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| <b>Minutes</b>                         | <b>Date:</b> 22 - 23 May 2026                                              |
| <b>CED GENERAL MEETING</b>             | Venue: Four Seasons Hotel, 67-69 Amathountos Avenue, Limassol 4532, Cyprus |
|                                        | <b>Time start:</b> 09:00 <b>Time end:</b> 12:30                            |
| Chair                                  | Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg, CED President                                      |
| Participants                           | See list attached                                                          |
| Representatives of the Brussels Office | Ainhoa Zamacona, Nikoleta Arnaudova, Elif Dincher, Clara Luciani           |

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| 1. Welcome, quorum and apologies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Rapporteur: Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg |
| Working document                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | List of Participants               |
| <p>The President welcomed the participants to the CED General Meeting (GM), including speakers of the day, Dr. Thomas Koutras, Dr. Froso Philippides, and CED guests participants Ivan Alabjeg and Denis Murphy from the Association for Dental Education in Europe (ADEE), present on the second day of the meeting, and EDSA representatives Saulė Skinkytė (President), Angeliki Anna Gkinosati (Treasurer), and Dimitrios Raptopoulos (General Secretary).</p> <p>The President shared the apology of Board Director Anna Lella, absent from this year's spring General Meeting, due to national dental association obligations.</p> <p>The President declared that the quorum for this meeting was established, with 35 voting delegates, 17 invitees, 13 guests and 2 external speakers, representing 20 member associations (including 17 full members and 3 affiliate members).</p> <p>Apologies were received for all members unable to attend the meeting.</p> <p>Finally, the President reminded members that a two thirds majority of the votes cast is needed for the adoption of the budget and accounts, representing 2/3 of the voting delegates present at this General Meeting in Cyprus.</p> |                                    |

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| 2. Welcome address by the Cyprus Dental Association and other interventions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Rapporteur : Dr. Thomas Koutras, Dr. Froso Philippides, MEP Loucas Fourlas |
| <p>The GM was addressed by three speakers, namely Dr. Thomas Koutras, President of the Cyprus Dental Association, Dr. Froso Philippides from the Cyprus Dental Association and Dental Officer at the Ministry of Health and Registrar of the Cyprus Dental Council. The plenary was also addressed by MEP Loucas Fourlas (Cyprus, the European People's Party) through means of a video intervention.</p> <p>Dr. Thomas Koutras, President of the Cyprus Dental Association welcomed CED delegates to Cyprus and stressed the importance of European cooperation in the field of dentistry, in the context of multiple challenges and new opportunities.</p> |                                                                            |

Dr. Froso Philippides from the Cyprus Dental Association and Dental Officer at the Ministry of Health and Registrar of the Cyprus Dental Council delivered an intervention on behalf of the Minister of Health, Mr Neophytos Charalambides. Her intervention highlighted that the Ministry of Health acknowledges oral health as inseparable for general health and well-being. She also presented on-going initiatives, actions and activities, as well as current and future reforms in the field of oral health and for the improvement of accessibility of oral health services, carried out by the Ministry of Health in Cyprus.

MEP Fourlas is currently a member of the Parliament Intergroup on the Future of Education and Skills for Competitive Europe, the Intergroup on Cancer and Rare Diseases and the Intergroup on Children's Rights, and is currently Rapporteur on health staff crisis and on labour issues.

MEP Fourlas commended the CED's long-standing contribution towards public health and patient safety and called for enhanced support and focus on improving healthcare working conditions and professional practice.

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| 3. Approval of the agenda |                          | Rapporteur: Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg |
| Working document          | • CED-GM-A-2026-01-E/D/F |                                    |
| The agenda was approved.  |                          |                                    |

| 4. Notification of the minutes of the last General Meeting |                                                                                                                              |
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| Working document                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes of CED General Meeting in November 2025 (CED-GM-M-2025-02-E/D/F)</li> </ul> |
| The minutes were adopted by email prior to the meeting.    |                                                                                                                              |

| 5. President's report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Rapporteur: Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg |
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| <p>The President highlighted in his report, the following points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Recent developments from the side of the Board, with the participation of the incoming CED Treasurer Dr. Christof Ruda to his first Board Meeting in March.</li> <li>2) Board Director Romy Ermler from the German Dental Association was appointed Board Liaison for WG Patient Safety, Infection Control and Sustainability.</li> <li>3) The on-going yearly participation of CED Working Group Chairs to Board Meeting discussions on working groups.</li> <li>4) Members were informed on the composition of the CED office, with the return of CED Senior Policy Officer Nikoleta Arnaudova back from mid-April, following a maternity leave. Policy Officer, Elif Dincher is to remain with CED for an additional fixed term period to ensure the smooth transition and continuity of tasks. The President insisted on the quality work, positive attitude and calm professionalism of Ms. Dincher in the course of this maternity cover and for her involvement in the CED.</li> <li>5) The President also went over <u>recent activities and meetings he attended</u>, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The French Dental Association ADF (Association Dentaire Française), which took place on 25-29 November at Palais des Congrès de Paris, and his attendance to the working lunch and discussions on dental auxiliaries and role in the profession.</li> <li>• Online discussion upon invitation by a European Commission commissioned consultancy, as part of an impact assessment conducted on occupational exposure limits for respirable crystalline silica. The meeting was attended by Ioannis Tzoutzas, Elif Dincher and the President.</li> <li>• Preparatory meeting with the Danish Patient Safety Authority, in advance of discussions planned at the ADEE workshop in Copenhagen. Discussions gravitated around the recognition process of EU</li> </ul> </li> </ol> |                                    |

dental diplomas and the specific Danish's requirements for the recognition of third-country diplomas.

