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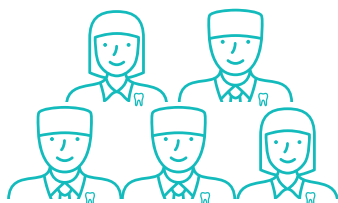
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ABOUT THE CED

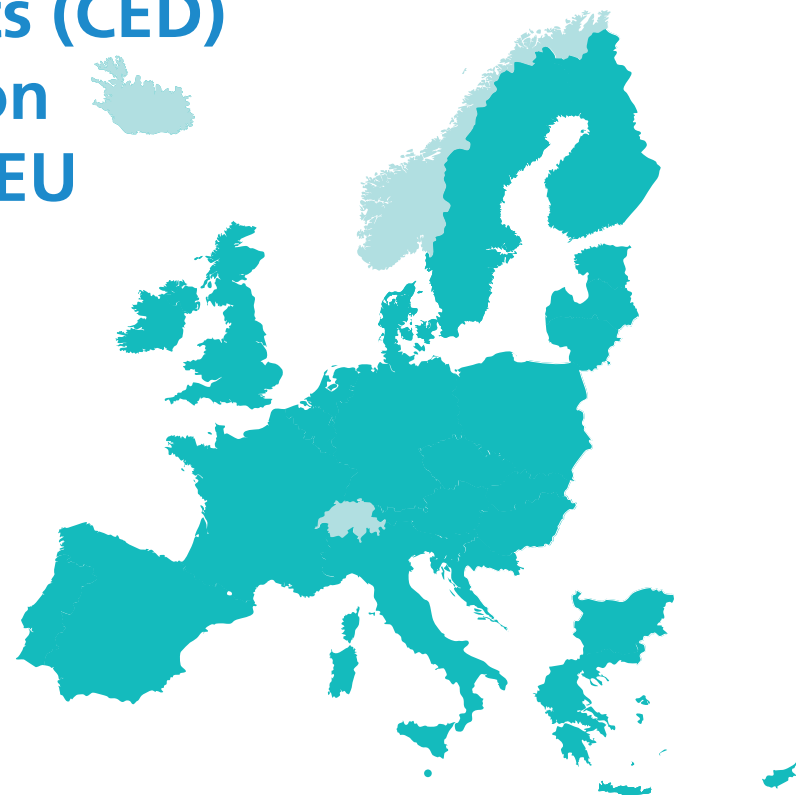


The Council of European Dentists (CED)
is the representative organisation
for the dental profession in the EU



over
340,000
practising dentists

32
national dental
associations
(29 are full members,
and 3 are observers)





PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

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Dr. Marco Landi, Italy

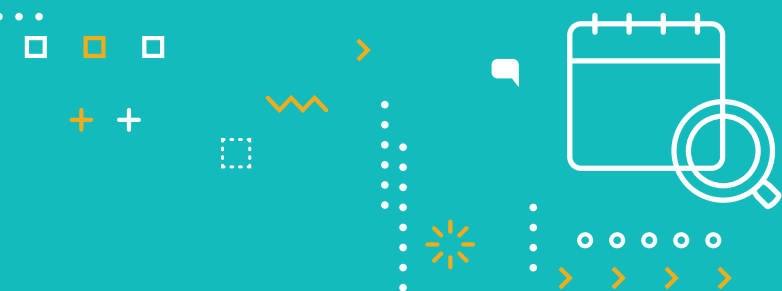


The dental profession in Europe has been over the last years increasingly subject to attempts at deregulation and commercialisation. Driven by the twin goals of increasing employment and reducing health expenditure, these pressures are also directly threatening public health.

The Council of European Dentists has long defended independence and professionalism in dentistry, which we believe are best guaranteed by appropriate regulation, and are the basis of dentists' ability to care for our patients. While our positions on professional regulation often clash with the current political climate, a recent decision by the advocate general of the Court of Justice of the

EU gives us hope that the specificity of health professions may yet continue to be recognised.

In an opinion delivered in September 2016, the protection of public health is judged as justifying a ban prohibiting dentists in Belgium from advertising in the same way as other service providers. Healthcare services, and specifically dentistry, are confirmed to differ from other services, and the relationship of trust between the patient and the dentist is seen to be vital for ensuring that patients receive the kind of treatment they need. We are encouraged by this decision and hope that the reasoning will be followed not only by courts but also by politicians across the EU.



