

MINUTES	Date: 22 May 2025	
CED Board Meeting	Radisson Hotels and Suites, Gdańsk (Chmielna 10, Gdańsk)	
	Time Start: 09:00	Time end: 16:00
Chair	Dr Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg, CED President	
Participants	See list attached	
Representatives of the Brussels Office	Nikoleta Arnaudova, Clara Luciani, Ainhua Zamacona	

1. Welcome, quorum, and apologies		Rapporteur: Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg
Working document	• List of participants	
All Board members were present. CED Treasurer Ioannis Tzoutzas joined the afternoon session. Apologies were received from Fintan Hourihan. The quorum was established.		

2. Approval of the agenda		Rapporteur: Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg
Working document	• CED-B-A-2025-02-E/D/F	
The agenda was approved.		

3.Notification of the Minutes of the Board meeting in March		Rapporteur: Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg
Working document	• CED-B-M-2025-01-E/D/F	
The minutes of the last Board meeting were adopted by email.		

4. Declaration of conflict of interest		Rapporteur: Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg
Working document	• Policy on conflict of interest (CED-DOC-2019-001-E-FIN)	
None of the participants declared any conflict of interest.		

5. Report from the President		Rapporteur: Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg
The President updated the Board members on the following attended activities:		
The academic Szeged Symposium on Perspectives in Perio-Implantology and Comprehensive Dentistry from 24-26 May. The event was hosted by Board Director Katalin Nagy. The President also informed the Board that a private dental company, Haleon, approached the CED during the event regarding an informal offer of sponsorship to the CED.		

- **The Panel of Regulatory Bodies of the Adria Region, in Plitvice, Croatia on 9 May.** The event was hosted by the Croatian Dental Chamber and was dedicated to the topic of corporate dentistry. The CED President took part in a panel event and presented some of the CED's preliminary results from the CED-ERO joint survey on corporate dentistry. The President also informed the Board that he was approached by Pierre Zammit, the Secretary General of the European dental technicians' association during the event (FEPPD: European Federation of Laboratory Owners and Independent Dental Technicians) regarding CED's position on CAD/CAM and dental practices (in light of the role of dental practices as legally recognised healthcare institutions as per the MDR).
- **CED Joint Policy Event at the European Parliament in Brussels on 8 April.** The event was moderated and addressed by Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg and co-hosted by MEP Dr Vytenis Andriukaitis (S&D, former Commissioner for Health) from Lithuania and MEP Dr András Kulja (EPP) from Hungary. In addition to Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg, Miguel Pavão also participated as speaker on behalf of FEDCAR. Mr. Marcin Baran, from DG EMPL Unit dealing with the Professional Qualifications Directive attended the meeting on behalf of the European Commission.
- **ERO Plenary Meeting on 2-3 May, attended by CED Vice-President Anna Lella.** She updated the Board on the outcomes of the Plenary session, the composition of the new Board and her intervention focusing on pursuing CED-ERO collaboration after the election of the new ERO Board and President Edoardo Cavallé.

The President also informed the Board on his forecasted visit to the CED offices on the 25 June, as well as his future attendance to the ADEE Annual Meeting in Dublin from 19-22 August 2025.

Board	• Discussed the implications of a sponsorship by Haleon, a multinational consumer healthcare company involved in oral health prevention and currently FDI's main sponsor. Sponsorship was discussed in relation to the Manual of Dental Practice as well as a for organising CED events. • Anna Lella provided the Board with details on the sponsorship practices of Haleon, including the existence of an agreement contract, stating that the company sponsors specific projects but does not interfere in the association's political decision-making or policy publications. • Miguel Pavão pointed out that a partnership with Haleon would allow the CED to link oral health with general health narratives, considering its scope of activities working with broader healthcare products. • Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg stressed the importance of restraining sponsorship to projects and events and not allowing industry involvement into political issues. • Ainhoa Zamacona also informed the Board that the financial implications of such a sponsorship will be explored. • The Board discussed differences in regulation and responsibilities of dental technicians in various countries. • Nikoleta Arnaudova expanded on the structure of European Federation of Laboratory Technicians (FEPPD) and their ongoing lobbying activities. She explained their unsuccessful efforts to join the Medical Devices Coordination Group and their attempts to contact the CED Secretariat and German member Jens Nagaba, as well as efforts carried out by dental technicians to undermine national legislation and the successful use of the recent CED survey results on CAD/CAM policies (requested by the Hellenic Dental Association). • Miguel Pavão highlighted the importance of pursuing cross-collaboration with all joint organisers of the EP Event, as the first time all voices of European Oral Health joined together for a Parliament event. • Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg raised the question on the advisable depth of collaboration of the CED with neighbouring organisations (ERO, FDI, FEDCAR, ADEE). He pronounced himself in favour of developing joint topics but remains opposed to the merging of CED-ERO WGs. • Charlotte Heuzé suggested identifying and focusing on specific topics for collaboration with different organisations to precisely guide and structure collaboration. • The Board discussed distinctions in scope of work, membership and goals between the CED and FEDCAR, as well as EU disparities in the existence of both national dental associations and dental chambers (regulators) at a national level.
Decisions	• The Board announced being in favour of a possible type of sponsorship by Haleon. • The President will bring the topic of sponsorship back to the Board for further discussion at the September Board Meeting.