- ADEE GED Taskforce Event. The President attended this second edition together with Board Director Katalin Nagy and Policy Officer Clara Luciani. This second edition was a collaborative joint event co-organised by the CED and the Association for Dental Education in Europe (ADEE) and hosted by the Danish Dental Association in Copenhagen. It sought to build stakeholder consensus and shared advocacy asks for strengthening European undergraduate dental education, as well as updating and harmonising clinical training requirements. The event also produced the Copenhagen Declaration on Dental Undergraduate Training.

- CED Event at the European Parliament on 25 March 2026: the Council of European Dentists convened a high-level policy event at the European Parliament on 25 March, hosted by MEP Dario Tamburrano (The Left), to address the critical regulatory gaps in sugar control policies across the European Union.

The session highlighted an important concern, emphasizing that the impact of insufficient regulation and industry strategies has evolved beyond oral health into a systemic health crisis that affects general well-being.

The CED called for stronger interprofessional collaboration on sugar risk reduction and health promotion, addressing common risk factors and improving outcomes for both oral diseases and associated NCDs, given the bidirectional relationship of oral health with cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, cancer, chronic kidney disease, and pulmonary diseases.

The President thanked CED members for their contribution and attendance, as well as to the Chair of WG Oral Health, Vasileios Stathopoulos.

- 6) The President also informed members of the publications of articles by the CED, including:
  - A CED article on dental specialties in the 2025 Yearbook of the iSanidadental online journal. The article was published last February and is entitled "Towards a European and unified body of dentists: harmonizing dental specialties for better oral health". The article is available online.
  - The CED also contributed to an article, alongside input from other dental associations, on the role of dentists in HPV vaccination campaigns. This article was published by the online journal VaccinesToday, a member of WHO's network of vaccine-related websites (Vaccine Safety Net).
- 7) Members were reminded of the possibility of requesting presentations from the CED office, for visits to Brussels.
- 8) Sponsorship was also shared being on the agenda of this session's discussion, following the survey disseminated to all members.
- 9) The overview of the day's GM and the core topics to be covered was mentioned, including medical devices regulation, e-health, corporate dentistry, dental materials, tobacco, nutrition and healthy diets, health workforce, infection control and sanitisation.
- 10) The next CED General Meetings are set to take place:
  - On 27 November 2026 in Brussels, in the Sheraton hotel
  - On 21-22 May 2027 in Lithuania, to be kindly hosted by the Lithuanian Dental Chamber.

#### 6. Intervention from the Norwegian Dental Association – Report on the NATO Action Plan to Enhance Medical Support for Collective Defence (MAP)

Rapporteur: Heming Olsen-Bergem

The GM plenary welcomed Dr. Olsen-Bergem from the Norwegian Dental Association to deliver of a presentation on the NATO Medical Action Plan and the possible role and position of dentistry under NATO activities.

Dr. Olsen-Bergem informed members about the developments of the medical fields in the armed forces, military medicine, and medical exercise conducted within NATO.

He pointed out that these issues are currently being covered both by NATO and the EU.

The presentation covered the following topics:

- The preparation of dentists for future security threats and the current and on-going war in Europe.
- The readiness of international organisations as well as international dental associations
- NATO article 3 and the principle of continuous and effective self-help and mutual aid, as civil preparedness.
- Different resilience Committees under NATO
- Details on the Medical Action Plan (MAP), including regulatory frameworks and legislation, workforce shortages, mass casualty planning, patient evacuation and medical logistics. This included current discussions to include dentists and oral health considerations.
- And finally, main oral health challenges in times of crisis and war.

Dr. Olsen-Bergem then opened the floor for discussions around the foreseen role of dentists in the context of crises and war.

This topic will continue to be monitored, and any relevant discussions within the CED will proceed.

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| Christof Ruda          | Stated the need for dental professionals to be prepared for crisis scenarios, highlighting that over 20% of conflict-related injuries affect the facial and dental areas. To enhance preparedness, it was proposed that member countries collaborate to create a manual or checklist outlining procedures during infrastructure failures (e.g., loss of electricity, water, and materials).                                                                                                                                           |
| Miguel Pavão           | Raised a question regarding the next steps and collective actions to be taken under this scenario, both locally and jointly within the CED, with the aim of putting forward concrete ideas and collaborative strategies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Hans de Vries          | Shared that, Netherlands established a National HealthCare Reserve comprising over 5,000 trained healthcare reservists, including dentists, prepared for crisis response. Strong support was expressed for the current discussion on crisis readiness within the CED.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Vasileios Stathopoulos | Shared that the CED is primarily a scientific and policy-oriented organisation and raised concerns regarding its foreseen role in relation to future territorial conflicts, highlighting the dedicated existing military medical structures and specialised healthcare professionals present in Member States.<br>He questioned of the role of civilian dentists in such a context.<br>Referred to the importance of a consistent approach to discussions on European solidarity and territorial integrity, with reference to Cyprus. |

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| 7. Report from the Brussels Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Rapporteurs: Nikoleta Arnaudova, Elif Dincher, Clara Luciani, |
| Nikoleta Arnaudova, Elif Dincher and Clara Luciani reported on institutional and office updates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                               |
| Policy Officers presented updates to the GM on 1) the General Meeting highlights, 2) Brussels update on latest and ongoing developments (EU4Health, European Public Health Week, Union Prevention, Preparedness and Response Plan for Health Crises and Ethanol), 3) Updates from recent surveys 4) CED activities. |                                                               |

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| 8. Communications                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          | Rapporteurs: Nikoleta Arnaudova, Elif Dincher, Clara Luciani |
| Working document                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | • CED News Update I 2026 |                                                              |
| Following the report, CED Brussels Office Policy Officers presented the update regarding the latest activities carried out within the CED under communications. The presentation included 1) CED activities and meetings 2) CED European Parliament Event 3) CED News Update 2026 4)European Manual of Dental Practice – Finalised country chapters, update and timeline for the final European Manual. |                          |                                                              |

