

Minutes	Date: 23-24 May 2025
CED GENERAL MEETING	Venue: Radisson Hotels and Suites, Gdansk (Chmielna 10, Gdańsk)
	Time start: 09:00 Time end: 12:30
Chair	Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg, CED President
Participants	See list attached
Representatives of the Brussels Office	Ainhoa Zamacona, Nikoleta Arnaudova, Clara Luciani

1. Welcome, quorum and apologies		Rapporteur: Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg
Working document	List of Participants	
The President welcomed the participants and guests to the CED General Meeting (GM). The quorum was established, including the quorum to vote on the proposed vote for CED Budget 2026 and CED Final Accounts 2024. The floor was also given to the representatives of FEDCAR and ERO who briefly addressed the CED GM.		

2. Welcome address by CED Vice-President, Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists		Rapporteur : Anna Lella
Anna Lella welcomed the participants on behalf of the organisers.		
3. Approval of the agenda		Rapporteur: Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg
Working document	• CED-GM-A-2025-01-E/D/F	
The agenda was approved.		

4. Notification of the minutes of the last General Meeting	
Working document	Minutes of CED General Meeting in November 2024 (CED-GM-M-2024-02-E/D/F)
The minutes were adopted by email.	

5. President's report		Rapporteur: Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg
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The President highlighted:

- Brief update on temporary recruitment to the CED Secretariat to replace the Senior Policy Officer as maternity cover during her leave.
- Status of Albania as Observer to the CED: since no fees have been received from Albania for the second instalment of last year, and the CED's registered letter to the Albanian members was returned unopened, as per the CED Statutes Article 15.4, the organisation's rights as observer members to CED are suspended until all outstanding payments have been settled.
- President activities:
 - o IDS Press Conference in Cologne on 22 January, in advance of the 41st International Dental Show (IDS)
 - o International academic and dental symposium on perspectives in perio-implantology and comprehensive dentistry in Szeged, Hungary, 24-26 April
 - o Panel of Regulatory Bodies of the Adria Region which took place in Plitvice, Croatia on 9 May 2025
- The joint CED policy event organised with FEDCAR, EDSA, ADEE, Platform for Better Oral Health on 8 April titled 'Better Oral Health at the European Agenda' under the chairmanship of MEP Dr Andriukaitis and MEP Dr Kulja.
- Upcoming work for CED's own policy event
- CED mentions in journals and publications:
 - o CED article on the connection between oral health and overall health published in the health section of the digital policy journal "Open Access Government", in January 2025.
 - o A CED article for the first edition of the digital iSanidad 2024 Yearbook. This journal aims to share and bring together key information from the field of dentistry coming from academic institutions, professional organizations, scientific colleges and industry leaders.
 - o CED President interview in the CDF Mag
- Recent presentations on CED to members:
 - o Board of the Dental Chamber of Saxony-Anhalt Delegation – CED Offices
 - o Austrian Dental Chamber – Online
 - o AS Akademie – CED Offices
- Key issues for national dental associations:
 - o Quality of dental workforce within the EU
 - o Cross-border practice of dentistry
 - o Level of clinical training of foreign-trained dentists
 - o Cultural and institutional knowledge of the country of practice
 - o CAD-CAM and dental technicians challenging dentists:
 - Challenging dental practices as 'health institutions'
 - Challenging the use of CAD/CAM by dentists for their patients, obligations of manufacturers

On the CAD-CAM topic, the President highlighted that despite open and direct challenging on the issue by dental technicians representatives, the CED and all its representatives continue to firmly stand behind the established position of dentists on the matter.

Reminded that:

- The next GM meeting will take place in Brussels on 14 November 2025 at the Sheraton Brussels Airport Hotel
- The May 2026 GM will take place in Cyprus on 22-23 May 2026

6. Report from the Brussels Office		Rapporteurs: Nikoleta Arnaudova and Clara Luciani
Working documents:	• Results from Wipe Disinfection Survey (CED-DOC-2025-012-E) • 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)	

Nikoleta Arnaudova and Clara Luciani reported on 1) the General Meeting highlights, 2) the latest developments at the EU supranational level on policy topics of importance to the dental profession, 3) results from 4 key surveys conducted in the last few months at the CED 4) upcoming CED elections in November for 4 open positions – Treasurer and 3 Board Directors.