CED INTERNAL AFFAIRS		
6. Board agreements		Rapporteur: Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg
Working documents	Suggestions by Vasileios Stathopoulos for WG optimisation (CED-DOC-2025-025-E)	
	- President Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg informed the Board that the President of the Croatian Dental Chamber, Dr. Hrvoje Pezo, is currently investigating the situation of the Albanian Dental Association and will provide clarifications, when possible, on current ongoings. - President Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg updated briefly the Board on the ongoing recruitment process for a replacement Policy Officer (maternity cover) for the leave period for the Senior Policy Officer. - The President also shared some recent exchanges with WG OH Chair, Vasileios Stathopoulos, on his suggestions for WG optimisation, received mid-November 2024. - The Board was informed about the letter received from KNMT regarding the observed issue of dental workforce shortages and high rates of practising foreign dentists in the Netherlands. Katalin Nagy provided details on the specific request of KNMT, including the call for extra governmental support to offer additional training and support to foreign-trained dentists submitting a request to practice in the Netherlands.	
Board	- Katalin Nagy expressed being in favour of strengthening regulations for WGs in some form. - Robin Foyle informed the Board of a survey conducted by the Irish Dental Association directed towards members of the IDA Council. The objective of this survey was to examine how Council members perceived their role and tasks within the Council and remind them of their expected active participation as representatives and not only being present for reporting purposes. He suggested that conducting such a survey may be useful within CED WGs. - Overall, Board members were in favour of a balanced approach to regulating WGs. - Miguel Pavão stressed the important role of NDAs in regulating foreign-trained dentists and developing safeguards and controls by national supervisory authorities. He also mentioned the need to harmonize and extend vocational training across all EU countries.	
Decisions	- The GM will be informed that the status of the Albanian Order of Dentists has been suspended as outlined in the CED Statutes. - The contents of the KNMT letter will be raised at the General Meeting by Dutch members Hans de Vries and the demand will be forwarded to WG EPQ for further discussion.	

7. Finances		Rapporteur: Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg on behalf of Ioannis Tzoutzas
Working documents	- Report of the auditors: Final Accounts 2024 (CED-DOC-2025-015-E) - Treasurer's letter to members (CED-DOC-2025-016-E) - CED Final Accounts 2024 (CED-ACCOUNTS-2024-01) - CED Budget 2026 (CED-BUDGET-2026)	

The President, on behalf of the Treasurer, who joined late due to his delayed connective flights, presented the 2024 Final Accounts. The result for 2024 was a surplus of €124 735,61. CED income was slightly higher than budgeted due to ERO's contribution for the European Manual. However, the unpaid second instalment from Albania is still showing as an income and will have to be corrected this year. CED costs were slightly higher than budgeted in several accounts, including the May GM, staff costs for travel and accommodation and communications. On the other side, there were quite remarkable savings in fees and reimbursements and personnel costs (reduced staff during several months).

The auditors audited CED finances on 20th February. In their draft management letter, they indicated that they had no major concerns.

The 2026 Budget is based on a 2% increase in members' fees, without Albania's contribution.

The President pointed that the financial results in the coming years will be balanced (with small surplus) with healthy reserves if we stick to the current income and a three-persons-office. He mentioned the possibility to increase the membership fees more than 2% in the coming years if necessary.

