



Franco Debenedetti
Director

Franco Debenedetti (Turin, 1933) has been a Director of CIR since June 2020.

He was a board member of CIR (before the merger with COFIDE) from 1976 to 2019.

He completed his studies at the Turin Politecnico, where he obtained a degree in Electro-technical Engineering in 1956 and specialized in Nuclear Engineering in 1957.

He is Chairman of the Bruno Leoni Institute, board member of ISPI and of the Fondazione Rodolfo Debenedetti.

He is also a regular contributor to leading Italian daily newspapers. He is the author, among others, of 'La Guerra dei Trent'anni' (Einaudi, 2009), 'Scegliere i vincitori, salvare i perdenti' (Marsilio, 2016) and 'Fare profitti. Etica dell'impresa' (Marsilio, 2021).

He was in charge of production and development at Compagnia Italiana Tubi Metallici Flessibili (1959), Vice Chairman of Gilardini (1972), Director of the Components Sector of FIAT (1976-1978), CEO of Olivetti (1978-1992) and Chairman and CEO of Sasib (1986-1994).

From 1994 to 2006, he was a Senator of the Italian Republic. In 1996, the Club dell'Economia awarded him the Ezio Tarantelli prize for the best idea of 1995 in Economic and Finance.