Mariano Cocchetti was born in La Spezia on October 25, 1962. He earned a degree in Transport Engineering at the University of Pisa in 1988 and then obtained the qualification to practice the profession of engineer.

He began his career in some construction companies involved in the construction of large public infrastructure works. In particular, in the railway sector, he has dealt with some lots of the High Speed/High Capacity system of the Bologna node and the Florence - Bologna section, the strengthening of Florence - Empoli and the Arezzo - Stia - Sinalunga line, as well as the Malpensa airport railway connection.

In 2002 he joined the Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane Group, based in Milan, at the Investment Department of Rete Ferroviaria Italiana. As project owner, he is responsible for the design, implementation and activation of important railway interventions in the Milan area, including the upgrade of the High Speed/High Capacity Pioltello - Treviglio section to four tracks, the Milan Central - Malpensa connection, the Milan Railway Pass, the Arcisate - Stabio connection, the upgrade to two tracks on the Milan - Mortara line.

After transferring his place of work to Genoa, in 2008 he took care of the design, construction and commissioning of the upgrade of the Andora - San Lorenzo al Mare functional section (Genoa - Ventimiglia line) to two tracks and some functional interventions of the strengthening of the Genoa railway node.

Since 2018, he has been Project Manager of the Giovi Third Pass, one of the most important railway sites activated.