

## Simona GRANATA-MENGHINI



Simona Granata-Menghini is the Director/Secretary of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) as of 1 February 2021. She was previously Deputy Secretary since 2010.

Simona started her career at the Council of Europe in 1994 as case-lawyer at the European Commission on Human Rights, Council of Europe. From 1997 to 1999 she was Senior Deputy Human Rights Ombudsperson in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in Sarajevo and Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina. From 1999 to 2000 she was case lawyer at the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights. She joined the Venice Commission in 2001, as Head of the Constitutional Cooperation Division.

Countries on which she has worked include Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, France, Georgia, Egypt, Hungary, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Poland, Russian Federation, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, Venezuela. Topics include constitutional and legislative reforms relating to separation of powers, rule of law, independence of the judiciary, judicial ethical codes, protection of minorities, freedom of expression, assembly, association, non-discrimination, political party regulation, ombudsman institutions, ratification of international treaties, execution of judgments of international courts, electoral law, states of emergency, oversight of security services, ratification of credentials of national delegations to the Parliamentary Assembly, parliamentary immunity.

She is the author of numerous publications on the case law of the European Court of Human Rights and on the work and role of the Venice Commission.

Simona holds a Degree in Law from the University of Milan, Italy, and further diplomas in comparative law (1992, 1993, 1994) from the *Faculté de Droit Comparé* of Strasbourg. She qualified as a member of the Bar in 1995.