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Lorenzo FONTANA
President of the Chamber of Deputies
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The President of Italy's Chamber of Deputies, Lorenzo Fontana, was born in Verona on 10 April 1980. He is married and has one daughter.

Since 2016 he has held the position of Federal Deputy Secretary of the League (Lega) party, and since March 2021 he has also been in charge of the League's foreign affairs department.

He holds a degree in Political Science from the University of Padua, a degree in History from the European University of Rome, and a degree in Philosophy from the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas, the Angelicum.

After obtaining a three-year degree in Philosophy at the Angelicum University in Rome, he is currently studying there for a Licentiate in the same subject.

He is a registered free-lance journalist.

He began his political career as a Municipal Councillor in Verona.

In 2009 he was elected to the European Parliament, serving as the youngest Head of Delegation and Deputy Chairperson of the Committee on Culture and Education.

During his two terms at the European Parliament, he was a member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs. He was also a member of the Delegation for Relations with Iraq.

From 7 July 2017 to 12 June 2018, he served as Deputy Mayor of his home city, Verona. In February 2018, he published the book: 'The empty cradle of civilisation. The origins of the crisis', co-authored with Ettore Gotti Tedeschi, economist and former President of the Institute for the Works of Religion.

On 5 March 2018, he was elected to the Chamber of Deputies in the Veneto 2 constituency.

On 29 March 2018, he was elected Vice-President of the Chamber of Deputies.

On 1 June 2018, he was sworn in as Minister of the Republic with portfolios in: family policies, disabilities, childhood and adolescence, as well as anti-drug policies.



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He has always based his work on the assumption that although 'family, childhood and adolescence, adoption, disabilities and anti-drug policies' may be separate issues, they nevertheless reflect a view of the family in a 'multidimensional' sense, whose overall wellbeing can only be pursued through public policy guidance and coordination that can make an across-the-board impact on people's real needs, following a unified and consistent approach.

During his term of office, he focused his work on promoting increased incentives for kindergartens and establishing a 'Family Fund' and an 'Anti-drug Policy Fund'.

During the same period, he also focused on disability funds, measures aimed at promoting work-life balance, the extension of paternity leave, and increased flexibility for mothers.

He has also been responsible for launching the Disability Card project and related funding; increasing funds for severely disabled people within the "After us" initiative; increasing the National Fund for non-self-sufficiency; enhancing the role of the National Observatory on the Condition of People with Disabilities, with a view to fully implementing the relevant United Nations Convention; setting up the first Mission Structure for policies in favour of people with disabilities at the Office of the President of the Council of Ministers; and increasing resources for caregivers.

In July 2019, he was appointed Minister for European Affairs.

In September 2022, he was re-elected to the Chamber of Deputies in the Veneto 2 constituency.

On 14 October 2022, he was elected President of the Chamber of Deputies of the 19th Parliament.

