

## Draft Statement

### Collaboration Between National Dental Associations and Dental Faculties

Establishing professional collaborations and partnerships are important to overcome the existing global oral health challenges and to meet the expectations from the dental profession.

The FDI-European Regional Organization (ERO) believes that professional partnerships and collaborations have clear benefits for the oral health, general health and the well-being of the individual patients and the public at large.

When the ;

- gap between theory and practice
- increasing demand for evidence-based and quality care
- implementation of new treatment modalities and technologies into practice
- expectations of the individual patients and the public

are concerned, the collaboration between National Dental Associations and the Dental Faculties is clearly of utmost importance.

According to the studies conducted by ERO<sup>1</sup>, the current level and extent of their collaboration is not at the desired level and thus, ERO strongly recommends for a further improved collaboration between National Dental Associations and the Dental Faculties.

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