Board	- Stressed the healthy state of current CED finances and thanked the President and the Treasurer for the work done. The role of the staff was also underlined. - Mentioned the difficulty to manage budgets with highly fluctuating inflation in Belgium. - Stressed the importance of receiving accurate "numbers of dentists" from the members, since the CED income is dependent on that number.
Decisions	The Board agreed to present to the General Assembly the CED Budget 2026, with a 2% increase in fees and without any contribution from Albania

8. Communications		Rapporteurs: Nikoleta Arnaudova, Clara Luciani
Working documents	• CED Annual Report 2024 • CED Newsletter I 2025	
The Board was updated on the following points: - The publication of the latest CED Annual Report 2024. - Nikoleta Arnaudova also updated the Board on the first edition of the relaunched CED newsletter, disseminated by email. She inquired into possible ideas and guidance for direction of future newsletters to the Board. - Clara Luciani provided information on the advancement of the European Manual of Dental Practice, with a total of 19 countries drafted, including the initial drafting of 5 ERO country chapters. - The GM will be informed of the deletion of the CED X account and the redirection of activities towards LinkedIn.		
Board	• The Board expressed positive feedback on the first edition of the newsletter. • Among suggestions for future newsletters, were raised the possibility of including additional information on European affairs in the area of health as well as broader health activities carried out by civil-society organisations and other healthcare professionals. • The Board was also reminded that the first section and introduction of the Manual will be revised, in parallel to the work carried out on country chapters. • Members were kindly invited to proofread and provide feedback on their respective revised Manual chapters, for those having not yet sent their chapters back.	
9. BTF Internal Market		Rapporteur: Anna Lella
Working documents	• CED Statement on Quality of Dentistry across Borders (CED-DOC-2025-022-E/D/F) • Preliminary Results from CED/ERO Corporate Dentistry Survey (CED-DOC-2025-023-E)	
The Rapporteur updated the Board on the following activities of the BTF: Workforce challenges		

The BTF remains engaged on the topic of workforce challenges through its existing materials but also considering that the issue will remain a priority at the EU policy level in the coming years. The members were updated that the current European Commission mandate will prioritise work and activities on an EU-wide health workforce strategy. The BTF agreed to continue monitoring the topic and engage accordingly, when relevant initiatives take place.

CED Statement on Quality of Dentistry across borders:

Based on input from several BTF members, the BTF prepared a statement to reflect on some of the challenges and concerns of European dentistry specifically in relation to third country (foreign educated) dentists in relation to matters such as linguistic knowledge, professional ethics, familiarity with the healthcare system of their country of work. The document is placed for adoption at the May GM under number CED-DOC-2025-022-E/D/F.

The document also reflects on the European Commission Communication on a Union of Skills. During its latest meeting, the BTF discussed the European Commission Communication on a Union of Skills from 5 March 2025. An important point raised in the document is that building on the Implementation Report of the Professional Qualifications Directive, the Commission will consider actions to further facilitate, expand and modernise recognition processes for regulated professions, in particular by leveraging digital tools. It will include exploring whether to propose common rules for simpler procedures for handling the recognition and validation of qualifications and skills of third country nationals.

Amendments received on the documents by Greece, Norway and Germany were presented to the Board for comments and approval.

Update on ERO-CED collaboration on corporate dentistry:

The two organisations started collaborating on the issue in 2023. In the course of April and May 2025, the CED and ERO launched a joint survey on corporate dentistry for their members. The survey is based on the CED survey from 2022 and aims to expand the pool of replies to gain overview on corporate dentistry across the EU and wider Europe. Replies were received from 31 countries. Results are included as information to the May GM under the number CED-DOC-2025-023-E.

The results of the survey will help prepare academic articles on corporate dentistry, with the goal of sharing it with the European Commission. The first article already in the pipeline is using the results of the 2022 survey by CED. The articles are drafted by Thomas Wolf.

The Chair also highlighted the need to explore further the topic of defining corporate dentistry – the results of the 2025 survey so far demonstrate that there is a lack of such definition among members. The issue will be explored at the working levels of CED and ERO.

Board	Discussed the amendments and agreed on the inclusion of several of them to the document. The revised version was disseminated to the GM in advance.
Decisions	Agreed to recommend the revised version of the CED Statement on Quality of Dentistry across Borders (CED-DOC-2025-022-E/D/F) for GM adoption.

10. Board-only discussion	Rapporteur: Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg
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The Board-only discussion took place.

