

## **Regional European Organisation of the FDI**

### **National Report**

**Country: Slovenia**

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

**Venue: Bucharest**

**Year: 2021**

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

#### **Changes**

*in the association and its organisation*

No major changes in the reporting period.

#### **Trends and developments:**

*in professional politics*

There is a further development of the private dentistry sector at the expense of the public dental care system. The reason is high bureaucracy and low cost of procedures, and thus serious limitations in the possibilities of developing the practice.

*in health and social politics*

Act Amending the Medical Services Act – ZZdrS-I was adopted by the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia in the field of:

1 Basic License

2 Testing the knowledge of the Slovenian professional language for doctors at the Medical Chamber of Slovenia

3 Conducting professional examinations of doctors and dentists at the Medical Chamber of Slovenia

4 In the optional part of the internship - compulsory rotation in the field of emergency medicine or family medicine

5 Authorized providers for training (traineeships, internship, specializations)

6 Special knowledge

(Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No. 199/21 of 22 December 2022)

*in educational politics*

*No major changes in the reporting period.*

*However, due to COVID-19 the e-learning became the most common form of postgraduate learning. Many of them were available free of charge.*

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

*Digitization in dentistry, but difficulties in introducing new services by the payer (the Health Insurance Institute of Slovenia).*

### **Corporate Dentistry**

*position of NDA towards dental chains*

*problems with dental chains*

*possible solutions*

*Changes in fees:*

*No changes in the reporting period.*

*Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:*

*SDA organizes many activities in cooperation with the Medical*

*Chamber of Slovenia and dental students. Oral health workshops are already being conducted for the two most vulnerable target groups: the*

*elderly in nursing homes and high school students. We have also prepared brochures on oral health for different stages of human life*

*cycle. We will also use FDI material prepared for WOHD 2022 (key message cards etc.).*

*Further information (activities):*

### **What are your 3 main concerns?**

*There is still no assessment of epidemiological needs in the field of oral health pathology at the national level.*

*Low government awareness that health begins in the mouth.*



*Planned efforts to update the strategy of SDA till 2025.*

***3 points you would like to discuss***

*The situation of dentists during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

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