

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

### ***National Report***

***Country: Slovenia***

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

***Venue: Istanbul***

***Year: 2022***

*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 National Assembly passed the law on emergency measures to ensure the stability of the health care system ("*Zakon o nujnih ukrepih za zagotovitev stabilnosti zdravstvenega sistema*") in the following areas:

Extension of the licensing period by 2 years;

Extension by 2 years (i.e., until December 17, 2024) of the deadline for the appointment of responsible health care providers for the licensing of health care activities;

Special compensation for health care professionals;

Delegation of authority of elected personal physician (dentist);

Provision of health care services outside the regular scope of the health care program;

Independent work of health care administrator;

Procedure for adoption of the General Agreement;

Management of public facilities;

Other measures.

*(Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No. 100/22 of 25 July 2022)*

*in health and social politics*

Primary health care is currently being completely renewed.

*in educational politics*

No major changes in the reporting period.

*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*

In the discussion, we emphasized the problem of ensuring the autonomy of the dental profession and the value/good (Is health a good?; public vs. private). We agreed that professional oversight should be regulated by law and that professionalism should not be compromised in the case of corporations. The owner should be a health care provider, because the future lies in the freedom of the medical profession, which must be clarified at the national level. This type of dental activity cannot be controlled, it is a question of solidarity, setting prices for services and evaluating efforts related to services, especially those that are not medical services. This issue requires a profound philosophical dialog. We disagree with the way dental services are provided by corporations.

*problems with dental chains*

*possible solutions*

The SDA is actively trying to find new solutions for young dentists (new forms of collaboration such as job sharing and others) to make the freelance profession of dentistry on a self-employed basis as attractive as it has been in the past.

*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. We will prepare material on different topics regarding oral health. We will also use FDI material prepared for WOHD 2023.

*Further information (activities):*

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

Migration of dentists.

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

Low government awareness that health begins in the mouth.

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

Same as above.