7. Finances		Rapporteurs: Ioannis Tzoutzas, Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg
Working documents	- Report of the auditors: Final Accounts 2024 (CED-DOC-2025-015-E) <u>Treasurer's letter to members (CED-DOC-2025-016-E)</u> - CED Final Accounts 2024 (CED-ACCOUNTS-2024-01) - CED Budget 2026 (CED-BUDGET-2026)	
Ioannis Tzoutzas reminded the General Meeting of the Final Accounts and the report of the auditors for the year 2024. Results for 2024 show a surplus of €124 735,61 which translates the financial efforts undertaken by the Secretariat. He proceeded to explain the breakdown of the results already communicated in the Treasurer's Letter. He stressed that the majority of the current costs of the CED are inelastic (meaning that they cannot be decreased).		
Eric Van Minnebruggen, from VGD auditors, informed the GM that they audited CED finances on February 20th. In their estimation, the annual accounts and figures give a proper and correct view of the financial positioning of the CED. He also mentioned that the internal control of the finances is carried appropriately. The Treasurer opened the floor for questions on the 2024 final accounts. No comments were recorded.		
Ioannis Tzoutzas started the presentation of the second point for discussion, CED's Budget for 2026. The Board recommends increasing membership fees by 2% for 2026 and no financial participation from Albania. This raise in the fees remains lower than the inflation rate. If everything goes as budgeted the year will end up with a little surplus (€2.635,78). The President stressed that the budget was prepared taking into account the current configuration of the Secretariat, considering that the staff and the activities will remain at the same level as now. The President opened the floor for discussion regarding the possibility to have external funding for the CED.		
Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg	Underlined that CED has been approached for opportunities for funding from private companies (pharma, medical devices) and that it would be useful to examine whether this could be an opportunity.	
Eddie Crouch	Highlighted that it would be useful practice to consider switching to different Auditors every few years.	
Victor Chan	Underlined that it is important to re-examine how CED calculates the number of dentists in each country for its budget.	
Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg	Responded to Victor Chan that the Board will be examining the topic.	
Mick Armstrong	Underlined that it needs to be examined what sponsorship from a private entity entails.	
Henner Bunke	Highlighted that changing how CED counts the numbers of dentists will be difficult and would require a change in the CED Statutes.	
Krunoslav Pavlovic	Inquired about the increase in costs of the organisation.	
Ioannis Tzoutzas	Responded highlighting that there was a period of short-staffing of the office, in addition to that the rental services are higher, insurance expenses are as well.	

Vasileios Stathopoulos	Highlighted that in his opinion, the 2026 budget is nearly impeccable and well administered. He underlined the importance of increasing lobbying activities at the EU level and, as such, the staff numbers as they are must be kept. He also underlined that better overview on the number of dentists per country should also be examined through official statistics from EU, webpage of associations, information from other organisations.
Piret Vali	Highlighted that when it comes to private funding, it could be an option for an event, an individual activity. It is important to ensure that any such funding is very clearly defined and separated.
Stefaan Hanson	Warned that the Belgian legal requirements regarding external funding need to be taken into account.
Hans de Vries	Underlined that first we have to discuss how much money is needed, what for and whether it is really needed, and advised caution and further conversation on this.
Kieran O'Connor	Highlighted that a bigger discussion is needed and that any sponsorship from industry should not represent a conflict of interest at the EU level and in the eyes of the relevant institutions.
Michael Diercks	Underlined that from the German perspective, the budget must be funded by member associations and considerations for other income (which also must be clarified – whether it is partnership, sponsorship etc.) should only be kept in mind for additional activities on top – e.g. an event.
Anna Lella	Underlined that in order to do more as an organisation, it requires resources, including money. It is therefore necessary to at least try and consider sponsorship through private companies for events and similar individual activities. The important next step is to begin a discussion as organisation, and exploring the topic.
Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg	Reflected on the discussion and informed the members that the topic will be examined further for upcoming GMs.
Decisions	• The GM adopted the 2024 Final Accounts. • The GM adopted the 2026 Budget.

