

Brigadier General (Reserve) Alessio Grasso's Biography



Italian Air Force (ItAF) Brigadier General (Reserve) Alessio Grasso served, as an Italian Air Force Officer, from 1988 to 2021 and is currently holding the position of Dallara Group's Aerospace & Defense Business Unit Manager from February 2021 where he explores market trends and identifies new opportunities at the boundary between industry and the Aerospace, Space and Defense sectors.

He left the Italian Air Force after ending his command post as Director of the Naples Territorial Technical Office of the National Armaments Directorate - Air Armaments and Airworthiness Directorate where he

was in charge of procurement activities for air military platforms and equipment and Government Quality Assurance of A&D's industries in the geographical area of competence (from Tuscany to Sicily). He also left the concurrent position as the Director of the Territorial Technical Office of Milan.

From 2016 to 2017 he was the Head of the "Industrial Participations" Office for the JSF (Joint Strike Fighter) Program Directorate at the National Armaments Directorate where he was responsible for promoting and coordinating industrial participation in the program and also defining strategies and initiatives aimed at expanding industrial opportunities for Italy within the program itself.

From 2013 to 2016 he served at the Embassy of Italy in Washington as Assistant Defense and Defense Cooperation Attaché with the task to manage all the Italian Defense Procurement related activities through the FMS (*Foreign Military Sale*) and DCS (*Direct Commercial Sale*) process. As an executive member of the Foreign Procurement in Washington DC he had been selected to chair the "Standard Level of Service" Working Group to modify the related DSCA (*Defense Security Cooperation Agency*) policy by 2016. He was also responsible to promote cooperation between Italy and the United States of America, regarding Research and Technology, Programs and Tests for all Defense Services.

His previous assignment was at the Italian Military Airworthiness Authority (*DAAA - Air Armament and Airworthiness Directorate*) in Rome, where he was responsible for performing the qualification activity of military weapon systems and in the formulation of military airworthiness policy / standards for the IT MoD. Moreover he was the Italian point of contact for military airworthiness harmonization process and for UAS (Unmanned Air System) Airworthiness related issues in various international working groups. He is also Aircraft Accident Investigator of the Italian Air Force and instructor at the Superior War Air Force School in Florence.

General Grasso joined the Italian Air Force Academy in 1988 where he graduated in 1994 in aeronautical engineering. He was then assigned to the 46th Air Brigade in Pisa where he worked in the maintenance of the long and medium range military transport and tactical aircrafts (C-130J and C-27J). During this period he also took part in many military operations across the world as the technical officer responsible for the fleet. From 2002 to 2006 he was assigned at Air Force Command in Rome, where he was responsible to support Air Force Wing Commanders for acquiring and maintaining the required level of readiness and operational capability of the assigned fleet. In 2006 he left the operational area and he was assigned to the technical-administrative area at DAAA Technical Territorial Office in Naples. He was also the Chairman of European Defence Agency Military Airworthiness Authorities MAWA Task Force 4 producing the first European Military Airworthiness Certification Criteria handbook (EMACC) and Chairman of a NATO working group releasing the STANAG 4703 considered the first airworthiness certification standard for fixed-wing Light UAS systems with a maximum take-off weight not greater than 150 kg.