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| 9. Finances                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Rapporteurs: Christof Ruda                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Working documents                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CED Final Accounts 2025 (CED-ACCOUNTS-2025-01)</li><li>• CED Budget 2027 (CED-BUDGET-2027)</li><li>• Report of the auditors: Final Accounts 2025</li></ul>                                                         |
| <p>Christof Ruda reported the GM about Finances for the first time as CED Treasurer. He started his presentation showing an overview of the financial results of the last years. He pointed out that in the last two years there has been a stable surplus, thanks the work of the former Treasurer, Ioannis Tzoutzas, and the support of the Brussels office staff. Results for 2025 show a surplus of €126 928,73. which reflects the financial efforts undertaken by the Secretariat. He informed about the Financial Transparency Committee Meeting that took place on May 21<sup>st</sup>. He proceeded to explain the breakdown of the results.</p>                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Eric Van Minnebruggen, from VGD auditors, informed the GM that they audited CED finances on February 17<sup>th</sup>. There are no significant remarks or corrections of the annual accounts, but only a few minor adjustments that were carried out and taken into account in the final version of the 2025 accounts. The figures give a true and fair view of CED's equity and financial position. The auditor also mentioned that the internal control of the finances is carried appropriately and thanked the Secretariat for the ongoing support and collaboration. The Treasurer opened the floor for questions on the 2025 final accounts. No comments were recorded.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Christof Ruda started the presentation of the second point for discussion, CED's Budget for 2027. The Board recommends increasing membership fees by 2% for 2027. This raise in the fees remains lower than the inflation rate in Belgium. If everything goes as budgeted the year 2027 will end up with a little surplus (€1 788,25). The Treasurer opened the floor for discussion regarding the 2027 budget.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Finally the Treasurer opened the floor for discussion regarding possible CED Sponsorship opportunities. He informed that a CED BTF Sponsorship has been created and the support from the General Meeting is needed to continue working on the subject in order to come up with concrete proposals in the future.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Edoardo Cavallé                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Inquired about the reason of the 2% increase of the membership fees in the 2027 Budget to which the Treasurer responded that it was decided that the raise in the fees should at least reflect part of the current inflation in Belgium which is around 4% |
| Nick Armstrong                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Highlighted that it is good practice to periodically change auditors and inquired about how long the CED has been working with VGD                                                                                                                         |
| Christof Ruda                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Explained that it is judicious to keep the same auditors for at least one more year in the context of the first year of mandate of the new Treasurer. However, the BDA's comment will be taken into account.                                               |
| Roman Šmucler                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Commented that it is good to keep substantial reserves given the current economic situation.                                                                                                                                                               |
| Edoardo Cavallé                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Inquired about the use of the eventual sponsorship received by the CED and stressed that the sponsored topics should be clearly stated.                                                                                                                    |

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| Roman Šmucler   | Stressed that the CED needs to increase its budget in order to be able to perform more policy work to make dentists' life better.                                                                                 |
| Edoardo Cavallé | Mentioned the possibility for the CED to work in EU Projects                                                                                                                                                      |
| Henner Bunke    | Explained the German experience with sponsorship and pointed out that the CED needs to be careful when choosing the sponsors.                                                                                     |
| Piret Väli      | Stressed that the CED needs to stay independent and trustful regardless the sponsors.                                                                                                                             |
| Decisions       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The GM adopted the 2025 Final Accounts.</li> <li>• The GM adopted the 2027 Budget.</li> <li>• The GM agreed that the BTF Sponsorship should continue its work</li> </ul> |

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| 10. WG Patient Safety, Infection Control and Sustainability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Rapporteur: Ioannis Tzoutzas |
| <p>The Rapporteur updated the GM on the following:</p> <p><b>Renaming of the Working Group:</b></p> <p>The GM was informed that the Working Group has been renamed to the "Working Group on Patient Safety, Infection Control, and Sustainability." This adjustment reflects the transition from a narrow focus on waste management to a broader, more proactive sustainability mandate. By aligning the WG name with evolving environmental challenges, it aims to better address the dental profession's increasing vulnerability to external scrutiny while ensuring no overlap with other CED working groups.</p> <p><b>Respirable Crystalline Silica (RCS)</b></p> <p>Members were informed that a meeting was held with RPA Europe regarding the revision of occupational exposure limits on Respirable Crystalline Silica (RCS). It was clarified that the dental environment is distinct from industrial manufacturing. The efficacy of high-vacuum aspiration and rubber dams was highlighted to demonstrate that dental practices maintain a significantly lower risk profile than industrial sectors.</p> <p><b>ECDC – Infection control policies among EU countries</b></p> <p>The Chair updated the GM on upcoming initiative to engage with the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) regarding an update to the "Infection Prevention and Control in Dentistry" section of their website. Originally focused on EU-based information, the ECDC page has expanded its scope to include data from non-EU countries. It was stated that the objective of this update is to ensure that the resources and data represented for each CED member are current and comprehensive. In line with this, the CED members have been invited to contribute by sharing recent national publications, clinical guidelines, or relevant protocols issued by their respective associations. These contributions are currently gathering, and an official request will be submitted to the ECDC shortly.</p> <p><b>Water Quality in dental clinics</b></p> <p>The GM was informed that the WG reviewed the status of the Water Directive and the need to continue monitoring water quality standards for clinical use. It was noted that municipal water supplies in some countries do not always meet the levels required for dental practice. While municipal water quality is generally high in many countries, concerns remain regarding bacterial contamination within internal piping systems. Particular attention was drawn to practices in isolated or seasonal locations, where stagnant water in pipes during periods of inactivity may increase risks.</p> |                              |

