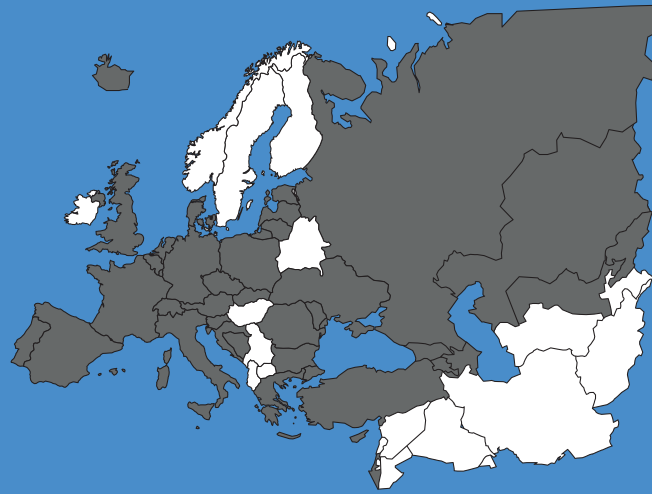


## ERO objectives



The European Regional Organization of the FDI World Dental Federation (abbr. ERO) is a non-profit association established in accordance with the FDI Constitution, registered in the Swiss Canton of Geneva. It associates member organizations of the FDI from the European Geographical Area (WHO European Region).

The beginnings of ERO date back to 1955 when a Special Commission for European Cooperation was established as response to the request of some European member associations of the FDI. In 1964 the FDI General Assembly adopted a resolution setting up Regional Organisations within FDI and in January 1965 the Regional Organisation for Europe of the FDI, later renamed European Regional Organisation of the FDI (ERO), was effectively established. ERO was the first regional organisation of the FDI and thus served as model for the other regional organisations.

In 2014 the ERO celebrated its 50. Anniversary with main event at the Plenary Session in Paris. Among invited guests were the former ERO presidents. In 1965 ERO had 12 member associations and in 2016 ERO has member organizations from 35 countries. ERO's aim is to associate national dental organizations from all 53 countries of the European Region.

aims at promoting the concept of dentistry as an independent profession based on the principle of freedom of choice in the relationship between dentist and patient;



works under the vision and mission of FDI, developing policies, reports and resolutions in order to influence the activities of FDI;



supports its member organizations in providing the best possible oral and general health to the patients;



promotes and supports European and national health policies that respect the ethical principles and professional standards.



**ERO resolutions, expressing the views of European dentists, are valuable documents serving as background and supportive papers for national dental organizations in their contacts with local authorities. In its recent documents:**

- ERO draws special attention to links between oral health and overall health: "Regarding oral health as an integral part of general health, the role of today's and future dentists is of great importance on maintaining the overall well-being of patients"  
Statement on the continuing medical education in dentistry, September 2015

- ERO emphasizes the necessity of lifelong learning: "Dental profession, like many other professions with a practical undergraduate education, is maintained by the continuity of the professional development after graduation with a lifelong learning."  
ERO Accreditation Guideline for Continuing Dental Education Program Providers, April 2016

- ERO underlines that the changing conditions and forms of exercising the dental profession cannot undermine the basic principles of the dental profession: "It is absolutely necessary to permanently adjust the new forms of professional practice to our ethic principles and to the ones of the liberal professions".  
Statement on Liberal dental practice in partnerships, practice networks, and medical care units, September 2015

## ERO activities

The Plenary Session – ERO's supreme authority composed of delegates of all member organizations – gathers twice a year – usually in April and September. Day-to-day management of ERO is a task of the Board – President, President-Elect, Secretary General and 2 Board members (one as Treasurer) elected for 3 years at the Plenary Session.

Working Groups are set up and composed of internal (NDA) and external experts nominated by the Plenary Session. Working Groups consider and examine in detail matters of particular importance to the dental profession, gather relevant information and elaborate drafts of ERO resolutions and other documents.

**There are currently 7 ERO Working Groups chaired by:**

- **WG Dental Team** Edoardo Cavalle (ITA);
- **WG Continuing Medical Education in Dentistry** Hande Sar Sancakli (TUR);
- **WG Integration** Elena Ivanova (RUS);
- **WG Liberal Dental Practice in Europe** Ernst-Jürgen Otterbach (GER);
- **WG Quality in Dentistry** Roland L'Herron (FRA);
- **WG Relation Between Dental Practitioners and Universities** Simona Dianiskova (SVK);
- **WG Aging Population** Philippe Rusca (SUI)

ERO closely co-operates with the various FDI agencies in Europe and with other dental organisations in Europe.



The European Regional Organization of the Fédération Dentaire Internationale is the dental profession's voice of the area of Europe as defined by the United Nations.

## ERO office

ERO's official seat is at the FDI headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The ERO-Secretariat is located in Bern, Switzerland and hosted by courtesy of the Swiss Dental Association.

## ERO website

Comprehensive information about ERO (documents, contact details of Board members and member organizations, Working Groups etc.) can be found at the Organization's website: [www.erodental.org](http://www.erodental.org)

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from: ERO resolution approved at the Plenary Session 2011

The liberal professions are a pillar of any free society