

ESTER BENIGNI

Ester Benigni has been head of **A2A Group Regulatory and Competition Affairs** since 2015 and also Head of Consumer Organization Relations since 2021.

She is married and has two daughters, Giulia and Elena.

Ester has extensive experience in the sphere of **public utility services** gained initially with the Regulatory Authority (now **ARERA** - Autorità di Regolazione per Energia, Reti e Ambiente) from its establishment in 1997 and then within the company.

After successfully completing her secondary school studies (Diploma di Maturità Classica) and graduating in Political Science with specialization in economics from Milan's Università Cattolica, she began her working career at the same university, carrying out research and lecturing on a course in the Theory and Politics of Economic Growth.

After then working for **Montedison** in their data analysis department, she moved on to the AEEG Electricity and Gas Regulatory Authority, one of the first independent administrative authorities to have set out procedures for the **liberalization of the market** and its opening to competition, in compliance with European Union directives.

Following this very institutionally oriented experience, Ester returned to the corporate sphere, firstly with **AEM** and then with **A2A Trading**, where she developed the business model for the management of the industrial portfolio and of electricity and environmental securities trading.

She teaches at Rome's LUISS University on the course in **Energy and Sustainability Law**. She was chosen as Mentor for the A2A Group Programme and, in 2019-2020, participated as Role Model in the School-Company System Project in collaboration with ELIS.

A keen traveller and cake maker, she keeps constantly abreast of **sustainability and low-carbon** issues.

Current positions

- Since February 2015: Head of A2A Group Regulatory and Competition Affairs, the department responsible for the handling of relations with independent regulatory authorities (including the most important, ARERA and Antitrust) and, since 2021, also in charge of relations with consumer organizations
- Since July 2018: board member, ACSM AGAM
- Since July 2020: board member, AEB
- Since 2016: member of the Advisory Board of Regulation, Elettricità Futura

- Since 2017: member of the Management Board of the Green Economy Promotion Committee, Assolombarda
- Since 2018: General Council member, Elettricità Futura
- Since 2019: member of the Electrification & Sustainability Committee, Eurelectric, Brussels; prior to this, member of the Environment & Sustainable Development Policy Committee

Previous working experience: positions held

- May 2001 – February 2015: Head of Power Trading and Portfolio Management, A2A Trading
- November 2000 – April 2001: Strategic Planning Directorate, AEM
- April 1997 – November 2000: Electricity Directorate – Structures and Tariffs, AEEG Electricity and Gas Authority
- March 1988 – March 1997: Data analysis department, Montedison
- April 1985 – March 1988: Research assistant, CRANEC – Economic Analysis Research Centre, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan
- Board member, A2A Montenegro, January 2016 – September 2017
- Board member, Unareti, March 2016 – September 2017
- Board member, LGH, July 2017 – December 2021
- Board member, Proaris, November 2017 – December 2021
- 2016 – 2018: Member of the Management Board of the Italian National Committee of the World Energy Council (WEC)
- 2017 – 2022: Member of the Management Committee, Fondazione Utilitatis