

## **Riccardo Perissich**

In 1966 Riccardo Perissich joined the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) in Rome, with the responsibility of coordinating studies on the European Communities.

In 1970 he moved to the European Commission in Bruxelles where he was Chief of Staff of four Italian Commissioners. In 1986 he became Deputy Director General and later Director General of the DG for Internal Market and Industrial Affairs and in that position he coordinated the Single Market program for the European Commission.

From 1994 to 2006 he was Director of Public and Economic Affairs of Pirelli S.p.A in Milan and member of the Board of Directors, Director of Public and Economic Affairs of Telecom Italia Group, member of the Board of Directors of Telecom Italia Mobile S.p.A. and Chairman of Telecom Italia Media.

From 2002 to 2006 he was Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Oni Communications (Portugal)

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Until his resignation from Telecom Italia he was also Member of Confindustria and of Assolombarda Executive Committees, Member of Assonime Executive Committee, Vice Chairman of Unione Industriali e delle Imprese di Roma, Member of the Board of the Enciclopedia Treccani.

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He is “Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres” of the French Republic. He writes regularly for Italian and foreign newspapers and magazines. He published five books: “L’Unione Europea – una storia non ufficiale” (Longanesi ed., Milan), “Stare in Europa: sogno, incubo e realtà” (Bollati Boringhieri 2019), including three novels: “Le regole del gioco” (ed. Longanesi, 2012), “Il Semiatore” (ed. Longanesi 2014) and “Insospettabili” (ed. Longanesi 2016).