



Biography David Sassoli

David Sassoli was born in Florence on May 30, 1956. He started working as a journalist at small newspapers and news agencies, before moving to the editorial office of *Il Giorno* in Rome, where he worked for seven years. In 1992, he began working as a television news reporter and correspondent for *TG3*.

Subsequently he worked on news programmes on *Rai Uno* and *Rai Due*, before joining the editorial staff of *TG1* in 1999 as a special correspondent. Over the next 10 years, he was responsible for managing prime time news broadcasts, and covering major national and international events. In 2007, he became Deputy Director of *TG1* and responsible for in-depth programmes *TV7* and *TG1 Special*.

Since a young age, he was involved in educational associations, such as the Scouts and Catholic youth movements.

When the *Partito Democratico* (PD) was formed in 2007, he considered in the right place for his political commitment. On 7 June 2009, he was elected to the European Parliament as a member for central Italy. In the 2009-2014 legislature, he was head of delegation of the *Partito Democratico* in the European Parliament.

In 2014, he was re-elected as an MEP and was elected Vice-President of the European Parliament, with responsibility for Mediterranean Policy, the budget, and buildings. He was a member of the Committee for Transport and Tourism, and led on European railway reform (4th Railway Package), and the Single European Sky.

In May 2019, he began his third term as an MEP for central Italy and on 3 July, he was elected President of the European Parliament.