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Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD), Member of Parliament since 2008, was born in Milan in 1968 and studied at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan and at the New York City University's Hunter College. She taught classical studies and languages in high schools from 1993 to 2012 and then became a head teacher. Since 2005 she has been a volunteer at Our Lady of Lourdes in France and a member of the Hospitalité Notre Dame de Lourdes.

Ms Centemero is a member of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and the Committee Jo Cox against Intolerance and Racism of the Italian Parliament (and chairs her political group Forza Italia within the latter). She is in charge of school and education policies for her party.

In 2013 Ms Centemero was appointed as a member of the Italian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. In January 2016 she was elected Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination.

Ms. Centemero is Rapporteur for Electoral System of Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe and she is preparing a report on Women's Empowerment in the Economy. Her report on Assessing the impact of measures to improve women's political representation was approved in April 2016 by the Assembly. She cooperates with many National Assembly on the item women's participation in political life