

## Fabio Colasanti



**European Commission Director General for “Information Society and Media”** since July 2002, **Fabio Colasanti**, born in 1946, of Italian nationality, was previously Director General of the European Commission’s “Enterprise” Directorate General from January 2000 to June 2002.

Prior to this appointment, from June 1999 to the end of 1999, he was Deputy Head of the Office of Commission President Romano Prodi and from the beginning of 1996 until June 1999 a Director in the European Commission’s “Budget” Directorate General, with responsibility for the “Resources” Directorate.

Previously, from 1988 to the end of 1995, he served successively as Head of the “*Economic Forecasts*” and “*Macro-economic policy analysis*” units of the Commission’s Directorate General for “Economic and Financial Affairs”. Meanwhile, he studied local development issues in the USA during a three month trip across 18 states, thanks to an Eisenhower Fellowship in 1992.

Before returning to the Directorate General “Economic and Financial Affairs”, he was a member of the Commission’s *Spokesman’s Group* with responsibility for economic and monetary affairs, regional policy, credit and investment, small and medium-sized enterprises (the portfolios of Commissioners Alois Pfeiffer and Abel Matutes), from 1985 to the end of 1987.

From October 1977 to 1984, he worked as an economist in the Commission’s Directorate General for “Economic and Financial Affairs” (budgetary policies, Italian economy, short-term forecasts, European Monetary System and the Ecu).

From 1971 to 1977, he held various positions with Italcable Spa of Rome (an international telecommunications company which is now part of Telecom Italia).

Fabio Colasanti holds diplomas in economics from the University of Rome and the College of Europe in Bruges. He works regularly in English and French and is fluent in German and Spanish.