

ERO Working Group “Relations between Dental Practitioners and Universities” Report of Activities – 06 April 2026

We have finalized Step 1 of the study „Collaboration Between NDAs and Dental Faculties“. During the group meeting in Shanghai, we agreed to continue our work on the ongoing topic **“Collaboration Between NDAs and Dental Faculties – Step 2”**.

Our plan for this phase includes:

- Compiling a list of universities, including the names and email addresses of professors responsible for the dental curriculum.
- Reorganising, translating, and distributing the questionnaire to dental faculties.

Previously, we collected information on this topic from the National Dental Associations (NDAs). With Step 2, our aim is to gather responses from **the university perspective**, allowing us to complete the overall picture of NDA–faculty collaboration.

The questionnaire - designed to assess the extent, quality, and potential opportunities for collaboration between dental faculties and NDAs - has now been finalised.

To date, we have held **four online meetings** to prepare the questionnaire and initiate data collection.

The link to the LimeSurvey questionnaire was circulated with support from **ADEE**, the **Turkish Dental Association**, and personal contacts of our working group members within various universities.

So far, we have received **47 responses** from dental schools across **22 countries** in the FDI European region. For comparison, in Step 1 of the study, we received responses from NDAs in **41 countries**. We will continue collecting data until we have a comparable volume of information from universities.

After analysing the collected data, we plan to **formulate specific recommendations for action** and **publish the results**.

On behalf of the Working Group,
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