11. WG eHealth	Rapporteurs : Charlotte Heuzé, Romy Ermler
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Working documents	- Updated CED Resolution on Artificial Intelligence (CED-DOC-2025-018-E/D/F) - Updated Mandate of WG eHealth (CED-DOC-2025-019-E/D/F)
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The two Board Liaisons informed the Board of the following:

Update on CED Resolution on Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The WG worked on and discussed proposed amendments and changes to the existing CED Resolution on AI and dentistry from 2020. The document was updated with inclusion of new recommendations and additional background information based on AI developments from the last few years. More wording was also included on clarifying dentists' liability when working with AI. The

document also received input via the European Dental Students' Association (EDSA). The document was placed for adoption at the May GM under number CED-DOC-2025-018-E/D/F.

The Board was invited to agree and recommend the adoption of the document to the GM.

Mandate of WG eHealth

The WG reviewed and amended the mandate of the eHealth WG. The updated mandate is presented for adoption at the GM under number CED-DOC-2025-019-E/D/F.

The Board was invited to agree and recommend the adoption of the updated mandate to the GM.

DG Connect meeting/preliminary consultation meeting on future EU Data Strategy

The CED was invited to attend a preliminary consultation meeting organised by the European Commission's Directorate for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (Connect) on 15 May, specifically aimed at healthcare representative organisations. According to the DG invitation, access to data is a key driver of competitiveness, contributing nearly 4% to the EU's GDP. It also plays a vital role in improving healthcare, for example by enhancing patient experience and personalised treatment, advancing medical technologies, developing AI-driven diagnostics, and promoting regulatory coherence across the healthcare market. This strategy will aim to:

- make more data available for AI,
- simplify the data regulatory framework,
- address challenges related to international data flows.

European Health Data Space:

The WG continues monitoring updates on the file that was finally published in the EU Journal on 5 March 2025. It is expected that the legislation will be operational by end of the current EU mandate (2029) at least for primary use elements.

European Commission Action Plan on Cybersecurity for Hospitals and Healthcare professionals:

Latest update: the Commission has now launched a Consultation on the Plan, opened until 30 June. The WG eHealth will work on a response after the GM.

According to the Action plan, with the increasing digitalisation of healthcare, the attack 'surface' is growing. According to the Report on the State of the Digital Decade 2024, an average of 79% of EU citizens have online access to their electronic health records in primary care. The plan is aimed at mainly hospitals and healthcare providers (including smaller entities), as well as other relevant stakeholders – e.g. cybersecurity professionals, industry (especially for medical devices). As stated in the plan: it predominantly focuses on the cybersecurity of hospitals and healthcare providers, understood as any natural or legal person – or any other entity – legally providing healthcare on the territory of a Member State.

The Action plan responds to the urgency of the situation and the unique threats facing the health sector and calls for strengthened prevention, preparedness, and a more coordinated approach. Most actions in the plan are EU-level focused but there is also a significant focus on Member State actions. The plan will focus on 3 main pillars aimed to support hospitals and healthcare providers in improving cybersecurity and boosting protection against threats such as ransom, hacking etc. It is declaring support from the EU level, concrete actions at MS level and is also encouraging other key actors (such as industry) to make concrete pledges for actions that will help strengthen cybersecurity in the health sector.

The Commission intends to come forward with recommendations in the fourth quarter of 2025 to further refine the Action Plan. The WG agreed to continue monitoring developments on the file.

Decisions	• The Board agreed to recommend the Updated CED Resolution on Artificial Intelligence (CED-DOC-2025-018-E/D/F) for GM adoption. • The Board agreed to recommend the Updated Mandate of WG eHealth (CED-DOC-2025-019-E/D/F) for GM adoption.
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12. WG Patient Safety, Infection Control and Waste Management		Rapporteur: Ioannis Tzoutzas
Working documents	• Updated Mandate of WG PSICWM (CED-DOC-2025-020-E/D/F) • Results from Wipe Disinfection Survey (CED-DOC-2025-012-E)	
The Rapporteur updated on the following:		