8. Communications	Rapporteurs: Nikoleta Arnaudova, Clara Luciani
Clara Luciani updated on work of the European Manual of Dental Practice. The update is currently focused on the drafting of new ERO country chapters (with 5 new countries having been fully drafted, based on desk-based research + data provided from ERO member associations). In total 19 countries have been completed. Nikoleta Arnaudova updated on the CED Newsletter ("CED News Update") which was newly relaunched the week before the GM. Members were encouraged to provide ideas and brief texts for future editions of the newsletter. Clara Luciani updated on 1) the closing of the CED X account in light of this social media platform's increasingly volatile shifts towards fake information dissemination and focus on extreme right political views, 2) the boost of CED's LinkedIn presence and that LinkedIn will be the main channel used by the organisation for the time being. Members were encouraged to follow the organisation on LinkedIn in case they have not done so already. Nikoleta Arnaudova updated the members on the newly launched Annual Report 2024 and encouraged them to take a closer look at the dedicated webpage for the report.	
Hans de Vries	In the context of the update of The Manual, shared an update from the Netherlands. Recently, the Dutch minister decided to keep the dentistry programme in the Netherlands at six years, instead of shortening it to five. This was an important decision, and it required continuous and well-organized efforts to achieve. Hans de Vries highlighted that this success wouldn't have been possible without good cooperation both within the Netherlands and with our colleagues

	across Europe. He thanked the CED office for quickly providing useful information on dental education programmes in Europe.
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9. WG eHealth		Rapporteur: Peter Kukolík
Working documents	- Updated CED Resolution on Artificial Intelligence (AI) (CED-DOC-2025-018-E/D/F) - Updated Mandate of WG eHealth (CED-DOC-2025-019-E/D/F)	
The Rapporteur updated on the following topics: - Work on the updated CED Resolution on AI – the Rapporteur encouraged the GM to vote on the document. - Work on the updated Mandate of WG eHealth – the Rapporteur encouraged the GM to vote on the document. - Latest developments on the topic of cybersecurity: - European Commission Action Plan on Cybersecurity for Hospitals and Healthcare professionals: 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 Commission has now launched a Consultation on the Plan, opened until 30 June. The WG eHealth will work on a response after the GM. - Questionnaire on cybersecurity within the framework of the Polish EU Presidency: The WG prepared earlier this year a reply to a questionnaire on cybersecurity and medical devices, shared with CED via the Polish Office for Registration of Medicinal Products, Medical Devices and Biocidal Products and within the framework of the Polish EU Presidency. - Upcoming EU Data Union Strategy: The CED was invited to attend a preliminary meeting organised by the European Commission’s Directorate for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (Connect) on 15 May, specifically aimed at the healthcare sector. According to the DG invitation, the Strategy is necessary considering that 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. The Strategy is expected in Q3 2025. - Latest updated on the European Health Data Space: the file was finally published in the EU Journal on 5 March 2025 and it is expected that the legislation will be operational by end of the current EU mandate (2029) at least for primary use elements.		
Decisions:	- The GM adopted the Updated CED Resolution on Artificial Intelligence (AI) (CED-DOC-2025-018-E/D/F) - The GM adopted the Updated Mandate of WG eHealth (CED-DOC-2025-019-E/D/F)	

10. WG Patient Safety, Infection Control and Waste Management		Rapporteur: Ioannis Tzoutzas
Working document	• Updated Mandate of WG PSICWM (CED-DOC-2025-020-E/D/F)	
The Rapporteur updated on the following:		

