

Building on
the past,
looking to
the future

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President's perspective

This annual report not only concludes the year 2021, but also my six years of CED presidency. A few historical events marked these years: terrorist attacks in Brussels, Brexit, the COVID-19 pandemic, European Parliament elections and a new era in health, with the adoption of the first steps towards a European Health Union. During this time, we delivered 6 Annual Reports, 344 mailings, 22 surveys on COVID-19 and 40 approved policy documents, all important for CED lobbying on a national and European level. They reflect the breadth of our work and include dental tourism, corporate dentistry, advertising in dentistry; undergraduate education of dentists and continuing professional development (CPD); patient safety, vaccination and prevention; implementation of the Medical Devices Regulation and use of dental amalgam; eHealth including artificial intelligence in dentistry, access to patient records and online evaluations of dentists and others.

The last two difficult years of the COVID-19 pandemic left two important messages for the dental profession: firstly, we were probably at the highest level among all health professionals in tackling the pandemic, being able to deliver oral care at the same high-quality level of pre-COVID times. The lowest infection rate among dentists is proving that we weren't caught by surprise and unprepared.

Secondly, we realized that international collaboration and activity is important. The common European effort in the vaccination campaign, even if not equally successful everywhere, and above all the exchange of information on the pandemic evolution in different countries and on sharing protocols between us, has been of utmost importance. It proves that we must stay together and support each other: this is not an individual fight.

Throughout the last six years we engaged with various stakeholders. Apart from the regular contact with the European Commission and the European Parliament, the CED was invited in 2021 to become an official stakeholder of the European Medicines Agency (EMA). We were granted eligibility status and are now officially recognised as representative of the dental profession in the European Union. This is the first time that the European dentists' needs and concerns are represented via direct and formal contact with the EMA and it is a clear sign of the CED's growing influence in the contact with EU stakeholders. Moreover, we established a close collaboration with the European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (ECDC), working together on the topic of antimicrobial resistance and more recently on infection control protocols in dental practices.

The CED's relationship with dental organisations was maintained on a regular basis, with the European Dental Students Association (EDSA), the European Regional Organisation of the Fédération Dentaire Internationale (FDI ERO), the Association for Dental Education in Europe (ADEE) and the Federation of European Dental Competent Authorities and Regulators (FEDCAR). We have been working closely with other healthcare organisations representing doctors (CPME), pharmacists (PGEU), veterinarians (FVE), on interprofessional education and the "One Health" concept and other common topics, such as vaccination.

Behind the tremendous CED activity are a strong Board, Chairs and Liaisons, valuable members of the Working Groups and Task Forces and an efficient office in Brussels. As the former CED President I look back at the last years with pride for our achievements, but I also look forward to new horizons awaiting our profession. I am confident that the challenges the CED will encounter will be overcome successfully. I wish good luck to the new President and Board and all the best to my colleagues and friends.

Dr. Marco Landi
(CED President until November 2021)



President's perspective

I am happy, proud, but also humble about the trust the CED members have given me by appointing me President for the coming three years. This gives me the opportunity to continue promoting dentistry and oral health as integrated parts of general health and address the challenges, both old and new, that our profession will face.

The issues the CED will be working on in the next months are closely interlinked with the movement of the European Union towards assigning more power to central political and administrative institutions in and around Brussels, including in health. For now, we have an open window in our communication with the European Commission, particularly when it comes to dental education. In the future revision of the Professional Qualification Directive, we must ensure proper clinical training of the young dentists as key to patient safety. Dental materials and devices have to be safe, easy to handle and in the future also environmentally sustainable. We have to find a way to an amalgam-free future that is payable for the patient without being a challenge to dentistry.

In terms of CED engagement in the European arena, we are excited about working even more closely with the EMA and the ECDC. The relationship with the two EU bodies was strengthened during the

last few years and during the COVID-19 pandemic, which allowed us to share our knowledge about infection control in dentistry and demonstrate that dental offices are safe. We will also continue to have a strong relationship with other stakeholders active in EU policy, among other topics on antimicrobial resistance, the "silent pandemic". As part of the Coalition for vaccination we will promote, in cooperation with medical professions, patients and stakeholders, a science-based approach to vaccination, both against COVID-19 and other communicable diseases.

