

Fernando Gentilini – an Italian diplomat with more than twenty years' experience in crisis management, peace negotiations, multilateral and European affairs. Fernando Gentilini was born in Subiaco (Rome) on 2nd March 1962 and joined the Italian Diplomatic Service in 1990. He has served in the Italian Embassy in Addis Ababa and in the Italian Permanent Representation to the E.U. in Brussels. In 1999, he was seconded to the Policy Unity of the Secretary General/High Representative for the CFSP in Brussels and deployed in several Balkan hot spots. In 2003 he served as head of the Balkan dept in the Italian MFA. In 2004 he became the personal representative of the High Representative for CFSP in Kosovo. In 2006, he was appointed Deputy Diplomatic Advisor to the Italian Prime Minister. In 2008, he was nominated NATO Senior Civilian Representative in Afghanistan. In 2011, he was appointed European Union Special Representative in Kosovo. In 2012 he served as Director for Western Europe, Western Balkans, and Turkey for the European External Action Service. In 2015 he was appointed European Union Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process. In March 2018, Mr. Gentilini was appointed as the new EEAS Managing Director for the Middle East and North Africa; he has taken up his new functions in Brussels on 1 July 2018.