Mouthguards: The WG held a discussion on a possible document on the Beneficial results of Athletic Mouthguards for people who exercise sports as amateurs and Professionals minimizing the TDI (Traumatic Dental Injuries). During the WG meeting, the Chair underlined that the document would serve to ensure that dentists are proactively promoting measures for the use of athletic mouthguards. Since the action will also actively promote a possible recommendation for use of athletic mouthguards at the EU and Member State level, it also has the potential to raise the profile of CED vis-à-vis collaboration and providing advice to the EU institutional bodies. The WG agreed to explore further the topic, and a document is envisioned for preparation for the November 2025 GM. In addition to that, the PSICWM mandate was amended to include wording on athletic mouthguards – it was available for vote during the May GM under number CED-DOC-2025-020-E/D/F. The Board was invited to agree and recommend the adoption of the updated mandate to the GM. Sterilization of dental instruments: The WG held a follow up discussion on 2023/2024 ANDI questionnaire to CED members on sterilization of dental instruments and in relation to sustainable solutions for device sterilization. The WG will continue monitoring this topic for any future updates of relevance. Proposal for brief questionnaire on wipe disinfection from German Dental Association During the latest WG meeting, BZAEK highlighted that in Germany, the competent authorities demand that dentists who reprocess semi-critical medical devices by disinfection with wipes validate the method they use and additionally provide extensive proof of the efficacy of the respective method. Since there are no known transmissions of infection in dentistry through instruments reprocessed in this way, the German Dental Association considers these demands to be excessive. As such, a questionnaire would help understand better the status quo on this topic across European countries. The results of the questionnaire were available for information to the GM under number CED-DOC-2025-012-E. Ethanol: During the latest WG meeting in February, the Chair reminded on the importance of ethanol use in the dental practice and highlighted the concern about ongoing information on work at the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) as to the eventual potential classification of ethanol under the EU Chemicals Regulation (REACH) as a substance suspected of having a toxic effect on reproduction. This could potentially mean, depending on the decided category, that, with the exception of foodstuffs containing ethanol, for example, the supply of mixtures and products containing ethanol to the final consumer would no longer be permitted and there would be increased health and safety requirements. The members of the WG were also shown a letter from the German Hospital Federation to the European Commission inquiring about the envisioned steps on ethanol. In it, the Commission replies that while an evaluation of ethanol's status is indeed in progress at the ECHA level, it concerns its use in biocidal products (e.g. hand disinfectant for general hygiene, surface disinfectant, etc;), and not as a medicine (e.g. disinfectant of surgical wound, or skin of patient before a medical act or surgery). The members were also informed that, so far, the envisioned timeline for this process is that the ECHA Biocidal Products Committee (BPC) will only submit its opinion at the end of 2025. CED will continue to monitor the issue.	
Decisions	• The Board agreed to recommend the adoption of the Updated Mandate of WG PSICWM (CED-DOC-2025-020-E/D/F) to the GM.

13. WG Education and Professional Qualifications		Rapporteur: Katalin Nagy
Working documents	• ADEE letter for GED endorsement (CED-DOC-2025-024-E)	

The rapporteur and WG Chair updated the Board on the following:

Implementation report on the PQD

As per the latest information, the European Commission report on the implementation of the Professional Qualifications Directive is expected to be published if no further delay, in the course of the month of June.

Periodontology and specialties

The Chair also raised foreseeable action on the topic of the introduction of periodontology as a new specialty to be officially recognized under the PQD. This would include the drafting of a letter to be sent to the European Commission requesting the official procedure to undertake for submitting a request to amend the PQD and insert the specialty of periodontology.

ADEE Workshop on the Graduating European Dentist (GED), Dublin, 5-6 February.

As already outlined at the last WG meeting, the Board was briefly updated on the latest WG activities. The WG's work will then pick-up in the next few months, also regarding the letter and request received from KNMT, to be taken up and discussed by the WG.

As a quick summary, the CED was invited to take part in an ADEE in-person workshop on the Graduating European Dentists (GED) Curriculum Framework Strategic Review, which took place from 5 to 6 February 2025 in Dublin. Katalin Nagy and Clara Luciani took part in the event.

It brought together both European-wide and Irish dental educators, dental chief officers, dental and oral health professionals, regulators, students, hygienists, and ERO, for a two-day roundtable discussion around ADEE's GED, in preparation of the revision of ADEE's GED curriculum framework.

Katalin Nagy had the opportunity to raise several of the CED's positions on education, which were also raised at the joint Parliament event in February by Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg.

Following the meeting, ADEE invited the CED to possibly collaborate on the development of a European Platform for guiding schools, associations and governments for the integration of the GED into national frameworks. The ADEE will reach out to the CED at a later date.

Following this discussion, the CED received a formal letter from ADEE, inviting the CED to endorse the GED curriculum framework. The Board received the ADEE letter as part of Board documents before the start of the meeting.

