

## Leonardo Pofferi

### *Biography*



- ✓ Born in Italy 3/3/1970, married with two children and living in Brussels since 1997
  - ✓ Graduated *magna cum laude* in Political Sciences at Bologna University (1995)
  - ✓ Master in EU law and policy at European College of Parma (1996-97)
  - ✓ March 1999 – 2013: permanent representative in Brussels of Fedagri Confcooperative, the main agrifood Italian cooperative association
  - ✓ 2007-2009 + 2014-currently: Chairman of Cooperative Coordination Committee of Cogeca and member of Cogeca Presidency
  - ✓ 2008-2012: member of the Sherpa Group of the High level forum on competitiveness of agrifood industry set up by European Commission, enlarged in 2010 to the High level Forum for a better functioning of the food supply chain
  - ✓ From 2014 onwards: Head of Brussels office of Confcooperative, the Italian umbrella organization, gathering 18,500 enterprises with an aggregate turnover of 66 billion
- Responsible for relations with EU Institutions and permanent representation of Italian government
- ✓ From 2016 onwards: Director for European affairs of Alleanza Cooperative Italiane – agrifood sector (representing around 40% of national agrifood production), Italian member of Cogeca

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