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| <b>Protection from Ionizing Radiation:</b><br>The Chair addressed the rapid expansion of Cone Beam Computed Tomography (CBCT) across various dental fields, noting its higher radiation output compared to standard imaging and pointed out the regulatory diversity. The GM was informed that a comprehensive questionnaire is currently being developed. This will be circulated among all members to identify discrepancies, exchange best practices, and ensure a harmonized approach to radiation safety. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Mick Armstrong                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A question was raised concerning the high volume of nanoparticles generated by modern dentistry and the lack of solutions to mitigate them. It was suggested that the CED consider a position statement on the use of composites when no distinct health gain is achieved.</li> </ul> |
| Ioannis Tzoutzas                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In response, it was acknowledged that micro/nanoparticles and microplastics are increasingly prevalent. To address this shared concern, it was stated that the Dental Materials and Medical Devices Working Groups should collaborate on a comprehensive joint paper.</li> </ul>      |

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| 11. WG Education and Professional Qualifications | Rapporteur: Katalin Nagy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Working documents                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ADEE and CED Joint Declaration on Undergraduate Dental Training and Clinical Standards (CED-DOC-2026-018-E)</li> <li>CED Submission to the Skills Portability Initiative Call for Evidence (CED-DOC-2026-019-E)</li> <li>CED Submission to the Skills Portability Initiative Public Consultation (CED-DOC-2026-020-E)</li> <li>European Commission Implementation Report on the Professional Qualifications Directive (CED-DOC-2026-021-E)</li> <li>Accompanying Commission Staff Working Document (CED-DOC-2026-022-E)</li> <li>Survey results on the Croatian Dental Chamber's survey on Dental Workforce and Regulatory Frameworks in EU Member States (CED-DOC-2026-023-E)</li> </ul> |

The Rapporteur updated the GM on the following:

### Consultation - CED Response to the Skills Portability Initiative

The WG has recently been focusing on the development of the Skills Portability Initiative.

This initiative has the overall goal of increasing the portability of skills and qualifications, which means to facilitate the possibility of cross-border work and practice. The plan also covers regulated professions like dentistry.

The Skills Portability Initiative was announced in March 2025 under the Union of Skills.

A consultation questionnaire as well as calls for evidence for the 3 different key actions points of the plan were open for input between 5 December and 27 February.

As a brief insight into the context of this initiative, this should closely align with the current Commission's simplification efforts of EU policies and regulations. It has the goal of increasing the competitiveness of the European Union, with efforts to improve and extend the EU Single Market and the free movement of persons, skills and professionals. This is expected to also affect in some way all regulated professions, including dentists.

The plan intends to develop initiatives 3 action-points. This includes a legislative proposal to facilitate worker mobility through improved transparency and digitalization, the modernization of recognition processes for regulated professions, and finally measures to simplify recognition of third-country qualifications.

The Working Group therefore prepared 3 draft submissions:

- One to the consultation questionnaire that was trying to collect general opinion and intelligence behind the initiative
- One general feedback on Action 2 for measures towards regulated professions. Here, CED voiced its concerns and priorities for assessing and modernising the recognition of dental diplomas across the EU.
- And finally, one general feedback on Action 3 for measures in favour of simplifying and accelerating the recognition of third-country qualifications (this point considers all types of professions combined). CED called for caution when considering a future proposal that would simplify the existing recognition procedures and safeguards in place in Member States.

On another hand, the CED welcomed the Commission's proposal to develop and encourage the establishment of adaptation periods and aptitude tests and to support in-coming professionals whose qualifications have been officially recognised under the national procedures in place.

The CED underlined the following across the three submissions:

- The need to strengthen and clarify clinical training requirements
- The call to establish a list of practical competences
- To determine a ratio between theoretical and practical training
- To work towards a better harmonisation and clarification of different national and European credit systems in view of adopting a common framework and accreditation scheme for the recognition of cross-border CPD credits.
- To incorporate and specify the equivalent minimum 300 ECTS credits required under the Professional Qualifications Directive for receiving the title of dental practitioner after completing basic dental training (which for the moment is only expressed as « equivalent ECTS credits », due to very different credit systems from one country to another)
- Establish systems and tools for improving the capacity to digitally authenticate qualifications and strengthen fraud-proof technology for digital credentials
- Introduce, as suggested by the Commission, adaptation periods and aptitude test for nationals with third-country diplomas that apply for the recognition of their dental qualifications

### **ADEE Graduating European Dentist Workshop – 2 Edition**

The Chair participated, alongside the President and several WG members, in the second edition of the ADEE workshop, that initially took place last year in Dublin.

The logistics of this year's edition were organised by the CED, with the Danish Dental Association kindly hosting this year's event in Copenhagen on 26 February.

The goal of this year's edition was to continue discussions from last year, with efforts to try and achieve a consensus by the CED and the other participating dental organisations on undergraduate training requirements.

This event led to the adoption of the Joint Copenhagen Declaration on Undergraduate Training, endorsed by all present organisations. This Declaration can be found on the CED website.

This work and collaboration is to be continued.

### **Implementation Report – Professional Qualifications Directive**

The long awaited PQD Implementation Report (for which the WG submitted a CED response to the related consultation in September 2024) was published on 20 February 2026.

It is also published alongside a more detailed accompanying document, which takes up a number of our long-standing requests and concerns regarding the multitude of issues and shortcomings that are currently observed in the Directive.

However, a revision of the PQD is, for the moment, not foreseeable in the near future, due to the reticence of the Commission to revise any of the Directive core provisions.

### **Update on the EU Workforce Crisis Plan**

The European Parliament had started an own-initiative report to address Europe's growing healthcare workforce shortage. This report more specifically targeted pressing issues encountered by medical doctors and nurses (and didn't mention dentists specifically).

The WG had sent in an amendment proposal to two MEPs during the negotiation rounds of the Parliament Committee last year.

The final report was expected to be adopted in March but has been postponed to at least end of June for the Committee's vote due to prolonged delays.

This is related to disputes between the two Committees in charge over the principle of the sanitary cordon established in some Parliament Committees, where representatives from diverging political groups agree to not work or cooperate with far-right MEPs. However, the Public Health (SANT) committee is ready to cooperate with the far-right rapporteur on this file, while the Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL) committee is not.