This endorsement would help support the recognition of a competence-based approach of training requirements in dental curricula, aside from the narrow requirements and subject-list included in the current Professional Qualifications Directive (PQD).

However, as the key regulation for education and training of regulated professions and dental practitioners, the revision and strengthening of the PQD still remains a priority for WG EPQ and will proactively work in this direction in the future. If the Board supports the endorsement of ADEE's GED curriculum framework, this will therefore not replace CED's own positions on the topic.

Katalin Nagy also highlighted that the GED Framework was recently updated and remains relevant, reflecting the educational needs of European dental schools.

The Board was invited to provide guidance on the future endorsement of ADEE's GED curriculum framework, to be presented at the GM in November.

KNMT Letter and suggestion for the drafting of a policy paper on the quality of the dental workforce, relating to foreign-trained dentists.

Referring to the letter received from the Dutch Dental Association (KNMT) discussed earlier on, and the request to develop policy papers, the 5th point of the letter mentions the "Quality of the Dental Workforce". This point specifically relates to the work of WG EPQ.

The letter mentions 2 considerations:

- The introduction of mandatory continuing education and training, incorporated into PQD, Article 20.
- Amendments to the automatic recognition principle, with the introduction of extra supporting training modules, in addition to language tests for all new registering dentists.

The Board was invited to provide guidance on the future endorsement of ADEE's GED curriculum framework, to be presented at the GM in November.

Board	• The Board expressed enthusiasm and approval for the endorsement of the ADEE GED Curriculum Framework, which would help with the needed harmonization of education across Europe. • Charlotte Heuzé highlighted EDSA and Charlotte Carter's research results on European dental
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	studies and the lack of harmonization and gaps in education across the EU and agrees on the recognition of ADEE's framework. • Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg agreed on the endorsement of the GED curriculum approach and put forward the idea of organizing a panel event or a meeting, gathering all European dental organisations (FEDCAR, ADEE, EDSA) to discuss possible actions and push forward through a common voice the need for strengthening harmonization of dental education across Europe.
Decisions	• The Board agreed that the relevant topics of the KNMT letter will, first of all, be brought for discussion and consideration by WG EPQ, namely the ideas of introducing mandatory continuing education and training under the PQD, and the possibility of offering extra supporting training modules as a required part of the registration process for all new registration processes. • After the publication of the European Commission implementation report on the PQD, WG EPQ will prepare a letter, with the assistance of Marek Szewczyński, to be forwarded to the Commission on the required procedure for introducing an official request calling on the recognition of periodontology under the PQD.

14. WG Dental Materials and Medical Devices		Rapporteur: Robin Foyle, Edoardo Cavallé
Working documents	• Updated CED Statement on the implementation of the MDR (CED-DOC-2025-021-E/D/F) • Reminder - Results of CAD/CAM Questionnaire (CED-DOC-2025-006-E) • Preliminary results from Adverse Reactions Reporting Survey with NORCE (CED-DOC-2025-013-E) • Preliminary results from survey on abutments under MDR (CED-DOC-2025-014-E) • Reminder - Philips letter on tooth whitening (CED-DOC-2025-026-E)	

WG Chair Edoardo Cavallé updated the Board on the following:

European Commission consultation and call for evidence on the MDR

The members were presented with a draft CED reply to the ongoing public consultation in relation to the targeted evaluation of the EU rules on medical devices and in vitro diagnostics (in our case, the MDR specifically). CED submitted a reply on behalf of the organisation.

MDR Workshop for healthcare professionals

In end of February, CED was approached by the European Commission with request to nominate healthcare professional representatives for an in-person workshop in light of the ongoing MDR evaluations. The workshop took place on 20 March and was attended by WG Chair Edoardo Cavalle and WG member Gottfried Schmaltz who highlighted the core CED priorities on the topic.

The workshop focused on the experiences on the benefits and challenges of healthcare professionals, users and patients. It aimed at collecting insights and evidence to measure these costs and benefits that are specifically borne by healthcare professionals, users and patients due to the MDR and IVDR. The outcome of the workshop will feed into the targeted evaluation of the MDR and IVDR and will be reflected in the evaluation report that the Commission will prepare.

Update to existing CED Statement on the implementation of the Medical Devices Regulation from 2022

The WG agreed to update the CED Statement on the implementation of the Medical Devices Regulation from 2022, especially ahead of the envisioned MDR evaluation. The file was placed for adoption at May 2025 GM under number CED-DOC-2025-021-E/D/F.

