

Gianluca SERRA

Corporate Services Director



Gianluca Serra took up his duties as Director for Corporate Services (CSD) on 16 May 2026.

From September 2022 to May 2026, he served as Deputy Director for Corporate Services and Head of the Procurement & Contract unit. In this capacity, he oversaw the delivery of all relevant procurement, grants, and intergovernmental arrangements. He advised senior management on strategic dossiers, assessing legal feasibility, resource sustainability, and associated risks. He also contributed to the modernisation and improvements of the Agency's governance, planning, control and operation processes.

Prior to that he held several senior positions at eu-LISA, including Head of Procurement in Tallinn (2013–2016), where he led the procurement function and managed strategic acquisitions and framework contracts for large-scale IT and operational services, and Head of Vendor & Contract Management in Strasbourg (2019–2022), where he established and led the vendor management function and oversaw supplier relationships, performance monitoring, and contract execution. He worked at EDA from 2016 to 2019 as Senior Procurement & Contract Officer, managing procurement strategies and contractual frameworks for collaborative defence programmes.

Gianluca Serra also served in several Common Security and Defence Policy Missions under the authority of the European External Action Service. At the European Monitoring Mission to Georgia in Tbilisi (2010–2013), he served as Financial Controller and later as Planning & Contracting Officer, working on financial controls, procurement planning, and risk mitigation. Earlier, he was Head of Procurement at the European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan in Kabul (2008–2010), where he managed procurement procedures and contract execution in a high-risk environment.

He began his career at the Institute for Industrial Promotion in Rome (2004–2008), working on international tenders, public grants, and procurement compliance, including secondment to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Gianluca Serra holds a Ph.D. in Public (Domestic and EU) Law from the Second University of Naples, with research focusing on the rule of law in CSDP missions. He also holds a Master in Local Development (cum laude) and a degree in International Studies (cum laude) from the University of Naples L'Orientale.

He is fluent in Italian, English and French.