



CED – ADEE JOINT STATEMENT ON BASIC DENTAL TRAINING

DENTAL PRACTITIONERS AND DENTAL EDUCATORS SUPPORT AMENDMENTS ON MINUMUM DURATION OF BASIC DENTAL TRAINING, ON DENTAL PRACTITIONERS' ACTIVITIES AND ON UPDATING THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND COMPETENCES

- 1. In advance of the deciding vote in the European Parliament's IMCO committee on the draft report on the Commission's proposal to amend Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council 2005/36/EC on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications, dental practitioners and dental educators welcome the work carried out by the Members of the European Parliament and call on them to ensure continued quality of practical and theoretical dental training and education in the European Union.
- 2. In order to enhance confidence and to facilitate the principle of automatic recognition, as well as to safeguard the high standard of dental training and education, CED and ADEE strongly recommend that the minimum duration of basic dental training is expressed not only in years (5 years of full-time study) but also (in a cumulative sense) in training hours (5000 hours) and with the equivalent (300) ECTS credits (Article 34, paragraph 2, first subparagraph).
- 3. CED and ADEE welcome amending the description of dental practitioners' activities to achieve factual accuracy and bring them in line with current scientific terminology, without listing possible exclusions (Article 34, paragraph 3 and Article 36, paragraph 3).
- 4. CED and ADEE also support updating on a regular basis and in consultation with stakeholders the required knowledge and competences for dental practitioners in Article 34, paragraph 4. CED and ADEE in this sense welcome the Commission's proposal to be empowered to adopt delegated acts and stress that this provision could be further improved by specifying that delegated acts should be adopted following consultation with relevant stakeholders and integrating their proposals.

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