



## **Gabriella BATTAINI-DRAGONI**

### **Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe**

Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni was elected Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe in June 2012. In June 2015, she has been re-elected for a second 5-years mandate, starting on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015.

Mrs Battaini-Dragoni was born on 13 August 1950 in Brescia, Italy. She is married and has three children.

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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| Oct 2011 – Aug 2012 | Director General of Programmes (Strategic orientation of the intergovernmental activities of the Council of Europe, supervision of their implementation in both Headquarters and Field Offices, responsible for the overall resource mobilisation of the Organisation)   |
| 2004 – Sept 2011    | Director General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport, Council of Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Council of Europe Coordinator for Intercultural Dialogue (since 2005), responsible for the preparation of the White Paper of the Council of Europe on Intercultural Dialogue “Living together as equals in dignity”</li><li>- Council of Europe Coordinator for the Campaign against Discrimination (since 2008)</li></ul> |
| 2001                | Director General of Social Cohesion, Council of Europe   |
| 1998                | Director, Directorate of Social Affairs and Health, Council of Europe  |
| 1994                | Head of Service, Research and Planning Unit, Council of Europe   |
| 1991                | Head of Service, Directorate of Education, Culture and Sport, Council of Europe  |
| 1981                | Administrator, Directorate of Social Affairs and Health, Council of Europe   |
| 1976                | Educational Adviser, European Youth Centre, Council of Europe  |
| 1973                | Departmental Assistant, Department of Economic Geography, University of Venice, Ca' Foscari  |

**EDUCATION**

1976 Bachelors of Arts (Laurea) in Foreign Languages and Literature (English, American, French), University of Venice (Ca' Foscari), Italy

1975 University Diploma, Institut Européen des Hautes Etudes Internationales, University of Nice, France

**DISTINCTIONS**

- Grande Ufficiale della Repubblica Italiana by decree of the President of the Italian Republic
- Ordine Agata, given by the Republic of San Marino
- Premio Internazionale alla Libertà given by the Società Libera

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Speaking across borders: the role of higher education in furthering intercultural dialogue, Council of Europe Higher Education series No 16, 2010
- Intercultural dialogue and human rights, Sinergy Magazine, The European Law Students' Association, 2, 2008
- Intercultural dialogue: a pan-European Challenge in 2008 and beyond, Europa Nostra, 1, 2008
- Intercultural Dialogue and human rights: a road-map for living together as equals in dignity, ENARGy, European Network against Racism, October 2008
- "Promoting equity through Social Cohesion: the Council of Europe's Strategy" in: World Bank's World Development Report (WDR), Berlin Workshop Series: Equity and Development, 2005
- "The Distinctive Role of the Council of Europe in Migration Management: The case of the Euro-Mediterranean Region" in: European Journal of Migration and Law, vol. 4, 2003, pp. 491-497.
- "La Lutte Contre l'Exclusion par une Approche Fondée sur l'Accès aux Droits Sociaux" in: Revue Franco-québécoise Santé, Société et Solidarité, n° 3, Septembre 2003.
- "Global Standards: The European Experience", in: Katherine Marshall (ed.) New Social Policy Agendas for Europe and Asia, Washington, The World Bank, 2002, pp. 481-491
- "Social Inclusion and Social Change : Conditions for Peace and Prosperity in the South East Region" in: The Road to Stability and Prosperity in South Eastern Europe – A regional Strategy Paper, The World Bank, Washington, 2000, pp.82-93
- "Premiers pas vers la Cohésion Sociale" in: Revue du Ministère des Affaires Sociales, France, n. 94, June 1999, pp. 90-94

This is a non-exhaustive list of publications , Mrs Battaini-Dragoni having previously published other texts, in particular in areas related to her professional experience.