



### Biography

Mr. Pezzini, an Italian national, joined the OECD in 1995 as Principal Administrator in charge of the work on Distressed Urban Areas. From 1996 to 1999 he was the Head of the OECD Rural Development Programme. From 1999 to 2006, he was Head of the Regional Competitiveness and Governance Division in the Public Governance and Territorial Directorate, promoting regional development, regional policy effectiveness and multi-level governance. Since February 2007, he has been Deputy Director of the Public Governance and Territorial Directorate. Mr. Pezzini was appointed Director of the Development Centre on July 5<sup>th</sup> 2010.

Before joining the Organisation, Mr. Pezzini was Professor in Industrial Economics at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris as well as in US and Italian Universities. On several occasions, Mr. Pezzini has been economic advisor for international organisations and think tanks (such as ILO, UNIDO, European Commission and Nomisma in Italy) in the field of economic development, industrial organisation and regional economics, with a particular focus on policies for clusters and networks of small and medium sized firms as well as on policies to valorise natural and cultural resources. At the beginning of his career he was manager in the Regional Government of the Emilia-Romagna Region.