2016 AT A GLANCE

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JANUARY TO APRIL



26 January

CED President Dr. Marco Landi meets Prof. Dr. Corrado Paganelli, President of the Association for Dental Education in Europe (ADEE) in Brussels to discuss areas of cooperation between dentists and dental schools

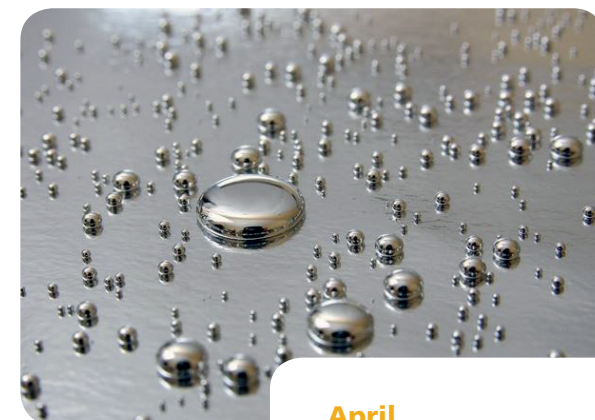


29 January

CED Working Group eHealth meets with Dr. Andrzej Rys, Director in the European Commission's Directorate General for Health and Food Safety in Brussels

11 March

CED Board meeting in Brussels



16-17 March

CED Secretary General Nina Bernot participates in meetings of the EU Joint Action on Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting and of the Health Workforce Expert Group in Brussels

April

Secretariat and members complete a series of meetings with Members of the European Parliament on the proposed Regulation on mercury



2016 AT A GLANCE >>>>>>>>

MAY TO AUGUST



3 – 4 May

CED secretariat attends the closing event of the EU Joint Action on Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting in Mons

12 May

Norwegian Dental Association visits the CED Brussels Office

19-21 May

CED Board and General Meeting in The Hague

25 May

CED President Dr. Marco Landi meets with European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Dr. Vytenis Andriukaitis in Brussels, discusses health workforce, antimicrobial resistance and public health issues



8 June

CED Vice-President Dr. Piret Väli speaks on the impact of eHealth on dentistry at the eHealth Week organised by the Dutch Presidency in Amsterdam



16 June

Croatian Dental Chamber visits the CED Brussels Office

27 June

CED publishes the third annual report on undesirable effects of tooth whitening

8 July

Chair of CED Working Group Amalgam and other restorative materials Dr. Susie Sanderson meets with Aneta Willems, Head of Unit Industrial Emissions of the European Commission's Directorate General for Environment on the proposed Regulation on mercury

24 – 26 August

Chair of CED Working Group Education Prof. Dr. Paulo Melo speaks at a roundtable organised by the European Dental Students' Association (EDSA) and attends the ADEE Annual Meeting in Barcelona



2016 AT A GLANCE



SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER



7 September

CED secretariat meets the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) in Brussels on joint antimicrobial resistance awareness activities



16 September

CED Board meeting in Brussels

15 September

CED President Dr. Marco Landi meets the President of the Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) Dr. Jacques de Haller in Brussels, discusses common challenges of dental and medical professions



11 October

CED President Dr. Marco Landi meets the Secretary General of the European Federation of Periodontology (EFP) Prof. Iain Chapple in London

18 November

CED releases a video pledge on the occasion of the European Antibiotic Awareness Day



1-2 December

CED Board and General Meeting in Brussels

30 November

CED President Dr. Marco Landi participates in the "3D Printing revolution in the dental sector" conference in the European Parliament in Brussels



RESOLUTIONS > > > > > > >

CED Resolution on Annex V.3/5.3.1 of Directive 2005/36/EC (PQD)

The Professional Qualifications Directive (Directive 2005/36/EC) allows dentists from EU countries to have their qualifications recognised and practise across the EU. Following the revision of the Directive in 2013, the CED is proposing changes to the list of study subjects for undergraduate dental education, reflecting developments in dentistry.

[Full text of the Resolution](#)

CED Position on Amending Waste Directive

In the Circular Economy Package the European Commission has put forward proposals to amend existing EU directives on waste. In its Position the CED reacts to proposals for changes to the Directive 2008/98/EC on waste, particularly those that might have negative consequences for dental practices.

[Full text of the Position](#)

CED Statement on waste water disposal

The CED Statement on waste water disposal reflects the CED's commitment to safe management of healthcare waste and to minimising environmental impact of waste water discharges from dental practices.

