

## Biographical Note

Maria Cucinotta is a senior Italian State official with extensive experience in public administration and in the coordination of governmental functions at territorial level. She graduated in Law with top marks from the University of Palermo and is qualified to practice law. She has carried out her entire career within the Ministry of the Interior, holding positions of high responsibility.

She served as Prefect in Palermo (2022–2023), Catanzaro (2020–2022), Lecce (2018–2020) and Caltanissetta (2015–2018), overseeing the general management of the Prefectures and coordinating State activities in strategic areas such as public order and security, civil protection, immigration and relations with local authorities.

Throughout her career, she has acquired significant expertise in the management of national and territorial emergencies, taking part in special commissioner structures and civil protection operations, and performing coordination functions in highly complex contexts. She has also served on Extraordinary Commissions for local authorities and on national institutional bodies.

She also taught at the Higher School of the Ministry of the Interior and has been a member of the Board of the Italian Red Cross – Palermo Committee. Since January 2025 she has been President of the “Agrigento 2025” Foundation; in 2025 she served as Commissioner of the “Lauro Chiazze” Foundation and she currently sits on the Board of Directors of the Ri.MED Foundation.