- Athletic 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). The document would serve to ensure that dentists are proactively promoting measures for the use of athletic mouthguards.
- Work on the Updated Mandate of WG PSICWM – the Rapporteur encouraged the members to vote on the document.
- Vaccination: the CED members' national contributors to the questionnaire Vaccination policies for dentists and other dental professionals in Europe (disseminated in 2023) were approached for final clarifications and validations to their replies. In cooperation with the Directorate for Research, Studies, and Documentation, National Public Health Organization, Athens, Greece, a paper for publication under the title Vaccination Policies for dentists and other dental professionals in Europe has been prepared by the WG PSICWM Chair, based among other, on the information on the vaccination questionnaire. The article will be published soon.
- Ethanol: during the latest WG meeting in February, the members discussed 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. While the European Commission highlights that this 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), CED is nevertheless following the situation.

Decisions:

- The GM adopted the Updated Mandate of WG PSICWM (CED-DOC-2025-020-E/D/F)

11. WG Education and Professional Qualifications

Rapporteur: Katalin Nagy

The Rapporteur updated the GM on the following:

- The WG last met on 21 August last year for an online meeting, mainly to discuss the CED draft response to a European Commission consultation but has since kept up monitoring and participation in activities relating to education and training matters.
The WG is planning a meeting in the upcoming months.
- **Professional Qualifications Directive: Remaining Challenges:**
Following the input submitted at the beginning of September last year, the WG is awaiting the finalisation and publication of the 2025 European Commission report. This report should assess and examine the implementation of the Professional Qualifications Directive (PQD), the effects of its most recent updates, and the remaining challenges relating to undergraduate, postgraduate and continuing education of dentists and other regulated healthcare professionals.
As per the latest information, the report is to be published in the course of June.
- **External relations: ADEE Workshop Graduating European Dentist**
Katalin Nagy participated in person and on behalf of WG EPQ, in a workshop organised by Association for Dental Education in Europe (ADEE). This workshop was dedicated to brainstorming and exchanging ideas to help prepare for the upcoming strategic review of ADEE's Graduating European Dentist Curriculum Framework.
The Graduating European Dentist is a harmonised and comprehensive contemporary curriculum developed by ADEE, providing guiding resources and curriculum framework reflecting best academic practice for European undergraduate dental education. It is used and integrated as a tool by European educators and regulators to shape national legislation and demonstrate comprehensive quality and level of dental programs.
The event 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 participated and was able to raise several of the CED's priorities, including the 6 years of study and vocational training, the strengthening of clinical training requirements and the introduction of standards for practical classes in undergraduate studies, and competences.

- **ADEE GED Workshop Outcomes**

Overall recurring themes were identified during the workshop as needing priority focus:

- Clinical training requirements and the identification of an advisable number of clinical training hours
- Type and diversity of training
- Continuous assessment methods and expectations/learning outcomes
- Harmonisation of dental curricula, and not standardization.
- The need for increasing acknowledgment of the wider dental team
- Integrated care and interprofessional communication
- Admission requirements into dental school

- **Quality of the dental workforce and foreign-trained dentists**

The WG Chair informed the GM that, upon agreement of the Board, the topics raised previously and communicated by email by the Dutch Dental Association, will be forwarded and taken up by WG EPQ for discussion. This includes consideration of a document around the quality of the dental workforce, touching on continuing education and training and the introduction of extra supporting training modules in addition to language tests for all newly registered dentists. The Dutch Dental Association will be invited to take part in the initial discussion.

- **Union of Skills**

The European Commission recently published the Union of Skills. This builds on previous frameworks under the European Education Area, the European Skills Agenda and the European Research Area. This initiative aims, among others, to encourage and boost the development of skilled professionals, the retainment and strengthening of skills and the circulation of skilled professionals, including that of care workers, through several foreseen deliverables.

CED members will be informed on future developments of this file.

