

## Gianni & Origoni focuses on Cybersecurity with the hire of Stefano Mele

*The new partner, one of the leading experts in Privacy and Cybersecurity in Italy,  
joins GOP along with a team of professionals*

Rome, April 22, 2021 - International law firm Gianni & Origoni announces the hire of new partner Stefano Mele who joins the Rome office with two associates. Stefano will lead a practice dedicated to Cybersecurity.

Regarded as one of the most authoritative expert in the field of ICT, Privacy & Cybersecurity Law in Italy and abroad, Stefano is one of the seven lawyers worldwide to be called to take part in the Regulatory and Governance Committee of the Board of Directors of NEOM - the ambitious, futuristic business hub currently under construction in Saudi Arabia which aims, through the use of the most revolutionary technologies, to create a new sustainable ecosystem for living and working.

Stefano has over twenty years of experience in his field and has provided assistance in important and complex transactions, in multiple jurisdictions in the field of new technologies and privacy, as well as on cybersecurity and in crisis management following cyber attacks.

He holds various positions in national and international organizations. President of the ICT Authority of the Republic of San Marino (corresponding to the Italian AGCOM); member of the Board of Directors and President of the Cyber Security Commission of the Italian Atlantic Committee.

Stefano graduated in Law in 2002 and obtained a Master's in 2003 and a PhD. A member of the Italian Bar since 2006, he is the author of numerous publications on privacy and cybersecurity, is a frequent speaker at conferences in Italy and abroad, and teaches at various universities.

Rosario Zaccà, Co-Managing Partner of Gianni & Origoni states: "We are proud of this new addition to our firm, which once again proves our ability to recruit from the pool of best professional talent available, even in rapidly growing sectors such as cybersecurity, new technologies and data protection."

"With the arrival of Stefano and his team, we further enrich our already large and excellent group of experts dedicated to IP, IT and Media, adding a truly unique expertise also in the Cybersecurity sector" continues Massimo Sterpi, co-head with Nino Di Bella of the department. "With over 20 professionals, 5 of whom are partners, our IP, IT and Media department is one of the most numerous and consolidated in the panorama of full-service firms in Italy."

Stefano Mele adds: "I am thrilled to join Gianni & Origoni, a firm internationally recognized for the top-level quality and excellence of its professionals and of the services it offers. With our specialised and transversal experience, my team and I look forward to further enhancing GOP's high standard legal services also by including a practice dedicated to Cybersecurity which is considered to be one of the most important and high economic impact sectors of the future."

**Notes to Editor:**

Gianni & Partners is an international law firm with over 430 lawyers distributed in the offices of Rome, Milan, Bologna, Padua, Turin, Abu Dhabi, Brussels, Hong Kong, London and New York.

The firm is considered among the leaders in Italy in global business services and is active in the field of M&A, Corporate, Banking and Finance, Capital Markets, Antitrust and Regulatory, Real Estate, Litigation and Arbitration, Restructuring, Public Law and Tenders, Environmental, Projects, Tax, Labour, IP, Wealth and Trust, Shipping Aviation and Transportation.

In 2020 the firm was awarded by Mergermarket as “Italy M&A Legal Adviser of the Year” for the fourth time in a row.

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