

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: Belgium

Association: VVT

Venue: Salzburg

Year: 2018

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

Changes

in the association and its organisation

Trends and developments:

in professional politics

- GDPR implementation on track
- VAT problems: group practices, even collaboration between two dentists, could be submitted to VAT, solo practitioners not
- Investors buy dental offices. Honorars in their chains actually rather higher than lower

in health and social politics

Thanks to large financial support of Henri Schein company VVT opened two dental offices in two cities as pilot projects (for at least 4 years) for treatment of the fourth world patients (the 5 % most vulnerable citizens). The cities pay for a dental assistant, only patients referred via social workers have access. For this project we work in close relationship with the local dentists, who provide dental treatment on base of rotative scheme of presence

in educational politics

- Bachelors oral health in second year of education have no access to clinical exercises since the actual law doesn't permit them to work in the patients mouth.
- (Liberal) Minister of social security proposes the name of "hygienists" which we don't want, and she also wishes to let

them work without control of a dentist, including anaesthesia.
Government will decide probably in summertime.

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

- New nomenclature for prevention under 18 years (positive)
- Different new regulations to avoid abuses with nomenclature (f.e. maximum two fillings reimbursed pro year in one tooth)
More control possibilities
- Proposal for new convention system with more liberty for the dentists is under preparation
- Minister and sickfunds wishes to introduce goals for oral health and quality indicators

in dental care for persons applying for asylum or transfugees

Migration:

of dentists: problems and possible solutions

In 2016 more dentists with non Belgian diploma established in our country than Belgian graduates.

Problem of language will hopefully be solved in the near future: dentist has to speak the language of the population of the country.

For the first time the French speaking government introduced an entrance examination (fifteen years later than the Flemish Gov). The Federal Government promises to find a solution to incorporate the non Belgian diploma's in the national contingents. EU has to be convinced that migration of medical staff cannot follow the free market rules, since health services are largely subsidised.

of persons applying for asylum or transrefugees: problems and solutions in dental care.

Changes in fees:

The convention for the honorars 2017-2018 entered lately in force (june 2017) with indexation of 1.61 %



Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:
VVT sended the FDI WOHD posters to all Flemish dentists

Further information (activities):
1400 dentists attended our VVT International Congress in Ostend in mai 2017

What are your 3 main concerns?

3 points you would like to discuss
