

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: AUSTRIA

Association: Austrian Dental Chamber

Venue: ERO-Plenary Salzburg

Year: 2018

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

- I. Changes in the association and its organisation.

No changes in 2017

- II. Trends and developments:

- in professional politics;

During the election campaign for Austrian parliament there were discussions about abolishment of obligatory membership for chambers (including the Dental Chamber). In the end the new government decided to keep obligatory membership at least for the chambers of liberal professions (including the Dental Chamber).

- in health politics;

Also the new government did not stop the trend to replace medical (and in a next step possibly also dental) offices with so called primary health centers where more than one single medical (or dental) practitioner should work together and which in contrary to single offices could be owned by investors who are not doctors or dentists. Austrian Dental Chamber opposes this trend and will fight against it.

- in educational politics;

Due to a decision by the European Union, that the existing quota for Austrian students studying dentistry in Austria will be abolished in 2019 foreign – especially German – students will fill up our dental courses in public universities, as it is much easier to get university access in Austria than in other European countries (especially than in Germany). This leads to the establishment of private universities which could result in a situation where there will be more private than public dental education in Austria.

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

The fees for dental treatment inside the social security system were raised by 1,87% on January 1st 2018

III. Further information (activities, concerns).