

Roberto Pagone was born in Lecce on October 12, 1957. In July 1981, he earned a degree in Civil Engineering – Building Section at the Turin Polytechnics and obtained the qualification to practice the profession in December 1981.

Having completed his military service as a Second Lieutenant of the 10th Directorate of Military Engineering at the Southern Military Regional Headquarters in Naples, he began his professional career as a freelancer and teacher of Construction and Topography at an institute for Surveyors and, subsequently, as Director of Works and Head of operational structures at several National Construction companies.



In 1987 he was hired as Inspector at the Ferrovie dello Stato Autonomous Company where he held various professional positions in various units until his appointment as manager of the Ferrovie dello Stato Group in 2002. Subsequently, he coordinated some Operational Departments in several Group companies operating both in the investment sector (Italferr – Milan) and in that of the maintenance of plants for the railway operation (Territorial Production Department – Bari).

From 2014 to 2022 he held the position of Rete Ferroviaria Italiana Director of Investments for Southern Italy at the Investment Department in Naples.

From 2015 until June 2021, the date of the appointment as Extraordinary Commissioner of Government for the Completion of the upgrade to two tracks on the Pescara - Bari line and the Construction of the Naples - Bari High Speed/High Capacity Line, he served as coordinator of the Task Force of Projects for the Commissioner Management of High Speed/High Capacity Interventions Naples - Bari and Messina - Catania - Palermo (so-called Unlock Italy - L.D. 164/2014).

He was a member of the Board of Directors of the public transport company Terra d 'Otranto (STP - Lecce) as well as a member of the Management Committees of the Port Authorities of Taranto and Brindisi.

He is Vice-President for Southern Italy of the Italian Railway Engineers Board (CIFI) in Rome and a member of the General Council of Sicindustria – Palermo.

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