Despite our past successes, we are of course always looking to the future. Apart from continuing to work on the already mentioned issues, we need to follow the development of partial access to the profession of dentist, the impact of corporate dentistry, and the implementation of eHealth initiatives and related treatment of sensitive patient data. Moreover, we will be dealing with societal trends that affect health and oral health, such as the European ageing population and vulnerable categories of patients. Additionally, the emergence of new technologies requires the development of new skills, digital skills especially, and new ways of treatment delivery. We are also experiencing a decrease in the attractiveness of dentistry as a liberal profession to the younger generation, where we see expectations for a different work-life balance and a preference to work in bigger practices over individual ones. All this will force us to find new ways to organize dentistry, to use the dental workforce and to collaborate with other health care workers. These challenges present themselves as opportunities to improve our profession and keep safeguarding our patients' health and wellbeing.

Dr. Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg
(CED President from November 2021)

2021 at a glance

3 February

CED Working Group eHealth meeting online

8 February

Publication of the Coalition for Vaccination Manifesto on COVID-19 vaccination, co-signed by the CED

11-12 February

CED office takes part in the EU JAMRAI (European Joint Action on Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare-Associated Infections) conference on Antimicrobial Resistance

16 February

CED office participates in the Pact for Skills in health roundtable with European Commissioners Breton, Schmit and Kyriakides

5 March

CED Board Task Force Internal Market meeting online

8 March

CED President Marco Landi and Director Paulo Melo participate at the International Atomic Energy Agency Technical Meeting on

Developing Effective Methods for Radiation Protection Education and Training of Health Professionals

11 March

Working Group Oral Health online meeting



11 March

CED office participates in the Coalition for Vaccination meeting

12 March

CED Board online meeting

19 March

Marco Landi speaks at the European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention webinar on oral health and tobacco



22 March

Working Group Dental Materials and Medical Devices online meeting,

joined by experts from the World Dental Federation (FDI) and the International Association for Dental Research (IADR)

2 April

CED publishes the Statement on Education in times of COVID-19, co-signed by the European Dental Students' Association (EDSA)

6 April

CED Board Task Force Radiation Protection online meeting

9 April

Working Group Education and Professional Qualifications online meeting

14 April

Board Task Force Radiation Protection inaugural meeting

22 April

CED participates in the European Commission workshop on the Cross-border Healthcare Directive

20 May

Marco Landi at the International Dental Show (IDS) European Press Conference in Cologne

3 June

Marco Landi and Paulo Melo represent the CED during the third debate on interprofessional education and training "Promoting One Health in the professional practice"



10 June

CED endorses the ACFF (Alliance for Cavity-Free Future) Statement - global consensus on making cavities history

17 June

CED takes part in the AMR Stakeholder Network Group meeting

24 June

CED Board meeting online

25 June

CED General Meeting online

29 June

Paulo Melo speaks at the Workshop "EU minimum harmonised training for dental practitioners - time for an update?"

1 July

CED, alongside organisations representing European doctors, pharmacists, nurses and patients publishes a joint Consensus Framework on digital transformation in healthcare

16 September

Board Task Force Internal Market hybrid meeting

17 September

CED Board meeting in Brussels



20 September

CED awarded status of an eligible organisation

by the European Medicines Agency

5 October

Board Task Force Radiation Protection online meeting

6 October

Working Group Education and Professional Qualifications meeting

15 October

Marco Landi at Prague Dental Days

18 November

CED Board meeting in Brussels



19 November

CED General Meeting in Brussels and CED Board elections

24 November

CED President Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg at the European Medicines Agency (EMA) annual meeting with eligible organisations

Policy

One year of CED work on COVID-19

“Evidence shows that dentistry is safe for dental patients, the dental team and dentists themselves during the COVID-19 pandemic. The effective patient safety and infection control protocols in dental settings prevent additional infection risks, increasing the confidence to return to dental practices.”

Updated CED Resolution Continuing Professional Development of dentists in the European Union

“CPD of dentists is an important instrument of quality improvement and promotion, and, therefore, a regular individual evaluation is absolutely necessary. This is possible if the actors such as national dental associations and other providers support the quality assurance of dental education by formulating guidelines and recommendations, by strengthening the self-evaluation of organisers of continuing education and of their participants and by adapting to potential disruptions, e.g., pandemics, by building suitable infrastructures for online teaching to enable appropriate quality of online education.”

