



Adriano Battilani current positions are:

- (i) General Secretary of the International Association Irrigators d'Europe -IE;
- (ii) External expert support to the Director and Presidency of the Italian National Association of Consortia for the Protection of Soil and Irrigation (ANBI) for the technical aspects of innovation and for European water policies, Community institutions and international organizations;
- (iii) Member of Board of Directors of the Euromediterranean Irrigators Community (EIC)

Adriano's main experiences are as follows:

Leading Scientist, in charge of EU, national and local project preparation and management; scientific coordinator of large EU projects;

Scientific/Technical and pre-normative support to: Government and Authorities at Local, National and International level; Agricultural Boards; Copa-Cogeca.

Collaboration with: primary private companies (co-financing researches); Agro-Food Industry and their Associations; International bodies and associations.

Cooperation with: European Union of Water Management Associations (EUWMA), European irrigation Association (EIA), and other national and international organizations at EU and extra-EU level.

Adriano has more than 41 years of experience as researcher and project manager in the fields of irrigation, fertigation and cropping system's sustainability with a focus on the integrated use of water and nutrients, water governance, reclamation and reuse, precise irrigation, irrigation water quality, decision support systems (DSS) development and dissemination, EU policies and socio-economic aspects of the WEFE nexus (Water/Energy/Food & Environment).

Since 1990 he is involved as principal scientist in EU research projects and as scientific responsible for projects financed by public bodies and private institutions, industries, stakeholders.

Adriano is also involved in pre-normative studies focused on the application of the Water Framework Directive, on establishing rules determining the minimal quality characteristics of treated wastewater for agricultural reuse and defining water quality for irrigation, and has been involved in defining rules for fertigation management in the framework of integrated crop management (ICM).

He is the author of more than 250 papers (scientific, proceedings and vulgarization). He was invited as keynote speaker or appointed as session chairperson or scientific committee member in more than 100 international symposiums and workshops. He is lecturing on water issues and policies as guest lecturer in Universities and high-level capacity building/upskilling courses for Senior Officials and Technicians. He was elected chairperson of the "Water Supply-Irrigation" section of the International Society of Horticultural Science (ISHS) for two consecutive terms. He was coordinating the Melcoptor network (EU funded) involving food industries and universities of 14 countries. He is serving as member of the Advisory Board of ongoing EU projects. He is member of the WFD CIS-WG in charge of the Minimum requirements for water reuse in agriculture (EU regulation on water reuse). He is member of the WFD-CIS ATG Drought & Water Scarcity. He was serving as expert in the EIP Agri Focus Group 46 Nature Based Solutions.

Adriano was also member of EIP Water Task Force and Coordinator of the Action Group WIRE (EIP Water- AG112), till the EIP Water activities end.