

CV of Francesco Curcio – Chief Prosecutor of the Republic in Potenza, member of Greta Group

Personal information

Family name : Curcio

Name : Francesco

Italian

Male

Relevant qualifications summary

As a Public prosecutor, I continuously carried out in the last thirty years investigations on the most serious and alarming forms of organised crime, both Italian and transnational. I conducted investigations on Camorra, 'Ndrangheta and Nigerian mafia crimes and I dealt with many cases of cross-border trafficking in human beings, arms and drugs. In the last six years (July 2012- March 2018) I worked at the National Anti-mafia and Anti-terrorism Directorate (DNA), the most important judicial Prosecution Office in Italy, in charge of coordinating at national level investigations aimed at dismantling mafia and terrorist networks. In that context, I was Coordinator of the Department dealing with transnational crime, including human trafficking and smuggling of illegal migrants. Therefore, I had the possibility to acquire extensive knowledge of



these phenomena also as relevant sources of financing of terrorism. I have wide experience of the most advanced investigative techniques to be applied in the fight against human trafficking, in full respect of human rights, and a deep knowledge of national and international legal frameworks in this area. I largely took part in judicial cooperation activities, including with Eastern Europe, Balkan and African judicial Authorities, and I coordinated investigations between Italian and foreign Prosecution Offices in several cases. Thanks to this activity, I gained deep knowledge of procedural and substantive legal systems of the other Council of Europe Member States and Third Countries. I believe that my professional background allow me to provide a specialized and professional support to the evaluation and monitoring activities carried out by GRETA, as previously demonstrated by my contribution to the activities of GRETA in the first 4 four years of mandate from 2018 to 2022

Current professional activity

Employer : Ministry of Justice

Profession : **Chief District Prosecutor of Potenza** (capital of the Basilicata Region)

From March 2018 - ongoing

As Chief District Prosecutor, I am in charge, on the one hand, of coordinating investigations related to all criminal offences that fall within the territorial competence of the Court of Potenza. On the other hand, I lead the Antimafia and Antiterrorim District Directorate (DDA), that coordinates at District level (the entire Basilicata Region) investigations related to terrorism and organised crime, including trafficking in human beings and smuggling of illegal migrants. In particular, we mostly deal with 'ndrangheta, camorra and local mafia organisations that work in synergy with each other in our Region. This activity requires continuous investigative cooperation with the DNA at

national level and effective interaction and exchange of information with Eurojust and other foreign judicial Authorities for transnational cases.

During my current position as Chief Prosecutor of Potenza I have conducted many investigations on the subject of "labor exploitation" ("Caporalato" in agriculture) and human trafficking . I concluded the investigations - carried out jointly with the Moldovan authorities - on a vast trafficking of women, aimed at the exploitation of domestic work, from Moldova to Basilicata. Over eighty victims have been identified. In addition this activity carried out by my office has allowed support and assistance to dozens of victims of trafficking who have been able to obtain, thanks to our request and intervention, provisional residence permits to carry out their work activities regularly in Italy. The proceeding is in the trial phase.

Furthermore, the writer has been a member of the Greta Group since December 2018 until today and in this capacity: I attended, in Strasbourg, the periodic plenary meetings of Greta (one every three months, approximately) contributing to the drafting of dozens of reports containing the assessments of compliance with the provisions of the Treaty of the member countries: I participated to the working group that has drawn up an important document containing the guidelines on identifying and combating trafficking for the purpose of labor exploitation; I has carried out numerous visits to member countries (Croatia, Spain, Ireland, Portugal) aimed at acquiring elements of evaluation on the same, meeting both competent authorities and experts and qualified components of civil society

Relevant previous professional activities

From July 2012 – to March 2018 : **Prosecutor, Member of the National Anti-mafia and Anti-terrorism Directorate (DNA).** The DNA was established in Italy in 1991 and coordinates at national level investigations related to terrorism and organised crime,

including human trafficking. It coordinates the activities of 26 District Anti-mafia and Anti-terrorism Directorates (DDA) in Italy, including the DDA of Potenza, which I currently lead. As already said, in this period I coordinated the Department of the National Anti-mafia and Anti-terrorism Directorate dealing with transnational crime, in particular trafficking in drugs, human beings and arms. In addition, I was responsible of coordinating investigations against Camorra and 'Ndrangheta. Since in 2015 the tasks of the DNA were expanded to counter-terrorism, this allowed us to use the investigative tools already developed and experimented in the fight against mafia to respond to international terrorism, while granting full respect of fundamental rights and protection to victims. Moreover, in the DNA I started to deeply look into the interconnections between organised crime and terrorism and in that perspective developed a thorough analysis of human trafficking and smuggling of illegal migrants as relevant sources of terrorism financing.

