Evolving for the future of dentistry
2018 at a glance

15 March
Task Force Internal Market

16 March
CED Board

19 March
—Aneta Tyszkiwicz and CED Members from Belgium, Finland, Portugal, Slovakia and the UK attend the workshop organised by the SPMS – Shared Services, Ministry of Health of Portugal to discuss the eHealth strategy in Europe and the European Dental Registries

28 March
Working Group Dental Materials and Medical Devices

11 April
—Dr. Piret Väli speaks at the European Dental Students’ Association (EDSA) conference in Amsterdam about the importance of eHealth in dentistry

20 April
—Dr. Marco Landi participates at Dental Regulators (FEDCAR) meeting in Dublin

24 May
CED Board

25–26 May
CED General Meeting

01 September
—Move to the new CED office
Meetings & Events

20 September
Task Force Internal Market

21 September
CED Board

27 September
—Dr. Jane Renehan and Dr. Susie Sanderson discuss the implementation of the Mercury Regulation with the European Commission (DG ENVIRONMENT)

11 October
Working Group eHealth

15 October
Working Group Dental Materials and Medical Devices

16 October
Working Group Patient Safety, Infection Control and Waste Management

06 November
Working Group Oral Health

8–9 November
—Lea Pfefferle represents the CED at the first annual meeting of the Joint Action on AMR and healthcare associated infections (JAMRAI) in Vienna

8–9 November
—CED Board members attend the German Dental Days

9–10 November
—Dr. Marco Landi attends the 27th Congress of the Portuguese Dental Association

15 November
CED Board

16 November
—CED adopts 2019 Election Manifesto

16 November
CED General Meeting

27 November
—Dr. Marco Landi at Day of Liberal Professions organised by the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

17 December
—Dr. Marco Landi meets with Dr. Andrzej Rys, Director for health systems, medical products and innovation at the European Commission, DG SANTE
The Council of European Dentists (CED) is the representative organisation for the dental profession in the EU with over 340,000 practising professionals from 33 national dental associations.
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President’s perspective

Over the years the CED has worked intensely on improving EU legislation and putting issues that concern dentists on the political agenda. In 2018, we focused on giving the CED even more tools to be an effective representative of dentists in Europe. In May 2018, the CED adopted the revised Statutes and Internal Rules which also included a change in the categories of membership. The CED Brussels Office has changed its location, remaining at the heart of the EU district but now also offering modern space for meetings with the EU officials, policy makers and stakeholders.

On the national level, the CED is concerned that profit-driven interests which underpin the business model of some corporates and chains may impact patient safety overall, therefore we dedicated significant attention to this topic in the Resolution on Corporate Dentistry in Europe, adopted in November 2018.

While constantly being involved in the ongoing discussion at the EU level, we also look into the priorities and barriers for young graduates and engaging more actively with the new generation is one of the main priorities for the CED for coming years.

For the swiftly approaching 2019 European Parliament elections and the appointment of the new European Commission the CED has put together a 2019 Manifesto which showcases our commitment to the future of oral care and dentistry.

Dr. Marco Landi
President (Italy)
In May 2018, the CED adopted the revised Statutes and Internal Rules which also included a change in the categories of membership. The CED now has Full Members, Affiliate Members and Observers.

**Albania is the most recent member, having joined the CED on 1 January 2019 as an Observer.**
Policy

CED Position on dental professions in ESCO

CED Resolution on Dental Practice and Third Parties in Europe

CED Resolution on Data Sharing as part of eHealth

CED Resolution on Antimicrobial Resistance – Update

CED Resolution on Corporate Dentistry

CED Medical Devices Regulation – CAD/CAM Statement
Health Inequalities – Oral Health For All

European Parliament
19 June 2018

Co–Host: MEP Nessa Childers

Representatives from the European institutions, academia, health professionals and public health organisations discussed policy challenges and solutions towards providing oral health for all citizens, and especially vulnerable populations.
Implementation of One Health in undergraduate education

Paris, France
5 December 2018

Co-Host: Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME), Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE), European Dental Students Association (EDSA), European Medical Students’ Association (EMSA), International Veterinary Students’ Association (IVSA)

Academics, students, professionals and policy makers were engaged in lively discussions about One Health. Participants exchanged their views about the value and necessity for working together on a common understanding of One Health concept and on promoting interdisciplinary collaboration starting from universities.
Working Groups

01—Dental Materials and Medical Devices

This new Working Group emerged from the combined Working Group Amalgam (Chair Dr. Susie Sanderson, UK) and other Restorative Materials and Working Group Medical Devices (Chair Dr. Edoardo Cavallè, Italy).

The mandate was approved by CED delegates at the 2018 May General Meeting in Tallinn.

The WG focused on advancing the CED work on the implementation of the Mercury Regulation, the Medical Devices Regulation and the reverse of the ban on tooth whitening in persons under 18 in the EU.

The WG drafted the CED CAD/CAM Statement highlighting the right of dentists to not be defined manufacturers under the Medical Devices Regulation.

