

National Report on Activities – 2025

General Information

Country: The Netherlands.....

Association: Royal Dutch Dental Association (KNMT)

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Instructions

Please complete this form clearly and concisely. Where applicable, you may attach additional documents or provide references. If a section is not applicable, please indicate "N/A".

1. Changes in the Association and Its Organisation

Please describe any significant structural, strategic, leadership, or membership-related changes during 2025.

The association re-appointed **Hans de Vries** as **Chair of the Board**, ensuring continuity of governance. Additionally, **Ellemieke Hin** and **Rinke Rinke Blok** were **re-appointed, respectively as board member and treasurer** for a further three-year term, strengthening leadership stability.

2. Main Concerns

Please list the three most important concerns currently **facing your association**./bron kaderbrief 26-29

- a) Optimizing the bureau's operational efficiency and effectiveness
- b) Develop future proof member engagement systems
- c) Anchor advocacy, policy development, and communication much more firmly in data

3. Key Discussion Points

Please indicate three topics or issues you would like to discuss at international level.

- a) Support the migrating dentist
- b) Mandatory CE on a European level
- c) How can we ensure that our work is consistently supported by credible and relevant data?

4. Trends and Developments

Please describe relevant trends and developments in the following areas:

a) Professional Politics

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Dutch Deregulation of Assessment of Employment Relationships Act (Wet DBA)

The KNMT has expressed significant concerns regarding the end of the enforcement suspension/freeze on the DBA Act as of January 1, 2025, warning that it may reduce the number of self-employed dentists and create substantial fiscal and legal risks for both independent practitioners and practice owners.

Healthcare Market Regulation Act (Wmg)/ maximum tariffs for oral healthcare services

Initiation of legal proceedings by KNMT, together with 4,600 members, against the Dutch Healthcare Authority (NZA) concerning the outcome of the national cost study and related tariff reductions for oral healthcare services.

Healthcare Providers Entry Act (Wtza)/

- Support provided to members in complying with obligations under the Healthcare Providers Entry Act (Wtza), including annual reporting requirements.
- Successful advocacy for extension of the Wtza reporting deadline.
- Implementation of revised Wtza supervision requirements, including an increase in the threshold for mandatory internal supervision from 25 to 50 healthcare providers, effective July 1, 2025.

b) Health and Social Politics

- Continued advocacy to improve access to oral healthcare for children and financially vulnerable populations.
- Organization of the KNMT conference on sustainability in oral healthcare, facilitating stakeholder engagement
- Launch of the Oral Health Measurement Weeks in collaboration with Utrecht University of Applied Sciences and the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), supporting data-driven oral health policy development.
- Formal engagement with government representatives to advocate for equitable access to oral healthcare and preservation of regional practice capacity.

c) Educational Politics

- Successful advocacy to maintain the six-year duration of the Dentistry degree program, ensuring alignment with national competency standards.
- Continuously highlight workforce capacity challenges, including a shortage of domestically trained dentists meeting the competency requirements defined in the Raamplan Mondzorg 2020.
- Continuously highlight Increasing reliance on foreign-trained dentists, representing approximately 50% of annual inflow, raising concerns regarding language proficiency and alignment with national professional standards.

d) Insurance System

(including public health insurance and private insurance schemes)

- Continued dialogue with health insurers to reduce administrative burden and improve proportionality of authorization and reimbursement procedures.
- Ongoing dialogue with the ministry regarding the need to establish a central scheme to ensure access to oral health care for financially vulnerable citizens

5. World Oral Health Day Promotion

Does your association promote World Oral Health Day?

Yes No

If yes, please describe the type of activities (e.g. campaigns, events, media outreach, partnerships): <https://knmt.nl/evenementen/wereld-mondgezondheidsdag>

- Participation in the Ad campaign in Dental Tribune International via the positioning of KNMT logo
- We have asked our members to join our campaign 'Tips for a Healthy Child's Mouth' for this World Oral Health Day 2025. See also link below (presently referring to WOHD 2026):

<https://knmt.nl/evenementen/wereld-mondgezondheidsdag>

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