

Fabrizia Benini

April 2012: joins the cabinet of **Vice President Antonio Tajani**

July 2008 to March 2012: becomes Head of unit at the European Commission's **Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries**. Up to July 2010, in charge of unit D1 to implement the EU's Integrated Maritime policy in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea. Then takes on the responsibility for Unit A1, ensuring the financing, overall coordination and development of the Integrated Maritime Policy.

April 2002 to July 2008: works as a case handler at the European Commission, **Directorate General for Competition**, Unit D2, applying antitrust rules to transport and taking part in mergers in the same sectors.

February 1998 to April 2002: is the desk officer responsible for the relations with third countries, in particular the US with regard to the export of personal data at the European Commission's **Directorate General for Internal Market and Financial Services**, Unit A4, *Data protection*.

April 1995 to February 1998: joins the European Commission as an official at the **Directorate General Internal Market and Financial Services**, Unit A3, *Freedom of movement of persons and Citizenship of the Union* where she is in charge of reporting on the Citizenship of the Union, amending the voting rights Directives and ensuring its correct transposition into national law.

November 1994 to April 1995: participates in the launch of the **European Agency for the Evaluation of Pharmaceutical Products (EMA)**, London, as its Legal Counsel.

March 1992 to October 1994: works as an auxiliary for the European Commission's **Directorate General for Economic External Relations**, Direction K, *North/South Relations* following the EC's accession to the FAO.

October 1991 to February 1992: is a trainee at the European Commission, **Secretary General**, *Relations with the Council (COREPER 1)*.

February 1989 to December 1991: joins the **Studio legale Professore Alberto Predieri**, a law office in Florence, Italy, where she is also editor of the review "Diritto Europeo dell'Economia".

- Italian and Portuguese national
- Studied law at the University of Florence, Italy and European Law at the ULB, Institut d'Etudes Européennes in Brussels
- Fluent in English, French, Portuguese and Italian. Good comprehension of Spanish
- Married, two children