



A Matter of Consistency: Crosetto's Battle to Save Defense

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Faced with the delicate issue of Defense cuts, the Minister demonstrates the stature of a figure from another era: ready for the strongest decisions in order not to betray the word given to Italy and its allies.

In the contemporary political scenario, where compromise and the fierce defense of one's position seem to have become the norm, the figure of **Guido Crosetto stands as a rare and precious example of consistency, seriousness, and unwavering dedication to the values of the Republic**. The recent journalistic rumors describing him as «one step away from leaving» the Ministry of Defense do not tell of a simple internal friction within the executive, but reveal the moral stature of **a man of the institutions ready for the utmost political sacrifice to protect the honor and security of the Nation**.

Guido Crosetto is, by unanimous definition, **a person «of one piece»**. His political and human path has always been guided by a very precise guiding star: **respect for agreements**,

protection of national security, and maintaining Italy's international credibility. When it comes to defending the State, in fact, it is not about abstract budget numbers or electoral bargaining, but about the strategic future of the Country and the protection of its citizens in a dramatically unstable global historical era.

The Crossroads of Responsibility and the British Model

The minister recently found himself at a painful but necessary operational crossroads: to passively accept a downsizing of military spending due to short-sighted *spending review* logic, or **to take a firm stance, emulating the gesture of extreme dignity made across the Channel by the UK Defense Minister, John Healey.** The latter, faced with the reduction of resources allocated to the armed forces under the Starmer executive, preferred to resign rather than sign the strategic decline of his nation.

The solidarity expressed by Crosetto to his British colleague through institutional channels was not a simple act of diplomatic courtesy, but the **spontaneous and profound sharing of an identical ethic of duty.** His public words resonate as a manifesto of rare intellectual honesty:

*«I fully understand your reflections and the reasons that led you to make this choice. It is a decision that cannot leave any of us indifferent... **I agree with almost everything you have written, and the thoughts you made public today have often been mine too** ».*



John Healey's resignation in defense of national security

Mediation and the Value of a Given Word

Unlike a politics accustomed to shouting and then yielding behind the scenes, **Crosetto has chosen the path of constructive firmness**. In the complex and tight summits with the Presidency of the Council and the Ministry of Economy, the head of Defense has imposed inviolable boundaries. His is not a battle for personal visibility, but a **staunch defense of essential technological and security programs** (such as the *Purl* and *Safe* plans), which some sectors of the majority would have liked to sacrifice or even cancel.

The mediation led by Giorgia Meloni finally led to a temporary but significant compromise: **the commitment by Minister Giorgetti to increase the defense budget by 0.35% of GDP** in the next end-of-year financial maneuver, a figure that translates into **about 7.5 billion euros** fresh for the military sector. This agreement shifts the current spending axis (stuck at 1.61% of GDP) towards the reliability objectives assumed in the transatlantic context.

For a man of institutional rigor like Guido Crosetto, however, **a promise has value only if it translates into concrete facts in the legal texts**. The time window of the end-2026 budget law will represent the definitive test. **If the commitment made by the executive is not faithfully honored, the new year will inevitably open with irrevocable resignations.**

An Example for the Republic

The proud and inflexible attitude of the Minister of Defense represents **a master lesson in modern patriotism**. Teaching that there are values, alliances, and constitutional duties that far exceed the convenience of immediate consensus, **Crosetto demonstrates that serving Italy means knowing how to say «no» when the honor of the flag** and the efficiency of our Armed Forces are at stake.

However the budget session evolves in the coming months, public opinion and recent history will remember the stance of **a true leader, a servant of the State incapable of bending to the conveniences of the moment** and firmly determined to keep Italy among the great Western democracies: credible, strong, and respected.