

Prof. Vittorio Umberto Grilli

Vittorio Umberto Grilli was born in Milan in 1957.

He graduated in Economics and Social Studies at *Luigi Bocconi* University of Milan, then attained a Master and a Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Rochester in New York (USA).

In the USA, where he lived for several years, Professor Grilli taught economic subjects at the Department of Economics of Yale University from 1986 to 1990, and subsequently moved to Europe, where he taught Financial Economics at Birkbeck College, University of London (UK) in the period 1990 to 1994.

Professor Grilli is now Chairman of the Corporate & Investment Bank EMEA at J.P. Morgan in London (UK).

Moreover he is Chairman of the Board of the Italian Institute of Technology and trustee of the Centre for Economic Policy Research. During the last year until April 2014 he was Special Advisor at IFAD.

Professor Grilli served as Italy's Minister of Economy and Finance from July 2012 to April 2013, prior to this appointment he was Deputy Minister in the same Ministry. He was Director General of the Treasury from 2005 to 2011 and, previously, Italy's State Accountant General from 2002 to 2005.

His first assignment at Italy's Ministry of Economy and Finance dates back 1993, when he became a member of the Council of Experts at the Department of the Treasury.

From 1994 to 2000 Professor Grilli was Director General for Economic and Financial Analysis and Privatization, and regent Director General for Public Debt and State Treasury DG from 1996 to 1997.

Over the last year as Director General of the Treasury, Professor Grilli was also appointed President of the Economic and Financial Committee – the European body in charge of preparing the Ecofin – after being its Vice-President since March 2009.

In the private sector, he worked as Managing Director at Credit Suisse First Boston in London (UK). Furthermore he was President of the Italian Institute of Technology for several years, and member of the *Commissione di Garanzia per l'Informazione Statistica* (Italy's national Commission for statistic information guarantee) and of the Board of Directors of numerous listed and non-listed companies, including: *Cassa Depositi e Prestiti*, Italy's National Institute of Molecular Genetics (INGM), Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna of Pisa, ENEL SpA, Alitalia, Artigiancassa SpA, CONSAP SpA, CONSIP SpA, WIND, European Investment Bank (EIB), ISPE, ISAE, and Arcus SpA.

Professor Grilli has published numerous articles and books dealing with national and international economic policy issues.

Professor Grilli has also won several awards including: the Gold Medal of Luigi Bocconi University (1981), the Saint Vincent Prize for Economics (1992), the Tarantelli Prize for the best economic idea (2004), the 2005 Bocconi Prize, and the Guido Carli Prize for the best new financial initiative - Fund for SMEs (2010).

Thanks to his outstanding civil and professional merits, in 2011 Professor Grilli was appointed Grand Cross Knight (Cavaliere di Gran Croce).