

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: **AUSTRIA**

Association: **Austrian Dental Chamber**

Venue: **ERO-Plenary Baku**

Year: **2016**

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

I. Changes in the association and its organisation.

No changes in the Austrian Dental Chamber up to now but there will be elections this year resulting in a new board which will start its work in July 2016.

II. Trends and developments:

- in professional politics;

The new European Professional Qualifications Directive was implemented into Austrian national law in January 2016. Austrian Dental Chamber got the legal competence to test the German language abilities of dentists from abroad who want to register in Austria.

- in health politics;

There seems to be a trend driven by the government to replace medical (and in a next step also dental) offices with so called primary health centers where more than one single medical (or dental) practitioner should work together and which in contrary to single offices could be owned by

investors who are not doctors or dentists. Austrian Dental Chamber opposes this trend and will fight against it.

- in educational politics;

A new private university has started its dental curriculum in Vienna in 2015 which means that in Austria there are now 3 public and 2 private dental universities existing.

- in the insurance system (incl. the public health insurance and private insurance schemes).

The fees for dental treatment inside the social security system were raised by 1,64% on January 1st 2016

III. Further information (activities, concerns).