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Rear Admiral (LH) Nicola de Felice is the Director of the Centre for Defence Innovation, Rome. He oversees matters requiring application of the Joint Concept Development and Experimentation methodology, including the related joint Doctrine serving to make Italian policy and strategy effective in the application of Italian military power.

He graduated from the Italian Naval Academy in 1981 and completed his studies in “Maritime and Naval Science” at the University of Pisa, attaining also a second graduation on “Political Science” at the University of Trieste.

An experienced warfare officer and missile specialist he has been involved in an extensive range of warships Commands and maritime, joint/combined operations over the past 30 years. His time on the front line has included four warship Commanding periods: ITS BASENTO (Auxiliary ship), ITS SCIROCCO (Type MAESTRALE Frigate), ITS ORSA (Type LUPO Frigate) and ITS MIMBELLI (Type DE LA PENNE Destroyer).

Whilst ashore, he had an equally varied range of appointments, including a three year tour at the Italian/French and British missile programmes FSAF and PAAMS at Paris and a three year tour in Tunis as Defence Attaché. He has previously worked in the Naval General Staff as responsible of the development of several naval Weapons & Combat System programmes and in the Italian MoD Joint Financial Planning Department, as financial responsible for a commensurately broad range of single and three – services projects. Currently he is also one of the Defence representative at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers for the national cyber programme.

The latest products of the Centre are:

- ✓ The Italian Military Joint Doctrine;
- ✓ The Cyber Policy of the Italian Defence;
- ✓ The Italian Joint Targeting Concept;
- ✓ Interoperability Requirements for Sea-Based Multinational Operations;
- ✓ Doctrinal Note on Joint Personnel Recovery;
- ✓ The Italian Commander Assessment and the Italian Campaign Plan (Vol.I);
- ✓ The Italian Campaign Plan (Vol.II);
- ✓ The military dimension of Strategic Communications;
- ✓ The Italian military implications into the Future Operational Environments.

Rear Admiral de Felice lives in Rome with his wife, Maria Pia, and three sons (Furio, Giulio and Flavio). When they allow him, his interests include swimming and riding, history books, whilst hindering his wife in the running of their country house, in the Sabina region.