

## **Roberto Ercole MIET CEng - GSM Association**



Born 1963, in London, Roberto graduated with an Honours Degree in Applied Physics from South Bank Polytechnic (London), in 1988. Roberto also received a Masters in Electromagnetic Compatibility in 1990 from Hull University. Roberto is a Chartered electronic engineer specialising in radio systems, as well as being trained in EU/UK competition law policy and enforcement.

He joined the UK spectrum regulator, the Radiocommunications Agency in 1990, working in research and propagation initially, and then moving to the Land Mobile Section. This involved carrying out interference studies, as well as representing the UK at

ITU, CEPT, and ETSI meetings. Roberto was also involved in the initial technical work for the UK 3G auction. After leaving the Agency Roberto worked for one2one, the UK GSM1800 network, on spectrum strategy.

Roberto left one2one in 1999 to join Oftel, the UK Telecoms regulator, Roberto was Oftel's chief advisor on spectrum competition issues, as well as offering competition advice to the Radiocommunications Agency on spectrum auctions. Roberto obtained a post graduate diploma in UK and EU Competition law and policy whilst with Oftel.

On leaving Oftel in 2003 and worked as an independent spectrum and telecoms consultant. He gave advice to companies on valuing mobile networks in the UK, as well as spectrum auction opportunities. Roberto has also advised administrations in the Caribbean and the Middle East on spectrum regulation, and using spectrum to promote competition. He has also offered advice to operators participating in spectrum auctions about the impact of spectrum rules on competition and market position.

In 2006 Roberto joined the GSM Association. He is Senior Director of Future Spectrum and leads at ITU-R for GSMA. Roberto was responsible for organising and leading the GSMA at WRCs in 2007 and 2012.