the European Communities* (1999), *Access to medicines in developing countries* (2011), the *European Commission and the Government of the European Union* (2012). She is the editor of the collective book *The Policies of the European Union in the XXI Century* (2016). Her specialist subjects focus on Fundamental Rights in the European Union (particularly, the equality right), European Social and Environmental Law, Judicial Architecture and Judicial Protection of individuals within the E.U and the TRIPS agreement.

She has been a guest professor at Whittier University (USA) and she was approved as Herbert Smith Freehills Visitor at the Law Faculty, University of Cambridge (2017). She has also been a guest professor at the Center for Political and Constitutional Studies, administrative body that assesses the Presidency of the Government of Spain.



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McInerney's legal experience spans agriculture, anti-corruption, corporate law, environmental law and policy, finance, human rights, international organizations, international investment, labor, land and natural resources, organizational compliance, public international law, and securities. From 2009 to 2012 was Director of Research, Policy, and Strategic Initiatives for the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) and 2002 to 2009 he served as IDLO's General Counsel and Secretary.



Francesco Vella received a degree in Law from the University of Bologna in 1980. He is a professor of Commercial Law at the University of Bologna, where he has taught since 1998. From 1992 to 1998, he taught at the University of Modena.

He is the author of many publications in banking law, corporate and commercial law and securities law. He recently edited a book “Capitalismo e Finanza. Il futuro tra rischio e fiducia” about the financial crisis; and (with G. Bosi) an handbook of Italian company law, an handbook of Italian regulation of financial markets, an handbook (With M. Andenas , R.G. Avesani, O. Manes, P.R. Wood) of regulation of insurance market.

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