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CURRICULUM VITAE

Antonio Apruzzese is a “Prefect” (“Prefetto” in Italian), having with several years of experience in cybersecurity and digitalization process management. In 2019, as the head of the Alessandria Prefecture, his last place of service, he successfully completed the entire digitalization process for all 187 municipalities in the province within strict deadlines. This involved coordinating the data migration from the Registry Offices (“Uffici d’Anagrafe”) to the National Registry of Resident Population (Anagrafe Nazionale della Popolazione Residente).

Since October 2021, he has been appointed as a member of the Scientific Committee of the National School of Digital Administration (“Scuola Nazionale dell’Amministrazione Digitale”). Currently, he is a consultant for the Automobile Club of Italy (ACI), overseeing the management and security of interconnections between institutional databases, particularly between the National Registry of Resident Population and the Public Automobile Registry.

Since 2021, he has been a lecturer on Cybercrime in the Algorithm and Cryptography course in the Master's Degree in Computer Science at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Appointed as a Prefect on November 20, 2017, Antonio led a ministerial Task Force (until July 22, 2018) for the implementation of operational centers and telecommunication networks for the Department of Public Security nationwide.

From June 23, 2016, to November 20, 2017, he directed the Public Security Inspectorate at the Prime Minister's Office at Palazzo Chigi.

As a Chief (“Dirigente”) of the Postal and Communications Police since 2002, he served as the National Chief (“Direttore Nazionale”) from 2009 to 2015. During this period, he:

- Coordinated complex investigative activities to counter advanced forms of cybercrime, particularly in the areas of online banking, monetization, and corporate IT assets.
- Spearheaded the development of a comprehensive European project called OF2CEN (Online Fraud Cyber Centre and Expert Network) for advanced transnational protection of online banking services, establishing an innovative and fruitful public/private partnership through the creation of an operational network among major banks and specialized European law enforcement.
- Represented the Ministry of the Interior in the Technical Support Table of the CISR (Interministerial Committee for the Security of the Republic) for the definition of the new national architecture in cybersecurity.
- Personally contributed to the operational effectiveness of the CNAIPIC (National Anti-Crime Computer Center for the Protection of Critical Infrastructures – “Centro Nazionale

Anticrimine Informatica per la Protezione delle Infrastrutture Critiche”) in protecting and preventing attacks on national critical IT infrastructures.

- In the European context, served as the Ministry of the Interior's representative on cybersecurity, particularly for the well-known transnational project "GALILEO" for the creation of a new European Global Positioning System (GPS).
- Led a study and analysis group for the rationalization and reengineering of the IT systems of the Department of Public Security, in line with the most suitable security policies.
- Was part of the Study Center on Cybercrime established within the Department of Public Security, with the participation of the CNR (National Research Council – “Centro Nazionale di Ricerca”) and Engineering Faculties of various Italian Universities.

He holds a degree in Law (equivalent of a MSc. degree), with a specialization in Criminology. He obtained accreditation as a Lawyer. He carried out teaching activities at numerous universities on topics related to cybercrime and the security of IT infrastructures.

He has participated in various scientific conferences and authored several publications, including:

- Il contrasto del Crimine Informatico: Nuove prospettive operative tra repressione e prevenzione. Cass. Penale del 2011 pagg. 400-406;
- Indagini Proattive e Instaurazione di procedimenti di prevenzione. Relazione al Convegno Annuale tra gli studiosi del Processo penale. Cagliari 29-31.10.2015 sul tema: La giustizia penale preventiva. Atti pubblicati da Giuffrè 2016.
- “The Present Cybercrime : operational and instructive experiences” (book chapter in: Sette, Raffaella, ed. Cases on Technologies for Teaching Criminology and Victimology: Methodologies and Practices: Methodologies and Practices. IGI Global, 2009.

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