Updated CED Resolution on Vaccination

“COVID-19 among the general public, as builders of public trust with the professional responsibility to protect patients by encouraging them to get vaccinated. The CED appreciates the work done at national and EU level to promote vaccinations and to counter online misinformation and fake news about vaccinations. The CED supports vaccination as a safe and effective tool against COVID-19 and underlines the key role of healthcare professionals as builders of public trust.”

CED Statement on dental tourism and cross-border healthcare

“The CED believes that the quality and safety of healthcare services in relation to dental tourism can best be ensured by establishing clear rules, in whichever form they might appear at the national level, that follow current and updated ethical guidelines and are applied to all those establishments that fully comply with national legislation advertising dental services.”

Working Groups



Dr. Jane Renchan
(Ireland) Chair - until
June 2021

01—Working Group Dental Materials and Medical Devices

In the course of 2021, the Working Group continued its activities on dental amalgam and engaged in the ongoing process on the review of the EU legislation on mercury: in March 2021, the CED contributed to the European Commission Impact Assessment on the Revision of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 on mercury, and in December, members attended the first targeted stakeholder workshop on this issue.



Dr. Edoardo Cavallé
(Italy) Chair - since
June 2021

The Working Group continued monitoring the implementation of the Regulation (EU) 2017/745 on medical devices (MDR) on a national level. Other topics of interest were classification of cobalt and the revision of the Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation (CLP Regulation), specifically in relation to its interaction with product-specific legislation, as well as to its connection to the European Commission's objective to establish a horizontal, legally binding mechanism to identify endocrine disruptors.

In 2022, the work will continue focusing on the ongoing process on the Revision of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 on mercury, as well as on medical device legislation updates of relevance to dentistry.



Alexander Tolmeijer
(Netherlands) Chair

02—Working Group eHealth

In 2021, the Working Group continued its work on the eHealth Competency model followed by a set of necessary digital skills specific to dentists. The Working Group replied to two public consultations, on the European Health Data Space and on the proposed Regulation on Artificial Intelligence, and continued monitoring progress on these legislative developments.

In 2022, the Working Group will continue focusing on ongoing developments in eHealth legislation at the supranational level. Specific attention will be dedicated to the issue of eSkills, an important topic for addressing the challenges of digital transition in dentistry.



Prof. Dr. Paulo Melo
(Portugal) Chair

03—Working Group Education and Professional Qualifications

In 2021, the Working Group updated its mandate and continued to be engaged with the update of the Annex V.3/5.3.1. of the Professional Qualifications Directive. A questionnaire on Continuing Professional Development (CPD) was conducted and the CED Resolution on CPD was updated based on the survey results.

The CED co-signed the statement produced by ADEE (Association for Dental Education in Europe) and FEDCAR (Federation of European Dental Competent Authorities and Regulators) on Dental Clinical Training during COVID-19. The work on “One Health” in education continued, the CED and other healthcare professionals’ and students’ associations organising a third debate on interprofessional education and training: promoting One Health in professional practice”.

In 2022, the work will continue focusing on the update of the Annex V, workforce challenges and the COVID-19 impact on dental education.



Dr. Henk Donker
(Netherlands) Chair

04—Working Group Oral Health

Throughout 2021, the Working Group participated in different initiatives related to antimicrobial resistance (AMR). These included meetings of the AMR Stakeholder Network Group, the European Commission event on AMR in the “One Health” context, and a meeting with the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). The CED participated in the European Antimicrobial Awareness week in November (EAAD). AMR was also the topic of the fruitful collaboration between CED and the European Regional Organisation of the Fédération Dentaire Internationale (FDI ERO) which produced two leaflets on AMR, addressed to patients and dentists.

Vaccination was another topic of importance. The WG was active in the Coalition for Vaccination and endorsed its statement on Vaccination against the Flu. We followed the IMMUNION project through the CED representatives on the scientific board.

In 2022, the Working Group will continue following the topics of AMR, vaccination, cancer and non-communicable diseases, engaging with relevant stakeholders.



