

## COMMANDER OF THE EUROPEAN UNION NAVAL FORCE - MEDITERRANEAN - OPERATION SOPHIA

### Rear Admiral (UH) Enrico CREDENDINO - Italian Navy

Rear Admiral (UH) Enrico CREDENDINO was born on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 1963 in Turin. He joined the Italian Naval Academy in 1980 and was commissioned with the rank of Ensign in 1984.

He reported to the cruiser VITTORIO VENETO, the cruiser ANDREA DORIA and the guided missile destroyer ARDITO, in charge as gunnery, missile systems officer, and Operation Officer.

He commanded the patrol vessel SPICA, the frigate MAESTRALE, the 1st Patrollers Squadron - acting also as Command Training School's Evaluation Officer - and the guided missile destroyer FRANCESCO MIMBELLI.

RA (UH) Enrico CREDENDINO's ashore commitments included duties as: Commander of Cadets at the Italian Naval Academy; Staff Officer of the Plans and Policy Department of the Italian Navy General Staff - Naval Policy Office; Director of the Cadet Courses of the Italian Naval Academy; Chief of the Alliance Policy Office at the Plans and Policy Department of the Defense General Staff; Deputy Chief of the Plans and Policy Department of the Italian Navy General Staff.

Upon promotion to Rear Admiral (LH) on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2011 he was appointed Deputy Commander of Italian Front Line Naval Forces and Deputy Commander of NATO Italian Maritime Forces, Commander of Spanish/Italian Amphibious Force and Commander of Italian Naval Task Group.

Between August and December 2012 he was appointed Force Commander at European Naval Forces for the counter-piracy mission EUNAVFOR ATALANTA.

From September 2013 he is Head of Plans and Policy Department in the Italian Navy General Staff. He was promoted to Rear Admiral (UH) on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014.

On May 18th, 2015 he has been appointed as Operation Commander for EUNAVFOR MED mission.

During the 1998-1999 academic year he attended the 2nd Advanced Command and Staff Course in the United Kingdom and during the 2007-2008 academic year he attended the 59<sup>th</sup> course at the "High Studies for Defense Centre" in Rome.

RA (UH) Enrico CREDENDINO obtained a *summa cum laude* degree certificate in Maritime and Naval Sciences at the University of Pisa, a degree certificate in Political Science at the University of Trieste and a 2<sup>nd</sup> level certificate in Security Advanced Studies at the University of Perugia.

He speaks fluent English and he has a good knowledge of the French language.