Additionally, the draft received over 800 amendments, making it a very tricky negotiation process.

The WG will continue monitoring the file, to see whether the report is finally adopted or altogether dropped.

## **12. WG Dental Materials and Medical Devices**

Rapporteur: Edoardo Cavallé

The Rapporteur updated the GM on the following:

### **Medical Devices Regulation Proposal**

The GM was informed that the long-awaited Medical Devices Regulation proposal was published on 16 December 2025. Following this, a Working Group on Dental Materials and Medical Devices meeting was held to discuss the proposed changes and their specific impact on dentistry.

One of the key changes concerns certificate validities. The fixed 5-year validity period has been removed, meaning certificates will no longer have a formal expiration date. Instead of recertifying devices, Notified Bodies will carry out periodic reviews proportionate to the risk of the device. As long as the device remains safe and compliant, the certificate remains valid indefinitely.

It was stated that the amendment to Article 56 introduces an exception where certificates may still be time-limited in "exceptional cases" based on the Notified Body's judgment. Concepts like "risk-proportionate" and "exceptional cases" are subjective and could be interpreted inconsistently, potentially leading to regulatory uncertainty and supply disruptions.

### **Well-established technologies (WET):**

The Chair stated that under the current MDR, several dental devices, such as dental fillings, braces, and crowns, are already listed as Well-Established Technology under Article 61(6)(b), with Article 61(8) providing a mechanism for future expansion. However, a formal legal definition of what constitutes 'WET' was previously missing from the regulation, residing only in the legally non-binding MDCG (2020-6) guidance.

The new MDR Proposal addresses this gap by introducing a formalized definition, requiring these devices to have simple and stable designs with little evolution, a well-known safety profile with no history of significant issues, and established clinical performance backed by a long history on the market. By integrating these criteria directly into the regulation, the Proposal effectively turns the previously non-binding guidance into a

clear, legal framework for identifying well-established technologies. Devices that qualify as WET are exempt from the following requirements: conducting a clinical investigation prior to CE marking and individual notified body review of technical documentation (rather than on a sampling basis).

The GM was updated that on 20 March 2026, the European Commission adopted two delegated regulations, C(2026) 1809 regarding Article 52(4) and C(2026) 1798 regarding Article 61(6)(b), amending the MDR by expanding the list of Well-Established Technologies (WET). The first delegated act added devices such as bone wax, bone fillers, bone substitutes, radiography markers, transpalatal distractors, dental implants, orthodontic devices, and dental barriers to the list of those exempted from the obligation to perform an assessment of the technical documentation for every single device. The second delegated act, added needles, needle holders, forceps, cannulas, bone tacks, bone wax, bone fillers, bone substitutes, transpalatal distractors, nails, anchors, dental implants, orthodontic devices, dental barriers, dental veneers, and reusable surgical instruments to the list of devices exempted from the obligation to perform clinical investigations. This initiative indicates that the Commission is prioritizing market availability; introducing these regulations alongside the new Proposal marks a very promising development.

The Chair informed the GM that the WG developed a comprehensive feedback document for the MDR proposal.

#### **Bis-GMA:**

The GM was updated on the inquiry regarding the Bis-GMA. In late February, the CED received an inquiry from RPA Europe, a consultancy supporting the European Commission (DG Employment) with an impact assessment regarding potential new Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) for glycidyl methacrylate (GMA). Given that GMA is a component of Bis-GMA, a widely used substance in dental composites, the Working Group on Patient Safety, Infection Control and Sustainability and the Working Group on Dental Materials and Medical Devices conducted a joint discussion to address the matter.

During these deliberations, it was emphasized that Bis-GMA is not readily released into the environment in dental settings due to its specific application method. Furthermore, the groups noted that the cleavage of the ether bond required to release GMA from Bis-GMA only occurs under harsh chemical conditions, which are not present in the clinical environment of a patient's mouth.

However, the dental profession's heavy reliance on polymeric materials makes it a primary target for regulatory scrutiny regarding both patient and practitioner safety. Since this inquiry involves complex chemical assessments that transcend purely dental matters, it was stated that it is essential to maintain well-prepared, science-based responses for both current and future regulatory challenges.

| 13. WG Oral Health                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Rapporteur: Vasileios Stathopoulos                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Working Documents                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Results of the survey on Restorative dental materials following Regulation 2024/1849 (CED-DOC-2026-015-E)</li> <li>CED submitted response to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) consultation on Sodium Fluoride (CED-DOC-2026-013-E)</li> </ul> |
| <p>The Rapporteur updated the GM on the following points:</p> <p><b>Institutional – policy updates</b></p> <p>The European Commission finally delivered an assessment of the existing EU tobacco control framework and its capacity to currently address the consumption of tobacco, novel tobacco and vaping across Europe. After repeated calls from civil society, the Commission Evaluation was published on 2 April 2026. It analyses the current relevance and effectiveness of both the Tobacco Products Directive, which regulates tobacco and associated tobacco products that are currently sold on the European market, as well as the Tobacco Advertising Directive.</p> <p>The conclusion of the report underlines the necessity to revise the legislation, including to adapt it to new public health concerns surrounding e-cigarettes, heated tobacco products and nicotine pouches.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

Following the proposal of a review of the Tobacco Tax Directive, adopted by the European Commission on 16 July 2025, which is still being reviewed by the Parliament and Council, CED would strongly welcome the alignment of product, marketing and advertising rules with the updated scope of tobacco taxation rules.

On another file: Under the new EU Safe Heart Plan, seeking to improve the public health threat of cardiovascular diseases in Europe, the European Commission launched in April a public consultation on cardiovascular health checks for early diagnosis and screening.

### **White Paper on Oral Health Promotion and Oral Disease Prevention**

The WG has been focusing over the past couple of months on the CED White paper on oral health promotion and oral disease prevention.

