

Enrico Giovannini
Biographical Information

Enrico Giovannini has been the Director of Statistics and Chief Statistician of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) since January 2001 when he took up this post.

He graduated in March 1981 in Economics at “La Sapienza” University of Rome and he continued his studies at the Institute of Economic Policy of the same Faculty, specialising in econometric analysis.

In December 1982 he began his career at the National Institute of Statistics (Istat) in the “Research Department”. He has since this time advanced through the organization using his experience and expertise and has developed a new statistical information system in order to help share the data with other international institutions. In 1997 he was appointed Head of the Department for Economic Statistics.

Mr. Giovannini is member of several high-level committees of the European Commission and other International Organisations. He was member of the strategic Committee for the introduction of the EURO in Italy of the Ministry of Treasury and of several scientific Committees at Italian universities and research institutes.

Last year he organised the second OECD World Forum on "Measuring and Fostering the Progress of Societies", which was held in Istanbul (Turkey) in June 2007. Over 1200 experts participated, representing 130 countries and more than 20 international organisations. At the end of the Forum the "Istanbul Declaration" was signed by the OECD, the European Commission, the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme, the Organisation of the Islamic Conference and the World Bank. These organisations affirmed their commitment to measuring and fostering the progress of societies in all dimensions, with the ultimate goal of improving policy making, democracy and citizens' wellbeing.

He also established The Global Project on Measuring the Progress of Societies hosted by the OECD and run in collaboration with other international and regional partners. This project seeks to become the world wide reference point for those who wish to measure, or assess, the progress of their societies. He is member of the Commission on “Measurement of economic performance and social progress” established by the French President Sarkozy and chaired by Prof. Joe Stiglitz. He is also chair of the Global Council on “Benchmarking the Progress of Societies” established by the World Economic Forum.

He is a full professor of economic statistics at the University of Rome “Tor Vergata”. He has published many articles and books in economics and statistics, and has edited several books.