Mick Armstrong	Inquired into the issue of the wider dental team curriculum in addition to the dentists' curriculum.
Katalin Nagy	Highlighted the importance of collaborating with bodies dedicated to the education of dental auxiliaries.
Hans de Vries	In the context of The Netherlands, highlighted that nearly 30% of the workforce is made up of foreign-trained dentists, nearing approximately 50% in the coming years. He touched upon the topics of migrating dentists and the challenges for further training foreign-trained dentists to align with the training standards of the national host country and ensure quality of professionals.
Charlotte Heuzé	Highlighted and expanded on the similar situation encountered by France, as per The Netherlands, with increasing rates of foreign-trained dentists registering to practice in France. Welcomes the project of the WG to examine the recognition and training possibilities of foreign dentists.

12. WG Dental Materials and Medical Devices		Rapporteur: Edoardo Cavallé
Working document	• Updated CED Statement on the implementation of the MDR (CED-DOC-2025-021-E/D/F)	
The Rapporteur updated on the following: - CED's reply to the public consultation on the MDR earlier in 2025: In the last two WG meetings, members focused on exchanging information and on finalising the CED reply to the European Commission consultation		

on the MDR. Key concerns by the CED and its members were highlighted in the reply, calling for ensuring that recertification burdens under the MDR are removed, that provenly safe medical devices remain on the market, and that dentists as end users do not bear the brunt of MDR implementation problems. The consultation was part of the first evaluation carried out by the Commission to assess the current EU rules on medical devices. In view of the significant challenges encountered with transitioning to the new rules, while article 121 MDR require the Commission to conduct an evaluation by May 2027, the Commission decided to launch already a targeted evaluation of the Regulation.

- Workshop for healthcare professionals on the MDR: In end of February, CED was approached by the European Commission with request to nominate healthcare professional representatives for an in-person workshop considering the ongoing MDR evaluations. The workshop took place on 20 March and was attended by the Chair of WG DMMD 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.
- Updates to the CED Statement on the MDR from 2022 – the Chair encouraged members to vote on the document.
- Reminded that the survey on adverse reactions reporting with NORCE and the questionnaire on MDR and abutments proposed by ANDI remain opened for responses and encouraged members to provide a reply if they have not done so already.

Henner Bunke	Underlined the importance of national lobbying efforts on the MDR to go hand in hand with the work done at the EU level.
Edoardo Cavallé	Underlined the importance of recent CED participation to meetings such as the abovementioned workshop, which showcase that the organisation is actively approached for its opinion and expertise by the European Commission on this matter.
Decisions:	• The GM adopted the Updated CED Statement on the implementation of the MDR (CED-DOC-2025-021-E/D/F)

13. WG Oral Health		Rapporteur: Vasileios Stathopoulos
Working documents	• Updated CED Resolution on tobacco, alternative tobacco and tobacco-free nicotine products (CED-DOC-2025-007-E) • Updated CED Resolution on reducing sugar consumption and preventing oral diseases (CED-DOC-2025-008-E) • Updated CED Resolution on Antimicrobial Resistance, One Health and Oral Health: An Integrated Cross-Sectorial Approach (CED-DOC-2025-009-E)	
The Working Group held three online meetings since the last GM: on 15 January, 26 February and 28 April. The WG has successfully drafted and completed 3 policy updates, namely: - CED Resolution on Reducing sugar consumption and preventing oral diseases, drafted by coordinator Mick Armstrong - Resolution on Tobacco, alternative tobacco and tobacco-free nicotine products, drafted by coordinator Sebastian Ziller - Resolution on Antimicrobial Resistance, One Health and Oral Health: An integrated cross-sectorial approach, drafted by Harry-Sam Selikowitz The WG is also in the process of finalising the draft on Ageing and oral health, with the input from a chosen Irish expert. Sugar To begin with the presentation of policy papers up for adoption: first of all, 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. The WG has also been discussing the project of developing a lobby package on sugar, for supporting NDAs in lobbying activities on sugar at a national level. This will be developed in the coming months. The WG is also hoping to mobilise this adopted paper for future lobbying activities to amend and strengthen the EU Nutrition Legislation. For example, a recent update has been made to the so-called "EU Breakfast Directives" strengthening labelling and marketing rules on some breakfast products including sugar content, such as jams, honey and fruit juice. In its paper for example, the CED calls to introduce sugar tax on other food products other than sugar-sweetened beverages. The Rapporteur encouraged the GM to vote on the updated Resolution. A few additional amendments were introduced during GM discussion on the document before the vote: - The deletion of the distinction between natural and added sugars. - The deletion of a duplication regarding the mention of standardisation of front of packet labelling, including traffic light labels, covered further along in the document.		

