



### **Rear Admiral Massimo Esposito, Italian Navy (Ret.)**

Massimo Esposito joined the Italian Naval Academy in 1983 and, following that, spent several years on board Italian Navy warships (for a total of 15 years), as Antisubmarine Warfare, Operations and Executive Officer.

From 1994 to 1995 he commanded the Patrol warship Vega, conducting fishery patrol and participating, as Flagship, to NATO operations in Former Yugoslavia. From 2004 to 2005 he commanded the Frigate Aviere, participating to the NATO Operation Active Endeavour, as Commander of a NATO Task Group. From 2012 to 2013 he commanded the Amphibious Warship San Marco, participating to the NATO Operation Ocean Shield in the Indian Ocean as NATO Flagship.

In addition to his Command assignments, he has served in a variety of senior positions at single service, joint and international levels, including: Maritime Operations Center Manager at NATO Naval HQ, Naples. Directing Staff, Teacher and Senior Researcher at the Italian Joint Staff College, Rome. Executive and Military Assistant to the Commanding Officer of the Italian Naval Staff College, Venice. Plans Section Head and Military Cooperation Team Leader at NATO Joint Forces Command, Brunssum. Director of the Centre for Maritime studies at the Italian Naval Staff College, Venice. Branch Head and Military Assistant at the Italian Military Delegation, NATO HQ, Brussels.

He retired from the Italian Navy in 2021, and following that, has served at NATO HQ Brussels, with a focus on new technologies and their impact on future warfare.

He recently assumed the role of General Manager AFCEA Europe.

He earned a Master of Arts in Defence Studies from King's College, London (UK) and in International, Strategic and Military Studies from LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in Physics from the University of Lecce, a Bachelor of Science in Naval and Maritime Science from the University of Pisa and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Trieste. He has also successfully attended the Advanced Command and Staff Course (ACSC4) at the Joint Services Command and Staff College (JSCSC), Shrivenham (UK).