Following several rounds of feedback from the WG and prior presentation to the Board, as well as after input received from a chosen expert (Dr. William Papaioannou from the University of Athens), the paper now is close to being finalised and will be presented for adoption at the November General Meeting in Brussels.

Following the CED's submission of input to a European consultation on the classification of sodium fluoride, a short paragraph was added to the paper, reiterating the long-standing scientific and clinical evidence of fluoride for oral health prevention and promotion, public health and well-being.

### **Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)**

Regarding a second policy paper: The WG has also initiated work on the priority topic of Obstructive Sleep Apnea, following the Board's decision on 13 September to move ahead with the project.

A first draft has been prepared.

The paper aims to highlight the critical need to address OSA distinctively under current and future EU programmes, and the need to acknowledge and further support the important supportive role played by dentists in the detection, and supportive management and treatment of OSA under an umbrella of involved healthcare professionals.

The document will underline the necessity for enforced interdisciplinary collaboration between dentists and other healthcare professionals, including between the three main categories on the screen here: physicians, allied and specialist health professionals and dentists.

OSA is already indirectly targeted by EU legislation, through the 2014 Directive establishing rules preventing road traffic accidents, as well as initiatives addressing non-communicable diseases, for example: the « Healthier Together » initiative which also targets chronic respiratory diseases.

The WG intends to also call upon an external expert from the European Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine based in Brussels, to provide input to the policy paper, following initial discussion

### **Restorative dental materials following Regulation 2024/1849**

The survey received 22 submissions.

The goal of this survey was to collect data and information on the situation regarding current public coverage, availability and affordability of fillings and restorative treatments, that are used as alternatives to amalgam under national healthcare systems.

The results of the survey were found not to be fully conclusive, with numerous limitations to some of the observations. This is due to the open-ended nature of some of the questions, and the need for further detail, contextualization and more nuance regarding the gap between the legislative rules in each country for alternative materials and the realities of implementation of these rules and availability, affordability of other composites.

Additional information and clarifications on certain details will therefore be collected from the survey coordinator, with an attempt to get a clearer picture of the situation of public coverage of alternative dental materials to amalgam in European countries, and the possible solutions to address issues.

Regarding initial results:

On the type of services covered by public healthcare systems, the most frequently covered services include basic clinical examinations and annual dental check-ups, x-ray diagnostics, tartar cleaning and fluoride treatment and basic fillings. In the majority of States, this includes specific treatments for targeted groups of people (in most cases children in a certain age group, and sometimes older adults and pensioners, people with disabilities, pregnant women, etc). The survey also looked into the observed shift in the type and number

of filling materials covered by public health insurance or oral public healthcare services.

### **Call for evidence: Health Checks for Cardiovascular Diseases**

A new call for evidence has been opened by the European Commission, focusing on initiatives in one of the three key flagship initiatives in priority areas of the EU Cardiovascular Plan (also known as EU Safe Heart Plan).

The WG responded to the initial call for evidence for the launch of the EU Cardiovascular Health Plan in September 2025.

In this initial feedback, the WG highlighted the role of dentists in the screening, prevention, and detection of oral and cardiovascular diseases, and the crucial importance of considering integrated care in cardiovascular and oral health.

This second call has the purpose of collecting information for the publication of a non-binding Council Recommendation on health checks for cardiovascular diseases.

It specifically examines the support needed towards Member States for the implementation of cardiovascular screening programmes. This includes aligning and coordinating procedures for the screening and diagnosis of early signs of cardiovascular diseases.

In its response, the CED highlighted:

- The strong associated link between the detection and screening of oral and cardiovascular diseases for overall better health and improved clinical outcomes
- The detection of periodontal diseases as possible early markers of cardiovascular diseases
- That dentists are key healthcare professionals for the conduct of routine health checks and therefore must be acknowledged under the future Council Recommendation and when developing national screening programmes.
- The need to allocate resources to dentists for routine dental check-ups and strengthening oral health initiatives towards marginalised and disadvantaged population.
- A call for the full integration of dental practitioners into evidence-based protocols for opportunistic cardiovascular and oral disease screening.

The WG will continue to closely monitor this file.

### **ECHA Consultation – Sodium Fluoride**

The WG also prepared and submitted a response to the European Chemicals Agency consultation on the reassessment of the classification of sodium fluoride. This feedback was prepared in collaboration with the Chairs of WG Patient Safety and WG Dental Materials.

The consultation was launched upon request from the French ANSES agency to review the classification of sodium fluoride to take into account its possible characteristics as an endocrine disruptor and reproductive toxicant.

The European Chemicals Agency has until 4 April 2027 to adopt and publish its final opinion on the proposed classification.

### **Vaccination – Joint Statement**

The group has also pursued its collaboration with the Coalition for Vaccination.

The latest hybrid meeting with Coalition partners took place on the 5th February, with CED participation both in person and online.

As an important outcome to the event, the CED co-signed a joint Statement, which calls for an increase of vaccination coverage and specific measures to be taken, to urgently address growing mis- and disinformation on vaccination uptake in Member States.

The WG also followed closely WHO Europe's immunization week, that took place from the 19 to the 25 April, with a multitude of resources published by the European Commission, European Medicines Agency, ECDC, and the WHO.

### **AMR**

The Chair also highlighted on-going work under the JAMRAI II project and the close monitoring of the WG.

