



Orizzonte Sistemi Navali

Admiral (Ret.)

Enrico CREDENDINO

Chairman



Enrico Credendino has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of OSN since 5 June 2026.

Born in Turin on 21 January 1963, he entered the Italian Naval Academy in 1980 and completed the regular officer training course in 1984 with the rank of Ensign. He graduated with honors in Maritime and Naval Sciences from University of Pisa, earned a degree in Political Science from University of Trieste, and obtained a second-level Master's degree in Security Advanced Studies from University of Perugia. In 1998–1999, he attended the 2nd Advanced Command and Staff Course in the United Kingdom, and in 2007–2008 he completed the 59th Advanced Defence Studies Course at the Istituto Alti Studi della Difesa in Rome.

During his sea-going assignments, he served aboard the guided-missile cruiser Vittorio Veneto, the cruiser Andrea Doria, and the guided-missile destroyer Ardito, holding positions including Gunnery Officer, Missile Systems Officer, Senior Fire Control Officer, and Head of Operations. He subsequently commanded the patrol vessel Spica, the frigate Maestrale, the 1st Patrol Squadron, and the guided-missile destroyer Francesco Mimbelli.

In shore assignments, he held several positions in training, strategy, and operational asset planning within both the Italian Navy General Staff and the Defence General Staff.

Promoted to Rear Admiral on 1 July 2011, he served as Deputy Commander of the High Seas Forces and Deputy Commander of the Italian Maritime Forces, Commander of the Italian–Spanish Amphibious Force, and Commander of the Italian Naval Task Group. From August to December 2012, he commanded the European Naval Force EUNAVFOR engaged in the European Union's anti-piracy operation Operation Atalanta. From September 2013 to 17 May 2015, he served as Head of the Third Department for Plans, Operations, and Maritime Strategy of the Italian Navy General Staff. From 18 May 2015 to 20 February 2020, he was Operation Commander of the European Union mission EUNAVFOR MED Operation Sophia.

From 12 March 2020 to 15 July 2021, he served as Commander of the Italian Navy Schools. From 16 July to 5 November 2021, he was Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Fleet, and from 6 November 2021 to 5 November 2025, he served as Chief of Staff of the Italian Navy.

In February 2026, he was appointed Scientific Advisor to the Istituto Affari Internazionali and joined the Institute's Defence, Security and Space Programme.