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Roberto Zadra is Head of the Ballistic Missile Defence Section in NATO's Defence Investment Division. Mr Zadra joined NATO in 1996, initially in the International Staff's Nuclear Policy Directorate. In 2000 he joined NATO's WMD Centre, supporting the Alliance's political and defence efforts against the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery. He became Deputy Head of the WMD Centre in 2005. In 2007 he moved on to provide support for the Alliance's politico-military work on ballistic missile defence. Mr Zadra leads the Ballistic Missile Defence Section since its creation in 2011. He chairs meetings of the Alliance's Defence Policy and Planning Committee (DPPC) on ballistic missile defence, a senior body under the North Atlantic Council in charge of providing politico-military oversight of the development of NATO's BMD capability. Mr Zadra also co-chairs the NATO-Russia Council Missile Defence Working Group that was established in 2009. Prior to joining NATO, from 1986 to 1991 he worked at the Institute for International Affairs in Rome (Italy), and from 1991 to 1994 at the WEU Institute for Security Studies, Paris (France). From 1995-1996 he was Private Secretary of the Undersecretary of Defence, Rome. Mr. Zadra has a Masters in Political Science, University of Vienna (1986).

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