

Dario della Sala graduated in Rome, University "La Sapienza" in 1983. In 1987 he joined Eniricerche S.p.A. (ENI group) and in 1990 ENEA, the Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Environment and Sustainable Economic Development. Throughout the years, in ENEA he was appointed repeatedly as a Head of Laboratory and Head of Project, in the Research Centres of Naples and Rome, committed to develop semiconductor-based device technologies, laboratories and equipments for solar cells, sensors, organic-LEDs, culminated with the foundation of the public-private laboratory "TRIPODE" in Naples. Now he is in charge of the Coordination of Strategic Project Management for Materials Technologies in ENEA and on this basis he fostered the creation of the Italian community for raw materials, and related actions with relevant national organisations (Unioncamere, Confindustria, Alliance for Materials-Italy). The main result is the foundation of the Co-location Centre SOUTH (Italy-Spain-Hungary-Malta) in the Knowledge Innovation Community "EIT RAW MATERIALS", where Mr. Della Sala is Interim Co-location Centre Manager.

As a member of the European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials he contributed to the Strategic Implementation Plan for the topics of substitution of critical raw materials.

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He has been in the board of CAMPEC (R&D consortium for the development of polymer applications) and the Regional Centre of Competence on New Technologies in Campania. Presently, he is Council Member of the Italian Association for Industrial Research.