[Full text of the Statement](#)

CED Statement on Specialist Dentists

In the Statement on Specialist Dentists the CED clarifies the difference between the general dental practitioner or dentist and the specialist dentist not only to help policy-makers at national and EU level in understanding how the dental community sees their scope of activity, but also to improve health literacy and patient empowerment.

[Full text of the Statement](#)

CED Resolution on sugar

Overconsumption of sugar is a serious public health problem. In its Resolution on sugar the CED calls on international bodies, national and local governments, food and drink manufacturers, advertisers and retailers, regulators, health services and professionals, educators and employers to take action.

[Full text of the Resolution](#)



WORKING GROUPS > > > > > > >



**Dr. Susie Sanderson (UK),
Chair of the
Working Group**

AMALGAM

- In 2016, the Working Group continued to work with the European Commission and lawmakers to ensure that the Mercury Regulation, a piece of environmental legislation that aligns the legislative framework in the Member States with the Minamata Convention, does not have a negative impact on oral health of European citizens.
- Throughout these efforts, the CED maintained that dental amalgam is one of a range of well-established, safe and effective restorative materials available to dentists and contributed to a final decision in favour of a gradual phase-down of dental amalgam.
- In 2017, we will follow the Commission's work on assessing the feasibility of phasing out amalgam by 2030.



**Prof. Dr. Paulo Melo (PT),
Chair of the
Working Group**

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- In 2016, the Working Group prepared the revised version of the Resolution on Annex 5.3.1 of the Professional Qualifications Directive that was adopted at the December General Meeting.
- The Group strengthened its collaboration with European dental educators (ADEE) and students (EDSA).
- In 2017, the Group will prepare the update of the CED's profile of the future dentist, monitor developments related to the implementation of the revised Professional Qualifications Directive and continue close cooperation with EDSA and ADEE.



WORKING GROUPS > > > > > > >



Dr. Piret Väli
(EE),
Chair of the
Working Group

eHEALTH

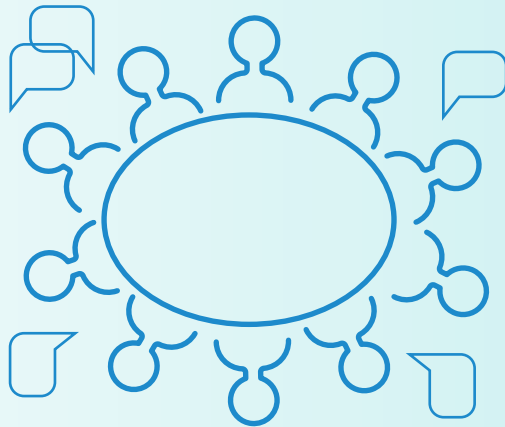
- In June, CED Vice-President and chair of CED Working Group eHealth Dr. Piret Väli spoke at the eHealth Week 2016 in Amsterdam on the impact of eHealth on the practice of dentistry.
- The Group continued contributing to relevant deliverables of the Joint Action supporting eHealth Network (JAseHN).
- In 2017, the Group will reapply to the eHealth Stakeholders' Group and monitor EU initiatives, particularly in the areas of mHealth and under the Digital Single Market Strategy.



Prof. Dr. Ioannis
Tzoutzas (EL),
Chair of the
Working Group

INFECTION CONTROL AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

- In 2016, the Working Group continued monitoring EU legislation related to infection control and waste management.
- The Group prepared the CED position on amendments of the Waste Directive and elaborated a statement on waste water disposal for adoption at the December General Meeting.
- The Group also prepared and sent a questionnaire to CED members on the existing national guidance on infection control in dentistry; further work on this is planned for 2017.



WORKING GROUPS > > > > > > >



**Dr. Edoardo
Cavallè (IT),
Chair of the
Working Group**

MEDICAL DEVICES

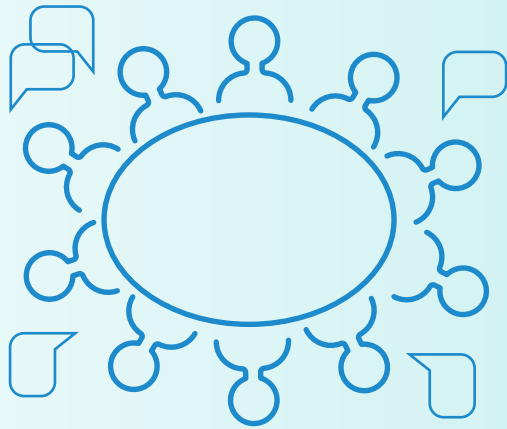
- In 2016, the Group continued following attempts to develop European standards on healthcare services by the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) and reaffirmed the position that healthcare delivery should not be standardised.
- The Group coordinated CED input in the final phase of the adoption of the new Medical Devices Regulation, particularly on issues such as nanomaterials, single use devices, implant cards and Unique Device Identification.
- In 2017, the Group will focus on the impact of implementation of the Medical Devices Regulation on dentistry.



