

BIOGRAPHIES



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Lamia Kamal-Chaoui is the Director of the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities since 2016. She leads the Organisation's work in the fields of SME and entrepreneurship policy; regional, urban and rural development; regional and metropolitan area statistics, multi-level governance; and tourism. Ms. Kamal-Chaoui has held several senior positions at the OECD since 1993. From 2012 to 2016, she served as Senior Advisor to the OECD Secretary-General, supporting the overall OECD agenda and leading several initiatives, including the OECD Inclusive Growth Initiative. Prior to this, she was Head of the OECD Urban Programme from 2003 to 2012, where she advised national policy makers and city leaders. Earlier in her career at the OECD, she worked in several other Directorates. She has been a member of numerous International Committees and Advisory Boards as well as a Lecturer at Sciences Po Paris.



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Ms. Flavia Terribile has been the Chair of the OECD Regional Development Policy Committee since 2018 and a member of the Bureau for ten years, contributing to a wide range of projects and activities with OECD and partner countries. As Senior Advisor at the Programming, Evaluation and Analysis Unit of the Presidency of Italy's Council of Ministers, she oversees high-level interinstitutional groups aimed at assessing the impact of regional development programmes on targeted geographical areas and elaborating macroeconomic scenarios and forecasts for allocation of EU financial resources to Italy's Regions. Ms. Flavia Terribile has held several senior positions as a Government Official in the Italian Public Administration since 1998 (within the Ministry of Economy and Finance until 2006, and the Ministry of Economic Development in 2006-2015). She is a member of several civil society associations and networks (The Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development, ASviS) and one of the founders of Italy's Forum DD, aimed at designing public policies and collective actions to reduce inequalities. Prior to joining the Italian public service, Ms. Flavia Terribile worked in the OECD Economics Department for four years. She holds a M.Phil. in Economics from the University of Cambridge (UK). She is a lecturer on EU Cohesion Policy at Italy's National School of Public Administration, and the author of numerous academic articles on analysis and evaluation of regional development policies.



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Enrico Giovannini is full professor of Economic statistics and Sustainable development at the University of Rome "Tor Vergata", of Sustainable development at LUISS and at the National School of Administration (SNA). He is the co-founder and director of the Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development, a coalition of more than 240 organisations established to implement in Italy the UN 2030 Agenda 2030. He was Director of Statistics and Chief Statistician of the OECD (2001-2009), President of the Italian Statistical Institute (2009-2013) and Minister of Labour and Social Policies (2013-2014). In October 2014, the President of the Italian Republic made him "Cavaliere di Gran Croce al Merito della Repubblica", the highest ranking honour of the Italian Republic. He is the author of more than 100 articles and six books on statistical and economic topics.



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Teodora Brandmüller is an economist by education with a passion for storytelling with number. After scholarships in Aarhus, Denmark; Cleveland, Ohio and an Erasmus semester in Germany, she graduated from the University of Pécs in Hungary. She has been working in Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union for the past fifteen years. Since 2011 she has been the co-editor of the Eurostat regional yearbook. She has played an active .

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