

GUIDO LENZI

Born in 1941 in Bucarest, the son of a diplomat, Guido Lenzi has lived abroad for most of his life. He was educated in French and American Schools before graduating in law at the University of Florence.

He joined the Foreign Service in 1964. His professional life has taken him successively in Algeria, Switzerland, London and Moscow, before being involved for over twenty years in a series of multilateral diplomatic tasks, as head of the NATO Desk at the Foreign Ministry, Minister Counsellor at the Italian Mission to the UN, Director of the WEU (now EU) Institute of Security Studies in Paris and finally Permanent Representative to the OSCE in Vienna.

Guido Lenzi has also served as Diplomatic Advisor to the Minister of Defence, Deputy Chief of Cabinet to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of the Senate, and presently as Diplomatic Advisor to the Minister of Interior.

Before, during and after his tenure as Director of the WEU Institute, Guido Lenzi has regularly published numerous essays and articles in English, French and Italian, and engaged in research on matters such as East-West relations, multilateralism, national and international institution-building, and European integration. His experience with OSCE has further familiarised him with the issues of political and insitutional transition, as well as with the process of political consensus building at a European and world-wide level.

Guido Lenzi is fluent in English and French, both spoken and written, and has a good knowledge of Spanish.

He is married, has two children and two grand-children. He enjoys classical music, opera, reading, writing, walking and traveling.