The WG will look into an emerging issue concerning the classification of nanomaterials under the Medical Devices Regulation.
The WG gathered information from the CED Members on usage of information and communication technologies in dentistry. The outcome of this activity has been reflected in the CED Resolution on Data Sharing as part of eHealth.

The WG was an active Member of the eHealth Stakeholders Network.

In 2019, the WG will update the Resolution on Online Evaluation of Dentists and further focus on exchanging good practices and contribution to the discussion on topics such as apps, eConsultations, awareness raising, ePrescriptions and data sharing.
03—Education and Professional Qualifications

The WG worked on the CED position in response to the classification of dental professions in ESCO.

The questionnaire was sent to the deans of dental schools to gather evidence on the adequate changes of the subjects of the study programme for dental practitioners listed in the Annex V.3/5.3.1 of the Professional Qualifications Directive (PQD). The results will be presented to the decision makers in the EU to ensure the dental education remains at the highest level, timely corresponding to the scientific, technical and technological developments.

The WG has intensified its activities in the promotion of One Health culture, working closely with medical doctors, veterinarians and their students.

The update of the Resolution on Continuous Professional Development of dentists in the European Union is listed among the priorities for the WG.
04—Oral Health

The Working Group focused on oral health inequalities and its impact on vulnerable populations in 2018.

It also drafted the CED Resolution on Dental Practice and Third Parties to emphasise the fact that dental professionals must be independent in their practice.

As a follow-up to the public event in June 2018, the Working Group is writing a paper on the importance of prevention policies and recommendations for the future public health policies in oral care.
05—Patient Safety, Infection Control and Waste Management

This new Working Group emerged from the combined Working Group Patient Safety (Chair: Dr. Matti Pöyry, Finland) and Infection Control and Waste Management (Chair: Prof. Dr. John Tzoutzas, Greece).

The new mandate was approved by CED delegates at the 2018 May General Meeting in Tallinn.

The links to the guidelines on Infection prevention and control in dentistry provided by the CED Members are added to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control website.

The WG focused on contribution to the European Commission’s consultation on the interface between chemical, product and waste legislation and the Water Directives and will further continue working on this task in the course of next year.

The WG will update the CED resolution on Nitrogen Sedation, by amending it accordingly to new developments.
01—Antibiotics

The Task Force continued to be involved in the Joint Action on AMR and Healthcare Associated Infections (JAMRAI) and has been working with the European Center for Disease Control (ECDC) and other stakeholders on a survey for healthcare professionals.

Dr. Hans Schrangl
(Austria) Chair

02—Internal Market

The Task Force continued advocating for dentists as liberal professions in the EU and focused on promoting the CED position on the draft Proportionality Test Directive, drafting a CED position on corporate dentistry and following the developments in the field of advertising by healthcare professionals.

Dr. Alexander Tolmeijer
(Netherlands) Chair

03—Communications

The Task Force contributes to CED political work through lobbying, advocacy and reputation and capacity building. In 2018, focus was put on the website, organisation of public events, and preparation of the Annual Report and the Manifesto for 2019 European elections.

Nina Brandelet-Bernot
Secretary General
European Elections: In May 2019, European citizens will elect the new Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) and a new team of Commissioners will take office in autumn. With the future of the health portfolio in the EU to be determined, the CED continues to advocate for a strong role of the EU in healthcare. The CED has published its own election manifesto with three main requests:

01—Improve oral health of all Europeans
02—Ensure patient safety and protect patients’ rights
03—Support a strong and independent European Dentist

The CED is looking forward to the May 2019 General Meeting that will take delegates to Vienna, Austria, to continue discussions on the priorities of the dental profession in the EU. After the meeting on 24–25 May, the delegates will meet for a second time on 22 November in Brussels.
Board of Directors

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

Dr. Marco Landi
President (Italy)

Dr. Piret Väli
Vice-President (Estonia)

Dr. Mick Armstrong
Treasurer (UK)

Dr. Hans Schrangl
Director (Austria)

Dr. Doniphan Hammer
Director (France)

Prof. Dr. Paulo Melo
Director (Portugal)

Dr. Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg
Director (Denmark)

Dr. Alexander Tolmeijer
Director (Netherlands) —until Nov 2018

Dr. Henk Donker
Director (Netherlands) —since Nov 2018
The CED Secretariat is composed of a permanent staff of four. It constantly monitors policy developments, maintains contacts with European Institutions and stakeholders and implements the decisions taken by the General Meeting and the Board of Directors.

Nina Brandelet-Bernot
Secretary General

Aneta Tyszkieiwicz
Senior Policy Officer

Lea Pfefferle
Senior Policy Officer

Nikoleta Arnaudova
Policy Officer (Interim)

Kathy Sauvage
Office Manager – until Dec 2018

Ainhoa Zamacona
Office Manager – since Feb 2019
Members, Affiliate Members & Observers

Albania*  Austria  Belgium – VVT  Belgium – CSD

Bulgaria  Croatia  Cyprus  Czech Republic

Denmark  Estonia  Finland  France

*Observer since 1 January 2019
Netherlands  Norway**  Poland  Portugal
Slovakia  Slovenia  Spain  Sweden
Switzerland**  UK

**Affiliate Member since 1 January 2019