

Sergio Cofferati was born in 1948 in Sesto ed Uniti (Cremona – Italy). In 1969 he begins, while working in Pirelli, his activity as trade unionist within Italian General Confederation of Labour (CGIL), the largest Italian trade union. In 1988 he became the secretary general of FILCEA, the Federation of CGIL representing the workers in the chemistry sector. In 1994 he was elected as the secretary general of CGIL. Eight years later he ended his mandate as secretary general and resumed his work in Pirelli. In 2004 he was elected as the mayor of Bologna. In 2009 he was elected as the member of the European Parliament with more than 200.000 preferential votes and joined the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D Group). MEP Sergio Cofferati is a member of the Legal Affairs, Employment and Internal Market Committees since 2012 and he also serves as coordinator for the S&D Group in the Special Committee on Financial, Economic and Social Crisis. In 2014 he was re-elected as a member of the European Parliament. He is currently a member of the Internal Market and Legal Affairs Committees. He is also a member of the Inquiry Committee on the Panama Papers. In the beginning of 2015 Cofferati resigns from the Democratic Party and later joined Sinistra Italiana. He remains in the S&D Group as an independent member.