From July 2009 to July 2012: **Prosecutor, Member of the District Anti-mafia Directorate of Naples**, specialised in investigations against organised crime. In particular, I extensively dealt with investigations against the Camorra network called "Casalesi" and with crimes performed by Nigerian mafia organisations particularly active in the province of Caserta and involved in human trafficking.

From January 2006 to July 2009: **Prosecutor, Associate member of the District Anti-mafia Directorate of Rome**. I mostly dealt with complex investigations related to the criminal activities performed by Camorra in Rome and in the Lazio region, by expanding its criminal network from Naples to other areas of our Country.

From January 1997 to December 2005: **Prosecutor, Member of the District Anti-mafia Directorate of Naples**, specialised in investigations against organised crime. In particular, I extensively dealt with investigations against the Camorra network called "Casalesi" and with crimes performed by Nigerian mafia organisations particularly active in the province of Caserta and involved in human trafficking.

From September 1994 to December 1996: Prosecutor, Member of the Financial Crime Unit of the Prosecutor's Office of Naples.

From April 1989 to August 1994: Prosecutor, Member of Prosecutor's Office of Santa Maria Capua Vetere, in the Province of Caserta.

From June 1987 to April 1989: Judicial training at the Prosecutor's Office and Court of Rome, after having passed the national competition to become a Magistrate in November 1986.

Relevant additional responsibilities¹

- 1) Lecturer at the Performing School for Police forces – Anti-drug Unit - from December 2014 to December 2017;
- 2) Speaker in the Seminar organised by the High School for Judiciary on 16.5.2017. I made a presentation on *"The fight against organised crime and the laundering of the proceeds of drug trafficking: comparing experiences"*.
- 3) Speaker for the DNA, during the meetings between the various EU AAGGs, held in Tallinn and Bucharest, in May and November 2016, for the drafting of an operating manual on best practices about controlled deliveries in cases of drug trafficking, to be spread among the different EU Prosecution Offices (the Manual was published by the European Commission);
- 4) Speaker in the workshop *"Freedom and confidentiality of communications"*, organised by the High School for Judiciary in May 2016. I made a presentation on *"New Modalities of communication and new technological opportunities for the investigators: an updated picture with several voices "*;

¹ Add separate entries for the most relevant responsibilities outside your principal professional activity, starting from the most recent.



- 5) Speaker in several trainings organised by the Italian High School for Judiciary. In particular, in November 2013 I presented an extensive report on *"Investigations and debates in organised crime offenses. International judicial cooperation in the fight against organised crime"*;
- 6) Lecturer of Criminal Procedure at the Post-graduate course for Police officers of the Carabinieri Armed Force (from 12.1.2009 to 30.12.2010);

Education/training

From June 1987 to present: I participated in 41 specialization courses in criminal law organised by the Italian High School for Judiciary (SSM) and by the Italian High Judicial Council (CSM), both as an attendee (30) and as a speaker (11).

From September 1984 to May 1986: I attended post-graduate courses to enter the judiciary;

From October 1980 to July 1984: I studied law at the University "La Sapienza" in Rome and I achieved my degree with the highest grades (110/110 *cum laude*).

Publications

I published in the "Rivista Diritto Penale e Processo" (one of the most important criminal law periodicals in Italy, edited by IPSOA) a study about European and US comparative law on testimonial statements "de relato".

Computer skills

I have excellent computer skills. The Italian Prosecution Offices' databases and in particular the one in use by the DNA (the SIDDA/SIDNA software) are quite sophisticated and therefore I had to acquire great capability in the management of



information, in order to fully exploit their cognitive potential (for example, searching and identifying previous cases or previous judicial investigation, interceptions or statements made by any person relevant for the ongoing investigation, etc.).

Language skills ²					
Mother tongue	Italian				
	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
Language	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	Writing skills
English	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
French					

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

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² Please provide a self-assessment of your level in languages other than your mother tongue using the following Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.