

Director of Defense Policy

Rear Admiral (UH) Giacinto SCIANDRA, Italian Navy



RADM Giacinto SCIANDRA attended the Italian Navy Naval Academy from 1987 to 1991.

Following his graduation, he commissioned as Gunnery Officer and served onboard Destroyer ARDITO as Weapons System Officer (1991-1995).

He later specialized as Artillery Officer (1996-1997) and within a bilateral Personnel Exchange Program he was embarked on the French Navy Frigate *JEAN BART* where he served as branch head Mid-Range Missiles.

Upon his return to Italy, he attended the Naval Command module and the Navy staff College.

He then took command of Patrol-Craft CASSIOPEA, conducting several maritime security missions, in the Central Mediterranean, fulfilling tasks of fishery protection, control of illegal immigration and maritime SAR.

In 2001, he attended "*l'Ecole d'Etat Major*" at the Advanced Armed Forces Institute in Tunisia.

He returned in Italy as the Junior Officer Detailer (2002-2005) at the Naval Personnel Command.

He attended the "*Collège Intérarmées de Défense*" (CID) in Paris (2005-2006) and, subsequently, was selected as a Tutor at the Senior Joint Staff Institute in Italy

He returned to sea duty as the Executive Officer (2007-2008) of the Destroyer LUIGI DURAND DE LA PENNE, and then took command of the Frigate ZEFFIRO during her assignment to the NATO Standing Naval Maritime Group 2, in the same period the Ship took part to the NATO Operation Active Endeavour.

After completion of his command tour, he joined the Italian Navy General Staff (2009-2013) in the capacity of Branch Head Capabilities, further on (2013-2014) he became the Deputy Director of the Logistics and Infrastructure Department.

In 2014, with the rank of Captain, he assumed command of Destroyer CAIO DUILIO, participating in many operational and training activities including the "Naval Maritime Security and Surveillance" and the "Mare Sicuro" operation in the Central Mediterranean.

Between 2015 and 2018, he served at the Naval Personnel Command overseeing all Officers assignments.

He then assumed the positions of Defense Attaché (2018-2021) at the Italian Embassy in Paris, with secondary accreditations in Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Portugal and International Organizations in Geneva.

He returned to Italy as the Chief of Staff at the Logistics Command of the Navy (2021-2023).

From January 2023 to August 2024, he served as Commander of the 2nd Naval Division, Commander Italian Maritime Forces (COMITMARFOR) and Commander Italian Carrier Strike Group.

On August 26, 2024, the Minister of Defence appointed him as Policy Director (DPD) at the Ministry of Defense.

Rear Admiral Giacinto SCIANDRA holds a Master's Degree in Information, Maritime, Naval and Political Science.

He is married with Ms. Patrizia and happy father of two daughters.