

UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE Sen. Isabella RAUTI

On 31 October 2022, she was appointed **Undersecretary of State for Defense** in the Meloni government. By decree of the Minister of Defense dated 17 November 2022, he received formal delegation to deal, in general, with issues pertaining to the **Army**; issues connected with the problems relating to Operation "**Strade Sicure**"; the **training** of civilian and military Defense personnel; issues concerning the bodies, **associations** and **organizations supervised by the Ministry of Defense**; issues connected with the promotion of **gender equality** and **equal opportunity policies**; the promotion and coordination of **military sports activities**; **disability policies**; issues concerning the **Volunteer Military Corps of the Italian Red Cross** and the **Volunteer Nurse Corps, auxiliaries of the Armed Forces**; matters concerning the association of the **Knights of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta**; the provisions for the appointment of Defense representatives to the joint committees on military easements, the provincial technical commissions on explosive materials provided for by public safety provisions and other technical committees.

It is also delegated to deal with activities relating to all aspects of the specialized environment "Arctic, Sub-Arctic and Antarctica".

Finally, on delegation from the Minister, it participates in events, demonstrations and fairs in **Europe**, **Africa** and **North America**.

Isabella Rauti was born in Rome on 17 November 1962.

She graduated summa cum laude in Humanities in 1985 and in Pedagogy in 1988. After attaining teacher licensure, she taught in upper secondary schools (1986-2000).

An enthusiast of the subject and a graduated expert, in 1997 she obtained a PhD in Pedagogy with a dissertation on Museum Didactics and taught as a university professor from 2002 through 2009.

She is a professional journalist, has authored five monographs and co-authored scientific papers. Over the years she has held important institutional positions such as: National Advisor on Equal Opportunities at the Ministry for Labour and Social Policies (2003-2007); Advisor to the Minister for Equal Opportunities (2008); Head of Department at the Ministry for Equal Opportunities (2008-2010); Advisor to the Lazio Regional Council (2010-2013); Advisor to the Minister of the Interior on Policies against Gender Violence, Sexual Abuse and Feminicide (2013-2015).

In 2015, she attended the 26th Course for the Officers of the Selected Force of the Italian Army and served with the rank of Major with the NATO Rapid Deployable Corps – Italy (NRDC-ITA) in Solbiate Olona (Varese) and with the Multinational Civilian and Military Cooperation Group (MNCG) in Motta di Livenza (Treviso).

In 2017, she attended the 38th Civil-Military Cooperation Course at the Centre for Higher Defence Studies (CASD) – Joint Staff College (ISSMI).

On 4 March 2018, she was elected in the Senate of the Republic (18th Legislature), from the single-member district of Mantova.

On 18 October 2022, she was confirmed in the position of Deputy Vice President of the Fratelli d'Italia (Brothers of Italy) Parliamentary Group in the Senate.

She is a member of the 10th Permanent Commission (Social Affairs, Health, Labour, Social Security).

On 25 September 2022, she was elected in the Senate of the Republic (19th Legislature), from the single-member district of Sesto San Giovanni, supported by the Centre-Right Coalition in the ranks of Fratelli d'Italia.

She is a member of the Executive Committee and the National Directorate of Fratelli d'Italia.