**Dr. Hendrike van
Drie (NL),
Chair of the
Working Group**

ORAL HEALTH

- In 2016, the Working Group focused on antimicrobial resistance, sugar and integrated care.
- The Group prepared a resolution on sugar that was adopted at the General Meeting in May.
- The Group's mandate was revised in December and during 2017 the Group will pay particular attention to the interplay of oral health and other chronic diseases and explore the impact of integrated care on oral health.



WORKING GROUPS > > > > > > >



Dr. Matti Pöyry (FI),
Chair of the
Working Group

PATIENT SAFETY

- In 2016, the CED contributed to the development of a joint statement by health stakeholders, calling on the European Commission to pay more attention to patient safety and to continue the activities of the Patient Safety and Quality of Care Expert Group.
- In 2017, patient safety will continue to be at the forefront of CED policy. The Group will review our resolutions on patient safety and carry out a survey among our members on national initiatives in patient safety and their impact on dentistry.



Dr. Stefaan Hanson (BE),
Chair of the
Working Group

TOOTH WHITENING

- In 2016, the CED published the third and final report on undesirable effects of tooth whitening.
- In 2017, we will continue to work with the European Commission on amending the regulation on the use of tooth whitening products on children and young people under 18; we believe that tooth whitening for these patients can be medically justified and safely carried out by a dentist after assessing the individual needs of the patient.



TASK FORCES > > > > > > >



ANTIBIOTICS

- In 2016, the CED contributed to the drafting of EU guidelines on the prudent use of antibiotics by replying to the public consultation and participating in stakeholder workshops on antimicrobial resistance.
- In a regular annual bilateral meeting with the European Centre for Diseases Prevention and Control (ECDC), we reaffirmed our commitment to support the 2016 European Antibiotic Awareness Day campaign.
- CED released a video pledge in which Dr. Susie Sanderson, Chair of CED Board Task Force Antibiotics, recalled the importance of prudent use of antibiotics in dentistry.
- In 2017, we will monitor the delivery of European Commission's Roadmap on Antibiotic Use.

Dr. Susie Sanderson (UK),
Chair of the Task Force in 2016

COMMUNICATIONS

- In 2016, the CED continued to communicate with members, policy makers, stakeholders and the general public through the CED website and Twitter account, press releases, newsletters, articles and infographics.
- The CED website was moved to a new, more easily recognisable address: it can now be found at www.cedentists.eu.
- Two meetings of Communications Officers representing national dental associations were organised, to ensure dentists across Europe stay updated on EU policy issues.
- In 2017, we will further develop our website with new content and functionalities, as well as increase the production of infographics and strengthen our social media impact.

Mrs. Nina Brandelet-Bernot (CED Office),
Chair of the Task Force



TASK FORCES



ETHICS

- In 2016, the Task Force prepared the next update to the CED Code of Ethics, a set of guiding principles for professional conduct and ethics throughout Europe first agreed by European dentists in 1965.
- The revised Code of Ethics will be submitted for adoption to the CED General Meeting in May 2017.

Dr. Piret Väli (EE),
Chair of the Task Force

INTERNAL MARKET

- In 2016, the Task Force focused on the initiatives of the European Commission on regulation of professions which have the potential to significantly change how our profession is organised and governed across Europe.
- The Task Force contributed to the EU Joint Action on Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting and followed the adoption of the new General Data Protection Regulation.
- In 2017, the Task Force will pay particular attention to maintaining and improving the professional independence of dentists, enhancing their working conditions and mitigating potential negative impact of workforce planning. The proposed proportionality test for new or amended regulation of professions, which the CED believes should not apply to dentists and other health professions, will be of special interest.