Tobacco

Updated CED Resolution on tobacco, the latest has been dedicated to the Tobacco Products Directive.

This updated version is based on the observed developments in tobacco consumption, production and marketing since the latest revision of the Tobacco Products Directive.

This update therefore 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 covers the impact of the availability and accessibility of oral healthcare services in tobacco consumption and cessation, and the development and care of chronic tobacco-related diseases.

As you have also been informed, in parallel, there has been institutional advancements on tobacco policy, with the extension of the tobacco-free environments to other outdoor spaces involving children, and covering alternative tobacco products, including smoke-free tobacco products (snus, heated-tobacco products) and tobacco-free products (tobacco-free snus, aerosols, puffs, etc). There have been strong calls by organisations to revision the EU tobacco legislation, which we are hoping to see in the upcoming year.

The Rapporteur encouraged the GM to vote on the updated Resolution.

AMR

The third paper presented for adoption by this WG today is the updated CED Resolution on One Health and Oral health: An Integrated Cross-Sectorial Approach.

New integrated ideas to the paper include extending the scope of the initial paper to the One Health principle and the advancements and challenges of AMR faced by dentistry, taking into account all three interlinking areas of AMR: Human, Animal and Environmental health.

It is important to note that there is a lack of existing updated data on prescribing practices of antibiotics by dental practitioners, evolution of antimicrobial stewardship by dentists, and prevalence of oral infection-related AMR.

The WG will therefore follow closely in the future any studies or publications on this topic.

The Rapporteur encouraged the GM to vote on the updated Resolution.

JAMRAI 2 and EU-One Health Network

WG OH has closely been following the developments and events by the second edition of JAMRAI.

WG member Harry-Sam Selikowitz participated in person to this two-day EU-JAMRAI 2 Annual Meeting from 12-13 March in Bilbao, Spain. The WG Chair and member Alessandra Rossi followed the event online. This meeting was dedicated to assessing and discussing the advancement of the fight against AMR and the outlines priorities for the next 3 years, with a specific focus on an integrated One Health approach.

Member Harry-Sam Selikowitz also attended the AMR Oral Health Network Meeting on the 3 April, in Brussels, dedicated to natural solutions such as bacteriophages and antimicrobial pipeline.

Ageing and Oral Health

Additionally, WG has also been strongly dedicating it's time to drafting a new policy paper on Ageing and Oral Health, coordinated by Kieran O'Connor.

A first draft of the first section of the new paper on Ageing and Oral Health was presented at the WG meeting on 26 February for discussion. The WG's chosen expert, Gerry McKenna, provided preliminary feedback on the paper. The full draft document was discussed at the latest WG meeting on 28 April with requests for initial written feedback, and a first full version was sent a second time to the expert for feedback.

The WG is expecting to present the document at the November GM in Brussels for adoption.

Coalition on vaccination

The GM was also informed of the most recent published Coalition for Vaccination press release, published on 28 April 2025. The CED was co-signatory of the document, dedicated to European healthcare professionals to encourage citizens to check their vaccination status, at the occasion of the European week