The Board was invited to agree and recommend the adoption of the updated CED Statement to the GM.

Whitening Lamps and CED 2015 Statement on the topic

The WG examined Philips communication and academic papers offering the latest overview on whitening lamps according to them. Several WG members examined the papers in further detail and highlighted that they consider them biased. As such, the WG does not recommend any concrete CED action on the issue but reverts to the Board as to whether any further communication with Philips is needed.

CAD/CAM issue and request from Hellenic Dental Association

At the request of the Hellenic Dental Association, the CED disseminated two questions to all CED members in relation to use of CAD/CAM at their national levels. Despite the very short timeline of 3 working days, the request received 24 replies. At the request of 2 CED members, the results of the query were put together in a single document. The document was shared with all CED members and uploaded on the section Questionnaires of the CED website. The document was available to the CED GM for information under number CED-DOC-2025-006-E.

ANDI questions on the classification of Abutments (dental implants) and hemostatic sponges (collagen/gelatin-based) under the MDR

CED members ANDI highlighted an issue in relation to the classification of Abutments (dental implants) and hemostatic sponges (collagen/gelatin-based) under the MDR. These items are classified as MD of class 2b and Class 3, respectively. The obligations laid down for healthcare professionals under MDR are to register and store the UDI numbers of implantable MD class 2b and implantable and non-implantable devices of class 3. ANDI highlights that these obligations weigh down the daily activities of dental offices. Furthermore, ANDI wonders whether it is possible to get a different evaluation of the risks associated with their use. A brief set of questions was prepared for the CED members, the preliminary results were placed for information to the GM under number CED-DOC-2025-014-E.

Adverse reactions reporting

The WG reviewed the final draft of the adverse reactions reporting survey from Dr Lars Björkman (Dental Biomaterials Adverse Reaction Unit) and agreed with it. As such, the draft was prepared as a survey and launched among the CED members. Preliminary results were included for GM information under number CED-DOC-2025-013-E.

Decisions	- The Board agreed that no further communication with Philips in relation to their letter is required for the time being. - The Board agreed to recommend the adoption of the Updated CED Statement on the implementation of the MDR (CED-DOC-2025-021-E/D/F) to the GM.
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15. WG Oral Health	Rapporteur : Miguel Pavão, Vasileios Stathopoulos
Working documents	• Updated CED Resolution on tobacco, alternative tobacco and tobacco-free nicotine products (CED-DOC-2025-007-E/F/D) • Updated CED Resolution on reducing sugar consumption and preventing oral diseases (CED-DOC-2025-008-E/F/D) • Updated CED Resolution on Antimicrobial Resistance, One Health and Oral Health: An Integrated Cross-Sectorial Approach (CED-DOC-2025-009-E/F/D)
WG Chair Vasileios Stathopoulos updated the Board on the recent activities of the WG: Several papers will be presented to the GM for adoption. These include: Sugar As already presented and approved at the March meeting, WG OH has finalised the update of the 2016 CED Resolution on sugar. This updated version brings in new key additions relating to the mention and outline of sugar overproduction, import and consumption, but also integrates a tighter focus on the risk factor approach, the social-economic burden of sugar consumption, oral health promotion strategies, the role of dental practitioners in sugar consumption reduction and prevention, and EU's nutrition policy. At the last WG meeting, the WG agreed to develop a lobby-package on sugar, as well as to consider lobby-packages for other adopted papers, to support national advocacy objectives. The paper received comments from the Norwegian Dental Association. The Board was invited to consider the received amendments and provide guidance. Tobacco As already presented and approved at the March meeting, WG OH has finalised the update of the 2010 CED Resolution on tobacco. This updated version drastically broadens the scope of the paper by including mention of alternative tobacco products, snus, and nicotine products, as well as the understanding of the oral cavity in the paper, and the role of dental practitioners in the detection and diagnosis of oral cancers and diseases relating to tobacco consumption. It also now includes mention of availability and accessibility of oral healthcare services. The Chair thanked the Board on the guidance provided to include softer wording on the accessibility and availability of oral healthcare within the paper. Furthermore, as per information, the CED received a request by the University of Bath's Tobacco Control and Research Group, to support with the dissemination of a survey collecting information on the level of tobacco industry interference and contact addressed to dental associations. The survey will be forwarded to all CED member associations, which can then decide on the relevance for their association to complete the survey. AMR As already presented and approved at the March meeting, WG OH has finalised the update of the 2018 CED Resolution on AMR. This version includes strong focus on the One Health principle, and well as the wording on accessibility and availability. The paper received comments from the Norwegian Dental Association. The Board was invited to consider the received amendments and provide guidance. Ageing and Oral Health The new ageing paper, developed by the WG, is closed to being finalised. At its last WG meeting, members extensively discussed the paper and recommended new amendments, specifically on the drafted recommendations. The paper was sent last week to the WG's chosen expert, Prof. Dr Gerry McKenna, who is to review the new amendments and content and provide feedback. The WG is planning to submit the paper for adoption at the November GM and, once finalised will of course be presented to the Board beforehand for approval. Prevention and Inequalities Finally, the WG agreed at its last meeting to start working on updating the 2011 CED paper on "Mutual integration of oral and general health", by integrating several other outdated policy papers into the scope of a revised paper. This updated paper would focus on the common issue of prevention, and tackle the issue of accessibility, and coverage (UHC) of healthcare services.	

