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Dr **Lucia Pastore Celentano** is a medical epidemiologist. She was graduated in Medicine in 1997 at Catholic University in Rome. After completing her infectious disease & Tropical medicine residency in Italy, she obtained a Master Degree in Epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) in 2002 and the European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training (EPIET) diploma in 2006.

She worked as infectious disease epidemiologist at the Italian National Public Health Institute (ISS) for several years, in the vaccine Preventable Disease field. She then joined the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) in 2007.

At ECDC she worked for 5 years in the Surveillance and Response Unit, running the EU surveillance for Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPD), setting up the EU enhanced and active surveillance for Invasive Pneumococcal Disease; promoting projects, with the participation of EU MS, aimed at strengthening the performance and capacities of national reference laboratories for Invasive Bacterial Diseases as well as pertussis. From 2011 until 2013 she has been leading a team in charge of producing Surveillance Reports at ECDC, contributing to the harmonisation of surveillance standards and methods across diseases.

In 2013 she became the Acting Head of the Vaccine Preventable Disease Programme at ECDC, and in February 2016 she has been confirmed as Head of that programme. The team has ten full time experts and a budget of 1,240,000 EURO. Currently the main area of work is the coordination of all the projects on VPD surveillance (with special interest in the measles and rubella surveillance in EU, jointly with WHO-EURO), scientific advice, production of technical guidance for the effectiveness and safety of vaccines newly available on the market, support to member States for poliomyelitis preparedness and outbreak investigation of VPD, risk assessments for newly emerging VPD threats, collaboration with international stakeholders such as WHO, European Medical Agency, CDC Atlanta, etc.

She is author of about 30 articles and 40 technical reports, in both peer-reviewed and not peer-reviewed journals.

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