on immunization.	
A small point also addressed the recent adoption of the Pandemic Treaty Agreement at the 78 th World Health Assembly.	
Mick Armstrong	Requested permission to present the two adopted CED Resolutions on Tobacco, alternative tobacco and tobacco-free nicotine products and on Reducing Sugar Consumption and Preventing Oral Diseases (this paper, with some small revisions) to the ERO for possible endorsement or adoption. Mick Armstrong shared being part of the ERO WG on Oral Health and General Health touching upon similar topics.
Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg	Approved Mick Armstrong's request to bring both papers mentioned above to the ERO WG.
Krunoslav Pavlovic	Raised the issue of availability and affordability of amalgam alternative composites and its impact on quality of oral health in Europe, that could be taken up when discussing prevention in the WG and at the GM.
Decisions	- The GM adopted the updated CED Resolution on Reducing Sugar Consumption and Preventing Oral Diseases, including the proposed amendments at the BM and GM. - The GM adopted the updated CED Resolution on tobacco, alternative tobacco and tobacco-free nicotine products. - The GM adopted the updated CED Resolution on Antimicrobial Resistance, One Health and Oral Health: An Integrated Cross-Sectorial Approach, including the proposed amendments at the BM.
14. Intervention by Prof Dr Andreas Rainer Jordan on the 6th German Health Study.	
Rapporteur: Prof Dr Andreas Rainer Jordan	
Prof Dr Jordan presented the main outcomes of the Study. His intervention was followed up by a Q&A with the CED GM.	
15. BTF Internal Market	
Rapporteurs: 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 members on the following:	
- Workforce challenges in dentistry: 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 next European Commission mandate will prioritise work and activities on in relation to health workforce challenges. The BTF agreed to continue monitoring the topic and engage accordingly, when relevant initiatives take place. - Task Force with ERO 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. One article, using 2022 data is already in the pipeline and progressing. The next article will use 2025 data and a possible third article, comparing the 2022 and the 2025 data is also to be prepared.

The Rapporteur presented some of the results from the survey, highlighting that one key issue has emerged, namely that among most respondents, there seems to be no official definition of corporate dentistry at their national levels. This topic will continue to be discussed at the level of the relevant working bodies of CED and ERO.

The Rapporteur also highlighted that the survey remains opened and encouraged all members who have not answered yet to do so.

- Work on the CED Statement on Quality of Dentistry across Borders – the Rapporteur encouraged the GM to vote on the statement. She reminded that the version being voted contains amendments proposed by several members and approved by the Board the day before.

A few additional amendments were introduced during the GM discussion on the document before the vote:

- Inclusion of more wording on the full responsibility of the dentist as the team leader
- Replacing of the word 'should' with the word 'might' to better reflect on the part of the text focusing on recommendation on helping prevent situations of non-registered dentists from third countries working under delegating dentists in some MS.
- Changing the word 'delegated' to 'delegating' dentists in the sentence above, for greater clarity.

The delegate from the Dental Association of Malta expressed support and approval for the Statement in writing due to his earlier departure.

Hans de Vries	Underlined that KNMT has taken the initiative to bring forward the issue of supporting migrating dentists, based on growing concerns in the Netherlands around both capacity and quality. This also contributed to the Statement that is to be voted, and that KNMT sees as an important first step. He also highlighted that KNMT has also encouraged CED to further focus on calling for concrete measures to strengthen the already mentioned quality and capacity.
Decisions	• The GM adopted the CED Statement on Quality of Dentistry across Borders, including the proposed amendments at the GM.

16. Discussion of country reports	Rapporteur: Nikoleta Arnaudova, Clara Luciani
The rapporteurs summarised the main outstanding points from the received country reports on topics relating to the recent key developments in dental associations, the implementation of EU legislation or changes in national legislation, changes in funding of oral health, education, dental workforce and dental teams, dental medical devices and latest lobbying activities.	

17. European Dental Students' Association (EDSA) presentation	Rapporteur: Filip Galo
Filip Galo, Vice-President of Internal Affairs reported on the latest EDSA activities, and priorities, as well as recent and upcoming events.	
The presentation was uploaded on the CED website for the members' convenience.	

18. Any other business
Dates and places of next meetings • 14 November 2025, Brussels • 22-23 May 2026, Cyprus • November 2026 (date to be confirmed)

- 21-22 May 2027, Lithuania

CED Vice President Anna Lella led the last parts of the GM on behalf of the CED President. She closed the meeting, thanking all participants for their activities and contributions to the GM, and reminded of the meeting dates above.

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