

# National Report on Activities – 2025

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## General Information

**Country:** Slovenia.....

**Association:** Slovenian Dental Association (SDA).....

**Reporting Period:** January–December 2025

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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".

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## 1. Changes in the Association and Its Organisation

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

There were **no major reforms or structural changes**. In 2025 the SDA's structure and leadership remained stable. The Executive Board (President Matej Leskošek, Sec.-Gen. Barbara Artnik, etc.) continued its mandate as elected in 2023. SDA membership is roughly 800 dentists (FDI lists 796 members), about the same as the previous year. No new subsidiaries or strategic alliances were formed in 2025.....

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## 2. Main Concerns

Please list the three most important concerns currently facing your association.

- a) Digitalisation of dentistry: Upgrading dental IT systems and e-health (digital records, tele-dentistry) to improve efficiency.
- b) Primary care reforms: Implementation of Slovenia's new Primary Healthcare Strategy (2024–2031) and its impact on dental services. ....
- c) Workforce and remuneration: Ongoing FIDES strike over doctors'/dentists' pay and career pathways; ensuring fair salaries and recruitment of sufficient dental staff. ....

### 3. Key Discussion Points

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

- a) **Digital health in dentistry:** Sharing best practices for electronic health records, data security, and tele-dentistry applications.
- b) **Primary care strategy:** Clarifying the role of dentists under the new health strategy and securing resources for preventive oral care.
- c) **Salary system and workforce:** Discussing sustainable salary models and career development to resolve labor disputes and staff shortages.

*These points build on SDA's concerns such as digitalisation and healthcare reform, extending them to broader ERO/FDI dialogue.*

### 4. Trends and Developments

Please describe relevant trends and developments in the following areas:

#### a) Professional Politics

Slovenia is complying with the EU amalgam ban. Free composite (white) fillings are provided to children ( $\leq 15$ ), pregnant/breastfeeding women, and adults under 26 (from Jan 2025) in public care. Amalgam remains allowed for those over 26 until July 2026. The government published a national plan to phase out dental amalgam by 2030 (fully using composites except in rare cases). Corporate dentistry is still limited but emerging as local practices could consolidate under market pressures (no major chains yet).

The Medical Devices Act was adopted and regulates the field of medical devices, accessories for medical devices, devices without medical purposes, and in vitro diagnostic medical devices.

#### b) Health and Social Politics

In Nov 2024 Slovenia passed a **Health Quality Assurance Act** that establishes a public agency for healthcare quality and codifies safety procedures. Also, on 1 Jan 2025 a new public-sector salary act unified pay foundations for all healthcare workers (completing reform begun in 2023). The SDA continues advocating for patient access; WHO reports note that long wait times and co-payments (e.g. for adult dental care) remain concerns.

### c) Educational Politics

The government amended education laws to gradually increase funding to 0.5% of GDP by 2027. This boost supports training and infrastructure, benefiting dental education and continuing professional development. SDA itself marked its 50th annual meeting (“Iz prakse za prakso” conference in June 2025) to deliver continuing education (13 licence points) to members.

### d) Insurance System

*(including public health insurance and private insurance schemes)*

Major health-financing reform came in 2024: most patient co-payments were abolished in Jan 2024, replaced by a new flat-rate contribution for ~75% of the population. In social policy, a **“right to be forgotten” law** (Nov 2024) now prohibits insurers from using a person’s past cancer, hepatitis C or HIV history in granting insurance/credit after set periods. However, gaps remain: WHO notes ongoing out-of-pocket costs for adult dental care (efforts are underway to expand coverage).

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## 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):

The SDA supports FDI’s WOHD campaigns. Following past practice, it will use FDI-provided materials (posters, toolkits) and the 2025 theme “A Happy Mouth is a Happy Mind.” The association encourages member dentists to hold patient education events (e.g. free check-ups, school outreach) around WOHD. It also leverages social media and national press to raise awareness of oral health, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health. Previously the SDA reported it “will use the FDI materials prepared for WOHD”, and similar activities are expected for 2025.

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