



**Vice Admiral Dario Giacomini**  
Deputy Secretary General of Defence and  
National Armaments Director, Italy

**Main Programme**

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Vice Admiral Dario Giacomini was born in Trieste in 1961, he attended the Naval Academy from 1980 to 1984. He then embarked on submarines (qualified submariner in 1984) on which he held various positions progressively up to Commanding Officer of Submarines MOCENIGO and DANDOLO "Toti" Class - (1992/1993) and LONGOBARDO "Sauro" Class - (1994/1996).

His Commands include the frigate GRECALE, participating to the Operation "ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR" in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea (2001/2002); the Second Corvette Squadron - also acting as an instructor at the School of Naval Command in Augusta, Sicily (2002/2003), the Aircraft Carrier Giuseppe Garibaldi, participating to the major NATO exercises and to the National and NATO Response Force (2007/2008), the the Submarine Force (2014-2017 - including the Submarine Department of the Naval General Staff and the Head of the Submarine Program Office of the General Directorate of the Naval Armament).

During his career he covered several positions in the Naval General Staff (Submarine Dept., - Chief of the Office for Research, Weapons and Equipment; Head of the Infrastructure and Logistics Department (2017-2018), in the General Directorate of the Naval Armament (Submarine Program Office), in the Joint Defence Staff (Deputy Chief of Strategic Planning Office of the 3rd Department), in the Fleet Command as Chief of Staff. From 2011 to 2014 he was Defence and Naval Attaché to the UK, Ireland and Iceland.

On 30 October 2018 he has been appointed Deputy Defence General Secretary/Deputy National Armament Director.

He gained a Degree in Maritime and Naval Sciences at the University of Pisa and a Master in International Military-Strategic Studies at the CASD and at the Luiss University in Rome. He attended the Senior Course at the NATO Defence College (91° Course - 1997/1998) and the 1st I.S.S.M.I. (Combined Joint Staff Institute) Course at the CASD (Defence Studies Centre) in Rome (1998/1999).

Vice Admiral Dario Giacomini was appointed as Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic and Maurician Medal. His decorations include a ribbon and silver medal for long navigation, a ribbon and gold medal for long command, a ribbon and medal for 25 years service, a ribbon and medal for the Operation Active Endeavour, a ribbon and medal for the European Union Operation Sophia and the submariners' badge of honour.

He was promoted as a 3\* Admiral on 1st July 2018.