



Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: Portugal

Association: OMD – Portuguese Dental Association

Venue:

Year: 2021

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

Changes

in the association and its organisation: No changes in PDA.

Trends and developments:

in professional politics: a new centre-left government will be inducted into office in the next few months, supported by a parliament's single party majority

in health and social politics: Portugal is recovering from widespread COVID-19 pandemic constraints

in educational politics: A new dentistry undergraduate course is being considered for approval by public authorities. OMD/PDA was consulted and discouraged this admission based on formal requisites and voiced its concern about overall excess of dentists in Portugal leading to job insecurity and emigration.

in the insurance system (incl. the public health insurance and private insurance schemes) In oral health we have a chronic government underspending and organization issues in both public funded and public direct provision of oral healthcare

Corporate Dentistry

position of NDA towards dental chains: OMD/PDA is reporting to responsible public authorities abusive publicity campaigns and exercising its disciplinary role towards clinical directors, who are dentists and as such, members of OMD

problems with dental chains: dentists' job insecurity, underpayment, abusive dental publicity, depersonalization of dentistry leading to less quality and/or security of treatment, treatment plans being written by non-dentists

possible solutions: continuous report of non-compliant practices, information on the role and responsibility of the clinical director, legislate to force obligatory membership of individual dental clinics/groups and subject them to the same deontological responsibilities of individual dentists and practices.



Changes in fees: No changes in fees for membership with PDA.

*Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:
The celebration of the World Oral Health Day 2021 in Portugal was organized by OMD in collaboration with FDI World Dental Federation and the Portuguese Directorate-General for Health and also the daily newspaper "Público" as the Media Partner, and held two online panels, under the theme "Oral Health – Assessing the pandemic, projecting the future" on 20th March 2021.*

Further information (activities):

What are your 3 main concerns?

- 1. Inequalities in the access of oral healthcare by the Portuguese population, caused by public underspending**
- 2. Excess number of dentists in Portugal for the demand**
- 3. Corporate dentistry and private insurance**

3 points you would like to discuss

- 1. Future role of the Russian Dental Association in the FDI, considering the present war in the Ukraine. ERO should lead this subject and discuss possible measures.**
- 2. All that would address our concerns**