

EU Manual of dental practice 2014/2015

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Introduction

- Data gathered from EU Manual of Dental practice
 - **32** countries participated
- ▶ Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

No. of specializations

- **Average no. of specialization** in country is **4,4**
- 5 countries with **no** specialization-Austria, Cyprus, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Spain
- Highest No. of specializations- UK (13), Bulgaria(10)
- Most common specialization is orthodontics and oral or maxillofacial surgery

Specializations specifics

- **Most common** specialization is orthodontics and oral or maxillofacial surgery
- Orthodontics is a **available** as specialization **in 26** out of 27 **countries** that offer specializations
- Maxillofacial surgery is available in 24 countries, periodontology in 14, prosthodontics and pedodontics in 12

Institutions of specializations

- In majority, specialization is to be acquired in Universities, Dental schools or Faculties of dental schools- **89%**
- In 10 countries it is possible in - recognized educational centers or accredited medical institutions

No. of dental schools

- Highest number of dental schools are in Italy (34), Germany (30), France (16) and UK (13)
- **Average No. of dental schools per country** (in countries that offer dental training and made their numbers available is) **6**.
- In Estonia, Latvia, Malta, Iceland and Slovenia there is only 1 dental school (Latvia in the meantime 2)

Specialization in dental schools

- 17 countries did not provide information how many dental schools offer specialization
- Average No of specialization centers per country is **2**.
- Information about part time/ full time is also scarce- only 5 countries replied

Duration of specialization programs

- **Duration of orthodontic** specialization is besides 2 countries **3 year** long program
- Duration of periodontology specialization is explicitly 3 year long
- **Oral/Maxillofacial surgery** specialization is longest, varies **from 3-6 years** and on average is 4,3
- General dentistry and other specialization are 3 years programs besides few exceptions

Specializations

- **Information about:**
 - Language
 - How often do they accept participants
 - Whether they are international or native and numbers
- **Is unavailable**

Minimum experience pretraining

- Pretraining experience is **mostly required in orthodontics and maxillofacial surgery**- on average 1,5 years, most common 2 years
- Periodontology, GD or other specialization participants are rarely required to have pretraining experience, and if so than 1-2 years

Payment of trainees

- Specialization program participants get paid in **9 out of 11** countries that supplied this information
- In 62,5% the salary is provided by universities
- In 25% the salary is provided by ministry of health
- Rest are paid by employer

Tuition fees

- Available info only from 3 counties
- In none are tuition fees
- None answered about difference of fees between native or international participants

- Practice in private dental office during specialization is available in 3 countries out of 5 that answered
- Scholarship only available in Sweden, other did not replied

Examination in specialization

- In 21 responds all claim to have final exams
- Only 3 responds to written thesis as a part of final examination- in all is present

Titles

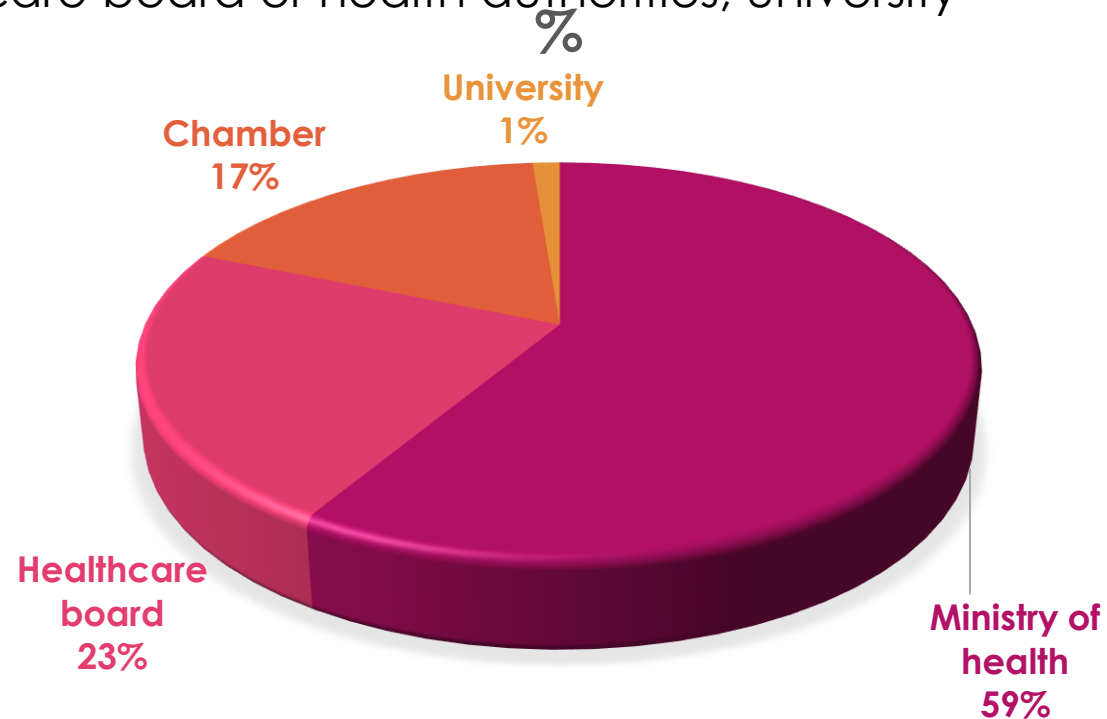
- **95% countries** have the title of specialization **protected by law**
- In all 21 responders specialist do get specific title

GD vs Specialists

- In 84% countries can general dentist perform duties of specialist
- There are **no information** about ratio between general dentists and specialists

Authority providing specialization approval

- Mostly ministry of health, also chamber (medical/dental), healthcare board or health authorities, university



Specialization

- Specialization that includes both practical and theoretical study is in 100% responders
- Limit of trainees is in all 4 countries that replied



Thank you !

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