Dr. Alexander Tolmeijer (NL),
Chair of the Task Force



CED IN EU INITIATIVES



**EUROPEAN
ANTIBIOTIC
AWARENESS DAY**

A European Health Initiative



CED COMMUNICATIONS

CED @CEDentists - 22 Sep 2016

@CEDentists and @CPME_EUROPA discuss recent trends and common challenges in dental and medical professions goo.gl/qQOe54



You and Jacques de Haller

CED @CEDentists - 27 set 2016

Today CED at @Europarl_EN conference to raise awareness of the good practice for #offlabel use of medicines and the need to set guidances

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European Brain Council

Social medias



992 Followers

237 Tweets

5,322 Profile Visits

150,916 Impressions

CED @CEDentists - 11 Oct 2016
Both @WHO and @CEDentists continue supporting a phase-down not phase-out of the use of #dentalamalgam

CED @CEDentists - 30 May 2016
Tomorrow is #WorldNoTobaccoDay - important role of dentists in tobacco cessation! @EU_Health #oralhealth #dentists

CED @CEDentists - 29 Jan 2016
SCENIHR opinion on #tobacco additives lists 48 priority substances for EU regulation that are harmful or addictive bit.ly/1egjew2

CED @CEDentists - 18 Nov 2016

Presentation of latest data on #AntibioticResistance and Antibiotic consumption in humans in the EU by @ECDC_EU #EAAD2016





CED communications

Website

www.cedentists.eu

17,261
sessions

11,652
visitors

46,376
page views

and...

Newsletters

Mailings to members

Press releases

Articles published in newspapers

Member survey

Lobby packages

CED PROMOTES EUROPEAN ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS DAY (18 NOVEMBER) 27 September 2016

The European Antibiotic Awareness Day (EAAD) is an annual European public health initiative established in 2008 and held on 18 November. It is led by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) with support from the European Commission, European Parliament, EU Member States and non-governmental health stakeholders across the EU and aims to raise awareness about the threats of antibiotic resistance to public health and the responsible use of antibiotics to maintain their efficacy.

[Read more](#)

CED RESPONSE TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON ANTIMICROBIALS 18 September 2016

On 5 September, the CED Board approved the CED response to the public consultation on "Proposals for draft EU guidelines on the prudent use of antimicrobials in human medicine". The draft guidelines were developed by ECDC on a request by the European Commission and will then be used to support the Commission to prepare a final EU guidelines document.

[Read more](#)

FINAL REPORT ON UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS PUBLISHED 27 June 2016

Today, the CED publishes the [first and final report](#) on undesirable effects caused by of tooth whitening products. This report covers the period from 2014-2016 and was prepared under an agreement signed between the CED and the European Commission on 31 March 2010 in the framework of the future regulation on the use of tooth whitening products (Directive 2011/84/EU later repealed by Regulation 1223/2009).

[Read more](#)

CED PRESIDENT MEETS WITH EU HEALTH COMMISSIONER 3 May 2016



On 25 May, the CED President Dr Marco Landi met with the Commissioner for Health Dr Vytenis Andriukaitis. Dr Landi presented the CED's work in the areas of health workforce, antimicrobial resistance and public health (sugar). He also shared the CED concerns with regard to standardisation of healthcare delivery and corporate ownership of dental practice. The Commissioner expressed an understanding of these concerns. As CED President stressed, just like patients, treatments cannot be standardised but should be guided by the evidence-based expertise and professional ethics of the dentist. Dr Landi also insisted on the importance of independence of dental practitioner in case of corporate-owned dental practices. On the topics of health workforce, antimicrobial resistance and sugar, all agreed that these are areas where dentists can make a significant contribution.

CEC POLICY 18 September 2016

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ENTISTS IN EUROPE FACE COMMON CHALLENGES

On 15 September 2016, CED President Dr Marco Landi and CPME President Dr Jacques de Haller met to discuss recent trends in dental and medical professions.

[Read more](#)



CED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is composed of eight members, elected by the General Meeting every three years. The Board carries out political leadership and secures proper and efficient administration of the CED.

Board members following December 2016 CED elections



Dr. Marco Landi
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Director



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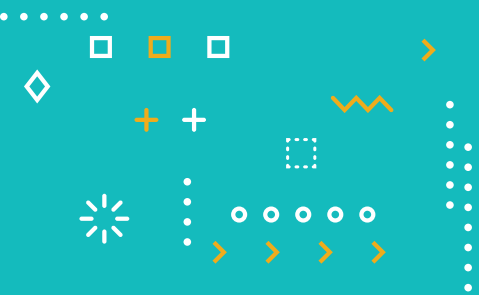


Prof. Dr. Paulo Melo
Director



Dr. Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg
Director





CED SECRETARIAT



The **CED Secretariat** is composed of a permanent staff of four. It constantly monitors policy developments, maintains contacts with European Institutions and stakeholders and implements the decisions taken by the General Meeting and the Board of Directors.



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