

Prof. Federico Cinquepalmi (Ph.D.)

Short CV

Prof. Federico Cinquepalmi (PhD) holds a degree in Architecture and Planning from the IUAV University of Venice – Italy (1994) and a PhD in Science and Technology for Industrial innovation from the Sapienza University of Rome - Italy (October 2005 - March 2008); from April 2009 he belongs to the role of researchers of the national Agency for environmental research of the Italian Government. From 2010 he is in charge as director of international affairs in the Italian Ministry for Education University and Research (MIUR). He has been from 2010 to 2015 Director for international research activities and since 2015 he is director of the office for internationalization of higher education, in charge for all bilateral and multilateral affairs, mobility programmes and activities with UE.

He holds a first degree in Architecture and Planning, and a Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering. His scientific activities were mainly developed at: IUAV University of Architecture and Planning Venice (Italy) from 1994 to 1999, Venice International University in 1997; Italian National Research Council in 2000; US National Oceanographic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) from 1998 to 1999, University of Massachusetts - Urban Harbor Institute of Boston from 1998 to 1999, Washington University, School of Marine Affairs 1999; Sapienza University of Rome from 1994 to 1998 and Cambridge University as Visiting academician at the Department of Geography and Cambridge Centre for Landscape and People (CCLP) from 2008 until today. He has carried out teaching activity as Teaching assistant, from 1994 to 1998 in Venice, then research fellow from 1998 to 1999 and appointed Professor from 2005 until today, in several of the institutions listed above, mainly in Venice, Cambridge and Rome.

He has been awarded of 6 prizes and honors both nationally and internationally in his scientific research sector, among them a grant for young European researchers from the European Science Foundation (ESF) in 1997, a fellowship from the Italian National Research Council (CNR) in 2000 and a personal grant given from the American Embassy in Rome for research activities to be implemented in the US in 1998. He is author and co-author of 40 scientific works published in national and international journals and books, but also author of 15 institutional documents, among them the Siracusa Charter on Biodiversity and of the National Strategy for Biodiversity in Italy. He is author in a Cambridge University Press book. From 1999 to 2009 he has been senior environmental advisor at the Italian Ministry of Environment working closely as advisor of the Ministers Cabinets, and in that period he was part of the Italian G8 Environment working group.

During that period he was also scientific liaison officer of the Italian Government for the most relevant international organizations for the environmental protection and sustainable development, such as: the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO/UN); the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP); the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); the International Atomic Energy Agency (AIEA); the International Maritime Organization (IMO); the World Bank environment; the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OCSE); the International Union for Conservation of the Nature (IUCN); the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD/UN) and the Convention for the Protection Of The Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution (Barcelona Convention/UN).

He speaks and writes fluently in Italian, his mother tongue, in English and French. He also speaks and understands Spanish.