

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: **SLOVAKIA**
Association: **Slovak Chamber of Dentists**
Venue: **Istanbul** **Year: 2022**

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

Changes

in the association and its organisation

- The lack of the middle generation of dentists aged 40 - 50
- Alarming number of dentists over 65 - 23%!
- We are pleased with the rising trend of young dentists.

- We signed a Memorandum on the cooperation of the three largest medical chambers, the Slovak Medical Chamber, the Slovak Chamber of Dentists and the Slovak Chamber of Pharmacy on the need to improve cooperation between individual medical professions as well as on the acceptance of the competences of individual professional self-governments by state authorities.

- Call to members of the National Council of the SR of all health organizations to increase the payment for state insured persons to the level of 4.5% of the average wage from two years ago, starting in 2024. In the future, to move to 5% of the average wage.

- Negotiations with the Prime Minister, the Minister of Health and the Deputy Minister of Finance regarding additional financing of the ambulatory sector. Dentists belong to the segment of specialized ambulatory care.

- It is essential that a medical assistant gets into the material and technical support of dental clinics, which means that we do not take nurses from institutional health care (from hospitals and other specialist clinics)

- We opened a new way of cooperation with third parties in organizing of non-accredited educational activities under the guarantee and supervision of the Slovak Chamber of Dentists.

- We have launched a new mobile application for dentists that will make it easier for them to obtain important information for their work, education and communication with the chamber.

Trends and developments:

in professional politics – we submitted a legislative proposal to amend the Act on Health Care Providers - we propose mandatory membership in the chamber.

in health and social politics – for 15 years we have been working on a list of the medical services with their pricing. The state has not yet issued it, for unknown reasons. We demand more realistic reimbursements for fully covered dental and medical procedures from health insurance companies.

in educational politics – we want to achieve that the certification education of dentists is under the management of the chamber (note: currently it is under the management of the state and universities) due to the increased quality of education and availability.

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

Corporate Dentistry

position of NDA towards dental chains: no overview of the workforce in the chain dental offices

problems with dental chains: fluctuation of the workforce, no control

possible solutions: unknown

Changes in fees: None

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:

We will celebrate WOHD in the terms of the headline "Be proud of your mouth". The main goal would be to increase the number of preventive examinations.

Further information (activities):

The "HEALTHY TOOTH" - project of Slovak Chamber of Dentists

By 2020, 90% of the child population should have been caries free.

The goal of the Alliance for a Caries-Free Future is for every child born after 2026 to be caries-free for life. Unfortunately, we will not be able to achieve this goal without a change in the perception of oral health on the part of the state and patients.

SKZL is preparing a pilot project "HEALTHY TEETH" in the Bratislava Region, the aim of which is to provide basic oral care to children from Centres for Children and Family in cooperation with the Bratislava Self-Governing Region, the Faculty of Medicine of the

Comenius University and health insurance companies. The project is in the stage of setting up specific processes. We anticipate the launch in April/May 2023.

What are your 3 main concerns?

3 points you would like to discuss:

- dental chains and basic rules for it
- digitalisation of the dental practice- competencies of the dental team members
- certification of dentists (in the meaning “ not formal specialisation, but special interests of dentist”) – the role of the dental chamber)

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