

## Mario CATIZZONE

European citizen born 1951 in Italy! Agronomist, graduated in "Agricultural Sciences" and in "Tropical – Sub Tropical Agricultural Sciences". He worked as a soil scientist at the Florence University and after he operated in the international cooperation world. His career covers technical competencies and several other fields such as policy and strategic analysis, and multidisciplinary integration. He worked with Non-Governmental Organisations, private companies, and national and international organisations on activities related to environmental and agricultural concerns in Europe and in several developing countries. In 1989 he joined the Research Directorate General of the European Commission as a Scientific Officer coping with environmental topics (soil, water, remote sensing), agriculture (farming systems), terrestrial ecosystems, biological diversity, and Sustainable Development. Starting from January 2009, he covered different tasks related to international research dimensions in particular for EU research agreements with Africa, India, and China.

As an agronomist and soil scientist, he fights to implement the principle of soil as an essential component for the life. Upon this basic principle, he acts to allow the convergence and synergy in the European Union of an unlimited number of associations, people, public and private actors. From 2014, he joined the Italian Save the Landscape Forum where he helped in creating the Europe Soil working Group in which he acts as a referent.