Prof. Dr. Ioannis Tzoutzas
(Greece) Chair

05—Working Group Patient Safety, Infection Control and Waste Management

In 2021, the Working Group continued focusing on the issue of the COVID-19 pandemic, by continuing the regular CED surveys on impact of COVID-19 on dentists and other members of the dental team, as well as on restrictions on access to dental practices. The results from the regular surveys were captured in the document One year of CED work on COVID-19.

The Working Group also explored the topic of environmental sustainability of dentistry, especially in relation to the EU Green Deal.

In 2022, the Working Group will continue focusing on issues of relevance to patient safety and the pandemic, as well as in relation to environmental and climate concerns for health.

Task Forces



Dr. Jane Renchan
(Ireland) Chair - until November 2021

01—Task Force Radiation Protection

The BTF was established to get dentists involved in the regulation of radiation protection at European level, following the concerns that although dentists are the healthcare professionals group frequently exposing patients and themselves to radiation, until now they have not been consulted by decision makers producing guidelines and recommendations.



Prof. Dr. Paulo Melo
(Portugal) Chair - since November 2021

In collaboration with the WG EPQ, information was collected about Continuous Professional Development (CPD) of dentists on radiation protection, results of which will be used in future work.

In 2022 the BTF will define a robust strategy and look into establishing collaborations with relevant stakeholders at European and international level, such as HERCA (Heads of the European Radiological Protection Competent Authorities) and IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency).



Dr. Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg
(Denmark) Chair

02—Task Force Internal Market

In 2021, the Board Task Force Internal Market worked on the topic of dental tourism, and specifically issues of liability, continuity of care, aggressive advertising. The work on this topic resulted in the CED Statement on dental tourism and cross-border healthcare.

Other topics of focus were new workforce challenges, the Proportionality Test Directive, partial access, as well as corporate dentistry. The Board Task Force also explored the European Commission's Proposal for a Regulation on European Production and Preservation Orders for electronic evidence in criminal matters, in relation to provisions that may lead to violations of professional secrecy and medical confidentiality.

In 2022, the Board Task Force Internal Market will work on the topic of workforce challenges, as well as on corporate dentistry, taking into account recent changes and newly emerging issues in this field.



Nina Brandelet-Bernot
Secretary General

03—Task Force Communications

The Task Force focused on its virtual communication strategy in 2021. Numerous press releases were published, on issues ranging from e-evidence to vaccination. CED social media presence was ensured through regular posts on its Twitter account. The Annual Report, summarizing the work of the CED in 2020, remained the main publication of the year.

CED 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.



Dr. Marco Landi
President (Italy) - until
November 2021



Dr. Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg
President (Denmark) -
since November 2021



Dr. Piret Väli
Vice-President (Estonia)
- until November 2021



Dr. Hans Schrangl
Director (Austria) -
until June 2021



**Dr. Doniphan
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Director (France)



**Prof. Dr. Paulo
Melo**
Director (Portugal)



Dr. Henk Donker
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Dr. Henner Bunke
Director (Germany)



Dr. Anna Lella
Director (Poland) -
since November 2021



Dr. Robin Foyle
Director (Ireland) -
since November 2021



Prof. Dr. Ioannis Tzoutzas
Director (Greece) -
since November 2021

CED Secretariat

The CED Secretariat is composed of a permanent staff of four. It constantly monitors policy developments, maintains contacts with the European Institutions and stakeholders and implements the decisions taken by the General Meeting and the Board of Directors.



Nina Brandelet-Bernot
Secretary General



Caroline Heilpern
Policy Officer - until
July 2021



Ainhoa Zamacona
Office Manager



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Policy Officer

About the CED

The Council of European Dentists (CED) is the representative organisation for the dental profession in the EU.

Over 340,000 practicing professionals from 33 national dental associations from 31 European countries (28 Full Members, 4 Affiliate Members and 1 Observer).

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Belgium - CSD



Bulgarian Dental Association



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Finland



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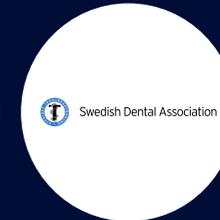
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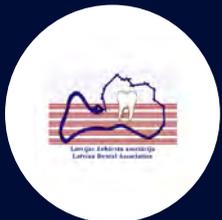
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