

# NDA's Reports of 2022

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# Covid 19 Pandemie

All NDA's worked very close with Ministry of Health of their countries to administer Covid 19 vaccines. Due to PPE and infection control strengthened protocols cost of dental services changed. In some countries increase the payment of private health insurances for hygiene cost. (in Germany for example 6 EUROS per patient), but the state health insurances did not increase their total payment for hygiene cost.

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2021 was also special year for the dental schools and students due to the pandemic. A lot lectures were held on line by all ERO countries. Practical education were very limited for the dental students. The E -Learning became the most common form for post graduate and CE learning in 2021.

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Most of the chamber meetings and also congresses in 2021 were held on line. Some NDA's were cancelled their spring and autumn plenary sessions unfortunetly. Because of this NDA's and their members are beginning to lose interest in chambers, ERO and FDI. We should take attention and talk the ways to improve communication and collobration in all kind of professional matters. Specially many east European countries want to be a part of different working groups of ERO and asking ERO to provide for educational activities

# Corporate dentistry

The takeover of practices by commercial investors has been occupying the NDA's for a long time. From the reports of NDA's, it looks as something that can not be stopped. Only Dutch Dental Association has a neutral position towards dental chains and mentioned on his report that a growing member of young dentists prefer to work as an employee and as a second point they underline that the pursuit of dental chains to takeover dental practices has an upword effect on the purchase price of dental clinics in the Netherlands.

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On the other hand most of the NDA's in ERO are seen the dental chains very problematic for the future of our liberal dental practices. Because corporate dentistry is guided by business rather than health interests. And the NDA's as you know are supporting that no third-party in trusions into diagnostic and treatment decision.

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NDA's fear the same problems that occurred in Spain, France and some other countries. On the other hand we have no data, that confirms our assumption that external investors how influence that they effect therapy, quality and price of dental treatments.

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As some possible solution for this issue I want to give you some examples.

Greece Dental Association suggested that licenced dentist must obligatory obtain 51% or more of every dental entitiy.

Actually this is the fact in Turkey but it did not solve the problem at all.

Italian Dental Association writes on the report that EU law 2019-2020 A.C.2-6

implies that private health care facilities need a clinical director who communicates his assigment to the teritorial order component for the place where the facility is located.



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But, I think it is not enough to solve the problem, because BZAK are trying to make a change in the dentistry, it means a change at law, to ensure all forms of professional practice must be based on the dentists own responsibility, in dependence and non commercial activity. And they are saying, that this could be ensured, for example by means of regulations on profit sharing, majorities of company shares and voting rights or chamber supervision.

# World Oral Health Day:

Dutch and Austria because of pandemic and BZAK, because of their own dental day did not celebrate WOHD.

All the other NDA's are promoting WOHD with very different and interesting activities, like radio pod-cast, articles, oral health lectures, YouTube videos, oral health calendars etc.

For example, a fun, attractive, educational tooth brush application has been released by the Estonian Dental Association

# World Oral Health Day:

ADF posted six quirky videos to encourage 'good habit' for optimal oral hygiene ; everyday on its social media and YouTube pages...

As NDA's we are very qualified by organizing CE programmes. There is no doubt that we feel us very responsible to improve the scientific level of our members.

Professional CE are mostly mandatory organized by the ERO countries.

# Trends and Developments

Here I want to share with you three important challenge from two of our NDA's.

One of them came from BZAK. They are revised and modernized the vocational education and training regulation for dental chair-side assistants. Reasoning behind this reform is the changed standarts, which include new hygiene requirements, modern communication, digitalization and medical -technical progress.

# Trends and Developments

Second challenge by the education politics is coming from France

France National Health Committee take a decision for **periodic certification** of health care professionals. For health-care professionals must undertake, over a 6 years period, a minimal programme of activities that will enable them to

- bring their knowledge and skills up to date
- reinforce the quality of the professional practice
- improve their relations with their patients
- better take into account their own health.

This new system "**periodic certification**" will enter into force on the first January 2023.

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Another important regulation of dentistry came from Netherland. They give to the dental hygienist experience after 5 years, to open their own clinic and could do therapy their patients including fillings, periodontal curettage and take impressions.

In my opinion these are very important challenges for our profession.

# Changes

In some countries boards of the chambers  
were elected in 2021...

Austrian Dental Chamber: Dr.Hannes Gruber

German Dental Association(BZAK):Prof.Dr.Christoph Benz

Kazakistan Dental Association:Dr.Ospanova Dana Seytenova and  
Dr.Zhanbasova Aygöl Seytenova as President-elect

KNMT and ANT was marked into one Association in Netherland:Dr.Walker Brands

Romanian Dental Association:Prof.Dr.Paulo Perlea

Spanish Dental Council:Dr.Osar Castro Reiko

Swiss Dental Association:Dr.Jean-Philippe Haesler(reelected)

Turkish Dental Association:Dr.Tarık İşmen