The Board was also informed on the WG's decision to merge two of its workstreams together to combine efforts for the drafting of this paper.	
Board	- Discussions on the received amendments to the Sugar Resolution gravitated around the suggested mention of a health tax, the accountability of the sugar industry, preventative healthcare measures, oral health literacy and fluoride interventions. - Robin Foyle voiced himself against the mention of accountability, which would suggest legal implications for the CED, including opening a leeway to take legal action against the sugar industry in the future.
Decisions	- The Board discussed and agreed on some of the amendments to the CED Resolution on AMR to be presented to the GM for adoption. - The Board agreed to reject the amendment on holding the sugar industry accountable. - The Board discussed and agreed on the amendments to the CED Resolution on Sugar to be kept and presented to the GM, for adoption. - The Board approved to present the three CED updated Resolutions on Sugar, Tobacco and AMR to the GM for adoption.

16. WGs optimization and better ways of collaborating (follow-up discussion on proposals from Vasileios Stathopoulos)		Rapporteur: Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg
Working documents	Suggestions by Vasileios Stathopoulos for WG optimization (CED-DOC-2025-025-E)	
Following the discussion at the November and March BMs, the Board discussed Vasileios Stathopoulos's suggestions for WG optimization once again. The President opened the floor for discussing the advancement of this issue.		
Board	- Vasileios Stathopoulos presented his reasoning and expanded on his forwarded suggestions for the optimization of the functioning of WGs. - Katalin Nagy raised the existing CED Internal Rules, covering the functioning and regulation of participation in Working Groups and Task Forces. She also suggested the need for a balance between ensuring smooth running of WGs and the encouragement of participation and attraction of new CED members to join WGs. - Robin Foyle mentioned similar observations in participation rates at the Irish Dental Association and suggested asking WG members, through a survey, on their perceived role and tasks under WGs as well as their needs for ensuring active participation. - Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg addressed the balance between leadership and management and suggested shifting the discussion on methods of work and group functioning to be taken up and decided on by each individual WG. Suggestions from each WG could then be presented to the Board. He recommended against the establishment of strict rules at the CED level. - Katalin Nagy suggested setting up an online meeting with all WG Chairs to help harmonize methods of work and rules across all WGs, and how to generate participation.	
Decisions	An online meeting among all WG Chairs will be set up to discuss and harmonize methods of work and practices for the successful functioning of WGs.	

17. Any other business	
Dates and places of next meetings • 24 September 2025 • 13 November 2025, Brussels • March 2026 (date TBC) • 21 May 2026, Cyprus • September 2026 (date TBC) • November 2026, Brussels (date TBC) • March 2027 (date TBC) • 20 May 2027, Lithuania The Board discussed the upcoming November election, with 4 Board Director positions being open for re-election, including the positions of Charlotte Heuzé, Miguel Pavão, Katalin Nagy and the Treasurer, Ioannis Tzoutzas. President Freddie-Sloth Lisbjerg raised the idea of organising the 2026 autumn CED Board Meeting at the same time as the FDI Annual World Dental Congress taking place in Prague between 04-07 September 2026. This would imply moving the location of the meeting to Prague, in place of Brussels. The Board was invited to consider the suggestion.	
Board	• Anna Lella agreed with the idea of holding the 2026 September CED meeting in Prague and suggested however to hold it a day or two before the start of the FDI meeting, to avoid overlap of sessions.

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