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| Heming Olsen-Bergem    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highlighted some of the data presented under the results of the survey on restorative dental materials and requested clarifications regarding the projected percentages which represent the shift in the funding of dental treatments following the implementation of the amalgam ban.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Vasileios Stathopoulos | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informed the GM of the inconclusiveness of some of the results of the survey on alternative restorative dental materials, which will therefore lead to the development of follow-up survey to collect additional details and data and clarifications on some of the identified issues. This last survey will allow to further expand on some of the challenges stemming from the ban and the phasing out of amalgam and the adaptation capacity of governments to provide accessible dental materials and composites, and answer some of the members' concerns.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                            |
| Katalin Nagy           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regarding the CED draft White Paper on Oral Health Promotion and Oral Disease Prevention, Board Director Katalin Nagy welcomed the repeated link between oral health and general health. She mentioned the fundamental role of general dentists as well as the complementary role of specialist dentists, including periodontists in ensuring high quality and holistic care.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Mick Armstrong         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raised the discussion about the extent and breadth of expertise of CED members and dental practitioners on wider and general health conditions. He also cautioned on the link between periodontitis and cardiovascular diseases, by pointing out that the evidence remains strong but is not overwhelming or conclusive. He also raised the issue of legal and medical responsibility of dentists in the event of complications or adverse outcomes, as well as future issues arising from bidirectional referral processes. Finally, the issue was raised on the possible need to further train dentists on these wider issues, including the possible involvement of dentists in CVD screening programs.</li> </ul> |
| Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognizes that dental diseases are the core competences of dentists, with wider responsibilities to wider health conditions limited to a supported role. He however stressed that oral health must be acknowledged as an integral part of general health in CED activities.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Eddie Crouch           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledges the importance of integrating dentists into broader health discussions and initiatives, which would place greater emphasis on the importance of good oral health. He also highlighted that this could also incentivise governments to allocate additional funding to oral health, in support of broader public health objectives and the overall optimisation of healthcare spending. This would provide bargaining power to dentistry for securing stronger national funding for dentistry.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

| 14. WG eHealth                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Rapporteur: Peter Kukolik |
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| Working document                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CED Reply to the Digital Omnibus Consultation (CED-DOC-2026-024-E)</li> <li>• UPDATED CED Resolution on Data Sharing as part of eHealth: Workflow, Prescription Protection and EHDS (CED-DOC-2026-025-E)</li> </ul> |                           |
| <p>The Rapporteur updated on the following:</p> <p><b>TEHDAS2 Public Consultation:</b></p> <p>The Chair informed the GM that the WG submitted the finalized response to the TEHDAS2 consultation. This consultation was launched by the European Commission for the <i>Second Joint Action Towards the European Health Data Space</i>. Coordinated by Finland's Innovation Fund and involving 29 countries, TEHDAS2 develops guidance and governance models for the secondary use of health data. Complying with EHDS requirements forces healthcare institutions to manage complex administrative processes, including data access requests, contracts, and invoicing. This is likely to increase the financial and administrative burden on providers. Accordingly, the feedback strongly emphasized the disproportionate impact these burdens pose for small dental practices, as well as the potential risk of these costs being passed on to patients.</p> <p><b>Digital Omnibus Proposal:</b></p> <p>The GM was updated on the European Commission's 'Digital Omnibus' proposal, which suggests significant changes to the GDPR and the AI Act. Several alarming shifts were identified that could undermine patient privacy. The main concern is the shift toward a 'contextual' definition of personal data. Under this new approach, data might no longer be considered personal if the specific entity holding it lacks the 'reasonable means' to identify the person. This could weaken protections for sensitive health data, such as dental imaging, and create significant legal loopholes.</p> <p>It was stated that the Working Group examined the new derogation allowing sensitive data 'unintentionally' included in AI training sets to remain if deletion is considered a 'disproportionate effort.' Given the 'black box' nature of AI, companies can technically guarantee such data remains dormant, which directly threatens the principle of data minimization.</p> <p>Finally, a significant linguistic change in the AI Act was explained, where the threshold for processing sensitive data was lowered from 'strictly necessary' to merely 'necessary.'</p> <p>In conclusion, it was emphasized that digital innovation must not come at the expense of patient privacy. These concerns were central to the feedback the CED prepared and submitted to the Commission, where the CED called for maintaining the highest level of protection for all health data.</p> <p><b>EHDS MyHealth@EU Consultations:</b></p> <p>The Chair informed the GM that the Working Group e-Health provided feedback on two different European Commission consultations regarding the EHDS. The first one was the draft regulation on the infrastructure designed for the cross-border exchange of health data under the EHDS framework. In the submitted feedback, it was stated that since dentistry is highly specialized, there are concerns that central terminology services and automated translations might oversimplify or misinterpret complex dental findings. To prevent a loss of essential clinical detail, the CED emphasizes that mapping processes must be clinically validated and interoperable with local practice management systems. Additionally, emphasis was placed on the administrative and financial burdens this transition imposes on dental practices, the majority of which are small or micro-enterprises. The CED called for targeted financial support and a gradual implementation that respects the varying digital maturity levels across Member States. Ultimately, for MyHealth@EU to succeed, it must be aligned with existing clinical workflows and developed with continuous input from healthcare professionals. The second consultation focused on the Identity Management mechanism for MyHealth@EU. While the CED supports this secure identification system, the feedback highlighted the critical need to protect the privacy and safety of healthcare professionals.</p> <p>When patients exercise their right to see who accessed their data, the system must only disclose the minimum necessary professional information. The CED requested strict safeguards to ensure that no data is</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                           |

shared that could endanger the safety or privacy of dentists.

**Updated CED Resolution:**

The GM was informed that in the last Working Group meeting, the Working Group discussed the revision of the 2018 CED Resolution on Data Sharing. It was noted that the policy paper adopted in 2018 has become largely outdated in light of the rapid regulatory developments surrounding the European Health Data Space. The Working Group substantially redrafted this document to ensure it aligns with the current EU regulatory framework, particularly the EHDS. The revised version includes practical sections on digital workflows and updated guidance on e-prescriptions and data protection.

**Decisions**

- The GM unanimously adopted the Updated CED Resolution on Data Sharing as part of eHealth: Workflow, Prescription, Protection and EHDS with 34 votes in favour.

