

DAVID-MARIA SASSOLI'S BIOGRAPHY

David Sassoli was born in Florence on 30 May 1956. He began work at a young age as a journalist with small newspapers and media outlets. Sassoli then moved onto the editorial staff of the newspaper *Il Giorno*, based in Rome, where he became a respected journalist following the main political and news events. His career as a news reporter began in 1992 as a news correspondent for TG3. Subsequently, he worked on other news programs on Rai Uno and Rai Due. In 1999, he moved to the editorial staff at TG1 as a special correspondent. In the ten years that followed he focused on managing the main editions of the channel's news programs and on key domestic and international political events. In 2007 he became deputy director of TG1 and responsible for in-depth programs on «TV7» and «Special TG1».

Domestic issues in Italy have always had a place in Sassoli's life. Since his youth he has been involved in educational associations, such as the Scouts, and in Catholic youth movements, strongly convinced that Catholicism and the secular society can work together.

With the birth of the Partito Democratico (PD), David found a place that suited his political beliefs. On 7 June 2009 he was elected MEP with over 400,000 preferential votes. In the 2009-2014 legislature, he was appointed as head of delegation of the PD.

In 2014, he stood once again in the European elections in the constituency of the centre of Italy and obtained more than 200,000 preferential votes (60,000 in Rome alone). On 1 July 2014, he was elected Vice-President of the European Parliament with 393 votes, being the second most voted within the S&D Group with responsibility for Mediterranean Policy, the Budget and Buildings.

As a member of the Commission for Transport and Tourism he worked as a rapporteur for European railway reform (4th Railway Package) and the Single European Sky.

On 26 May 2019 he was elected for the third time as a Member of the European Parliament in central Italy with 128,533 preferential votes.

