Fabrizio Rossi

Fabrizio Rossi was born in Cagliari (Italy) and it is there at the local university that he started studying the delivery mechanisms for European structural funds in Italy before expanding his research activities to Greece and Spain. He completed a MAS and MPhil in International Relations at the Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona with a focus on local authorities in European and International cooperation.

Fabrizio has extensive expertise in advocacy and a strong experience in driving European and international agendas for local and regional governments. He worked as EU affairs adviser for the Regional Parliament of Sardinia before joining the department of structural funds of the Scottish Government, in Glasgow.

In 2007, he relocated to Barcelona where he joined the international department of the Barcelona Provincial Council to be appointed Secretary General of Partenalia, a medium size international association representing local intermediate authorities in EU policy making.

He later worked for the ERDF funded programme INTERACT, leading the strategic thinking behind the designing of new funding instruments such as the interregional innovation investment instrument under the new 2021-2027 programming period.

Fabrizio has been involved in reforestation activities with a local NGO in Madagascar and has created a Belgian start-up active in the forest carbon market which expanded its operations to Bolivia.

He has been living in Brussels since 2009 and worked for Climate-KIC, the main climate innovation agency of the European Union, until eary 2022. There he led large teams and drives a portfolio of multi-funder programmes and projects on climate adaptation paving the way to net-zero territories and resilient societies across Europe.

He joined the CEMR as the new secretary general in January 2022.