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| 15. BTF Internal Market | Rapporteurs: Nikoleta Arnaudova and Elif Dincher |
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The Rapporteur updated the members on the following:

### OECD Health at a Glance 2025

The GM was updated that the OECD 'Health at a Glance 2025 Report' includes a brief reference to corporate dentistry. It was highlighted that this is a significant development, as it represents the first explicit mention of corporate dentistry in such a major institutional document.

### New Publication: The impact of Corporate Dentistry in the EU

Members were informed that as part of the ongoing collaboration with ERO, the results from the joint survey on corporate dentistry have been published in an academic article titled 'Corporate Dentistry in the European Union: Legal Frameworks and Structural Characteristics.' This publication provides a comprehensive analysis of the legal and structural impact of corporate actors within the EU dental sector. Aim of the article is not only to inform stakeholders within the CED framework, but also to raise awareness among practitioners and decision makers in Europe who are not directly involved in organized dentistry.

### Supportive Courses for Foreign-Trained Dentists

It was stated that during the latest BTF meeting, BTF members addressed the implementation of supportive courses for dentists relocating from outside the European Union. The discussion focused on supporting foreign dentists to adapt to the national healthcare systems while ensuring that high educational and clinical standards are maintained. The discussions have highlighted a key challenge: clinical skills alone are not sufficient for a practitioner moving to a new environment. A deep understanding of local ethics, social security frameworks, and patient rights is equally vital. However, this must be navigated with great sensitivity. Professional regulation is a national competency, and the autonomy of national organizations, as well as the specific market conditions of each territory, must be respected. It was also noted that the goal is not to create new compulsory requirements, but rather to identify knowledge gaps and share 'Best Practice' models.

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| Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emphasized that corporate dentistry is becoming increasingly prevalent. It was highlighted its direct correlation with dental education, noting that close attention must be paid to this evolving trend.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Katalin Nagy           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns were raised regarding the potential outsourcing of dental education to private practices. It was argued that since private practitioners primarily focus on clinical practice rather than teaching, such environments might lack the necessary educational focus.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                |
| Eddie Crouch           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highlighted the growing trend of 'outreach teaching' where corporate providers utilize vacant surgeries in areas with poor patient access for clinical training. It was noted that corporates often leverage these training setups as a marketing tool to recruit graduates, outreach teaching is positive in that it provides students with a wider availability of clinical experience.</li> </ul> |
| Roman Šmucler          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Called for a strategic response to the commercialization of dentistry, driven by corporations acquiring private practices. It was argued that dentists should be equipped with business skills to navigate this shifting landscape, particularly by understanding market dynamics and integrating advanced tools such as AI into their workflows.</li> </ul>                                         |
| Mick Armstrong         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Questioned whether corporate dentistry is inherently problematic, arguing that if it effectively improves patient care in underserved regions and maintains proper recruitment, its business model alone might not be a reason for dismissal.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                             |

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| Hans de Vries          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared insights on the situation in the Netherlands, noting that 50% of newly registered dentists over the past 12 months were trained abroad. Additionally, it was highlighted that many Dutch students pursue their education abroad; collectively, these factors create a complex and persistent workforce challenge that lacks an easy solution.</li> </ul>                                         |
| Vasileios Stathopoulos | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The definition of corporate dentistry was suggested as follows: 'A dental chain is an organisation comprising multiple dental units or offices either within a specific area or across multiple locations, regardless of the number of offices. Additionally, its advisory board may include non-dentist members, irrespective of their percentage of participation in the entity.'</li> </ul>          |
| Thomas Wolf            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thanked the ERO and CED and the Task Force and emphasized that corporate dentistry is a global trend rather than a uniquely European phenomenon. Attention was drawn to the significant terminological variations across member countries, with different delegations using terms such as 'dental services organisations,' 'investment-driven centers,' or 'dentist-driven medical centers.'</li> </ul> |

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| 16. Intervention from the Association for Dental Education in Europe (ADEE)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Rapporteurs: Ivan Alajbeg, Denis Murphy |
| Dr. Ivan Alajbeg and Dr. Denis Murphy from the Association for Dental Education in Europe (ADEE) updated members on the recent work and objectives of the ADEE, as well as their thoughts on the recent and on-going collaboration with the CED. The presentation included 1) A brief overview of ADEE, their membership and work streams, 2) ADEE's approach to collaborative work, 3) A brief overview of current work streams 4), Some possible future work that is likely to be interest to the CED members. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                         |
| Miguel Pavão                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emphasized the importance of collaborating with ADEE at both European and the national levels citing successful outcomes in Portugal and commended ADEE's long-standing, structured work. It was argued that reinforcing dental education is key to tackling future challenges, such as corporate dentistry.</li> </ul> |                                         |
| Katalin Nagy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highlighted the significant benefits of collaborating with ADEE noting that the outcomes of this partnership have been highly valuable and will continue to be so in the future.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                             |                                         |

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| 17. Intervention from the European Dental Student's Association (EDSA)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  | Rapporteurs: Saulė Skinkytė (President) |
| General Meeting was also addressed by the European Dental Students' Association (EDSA), represented by Saulė Skinkytė (EDSA President), Angeliki Anna Gkinosati (Treasurer) and Dimitrios Raptopoulos (General Secretary). The delegates presented EDSA's latest activities, including recent projects, meetings, events, and recent policy and media publications. |  |                                         |

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| 18. Discussion of country reports                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | Rapporteurs: Elif Dincher, 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. |  |                                          |

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| 19. Any Other Business             |  | Rapporteur: Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg |
| Dates and places of next meetings: |  |                                    |

- 27th November 2026, Brussels
- 21-22 May 2027, Lithuania
- May 2028 (date and place TBC)

The GM received an update from Roman Šmucler regarding the upcoming FDI World Dental Congress in Prague, Czech Republic, taking place on 4–7 September 2026.

The General Meeting was then concluded with a few words from Vilma Brukienė from the Lithuanian Dental Association and the projection of a video for the upcoming GM in Lithuania in May 2027 by the Lithuanian Dental Association.

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