

## Regional European Organisation of the FDI

# National Report

Country: Denmark Association: Danish Dental Association Venue: Copenhagen

Year: 2017

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

### Changes

in the association and its organisation

- The decision to merge the local substructure in larger units that comply with the local governments (Regions) is now fully implemented in the Danish Dental Association (DDA)
- Negotiations between the DDA and the Public Health Dentists (PHD) on a merging of the two associations broke, as the PHD could not accept a proposal from the DDA on how to protect the PHD negotiation prerogative in a merged association.

### Trends and developments:

*in professional politics in health and social politics* 

 The Danish Dental Association (DDA) has launched five suggestions on how to improve dental care for particularly vulnerable patient groups. The proposals were sent to politicians and organizations throughout the country in order to get dental care for these groups on the political agenda prior to the elections to municipal councils and regional councils. The five particularly vulnerable patient groups are defined as follows: Vulnerable young people, homeless people, social assistance-recipients, pensioners who are disadvantaged economically and weakened elderly people.



in educational politics

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

• The Danish Dental Association (DDA) started in 2017 negotiations with Danish Regions on a new agreement for general adult dental care. It was clear from the outset that the negotiations would be difficult. As previewed by the DDA there is a lack of 300 million DKK in the financial Governmental framework. By the end of the year, the negotiations had not yet been completed.

in dental care for persons applying for asylum or refugees

#### Migration:

of dentists: problems and possible solutions of persons applying for asylum or refugees: problems and solutions in dental care.

Changes in fees:

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day: Planning in progress

Further information (activities)

 The Danish Dental Association (DDA) has sent a total of 14 examples of unnecessary bureaucracy within dentistry to the Minister for Innovation, Sophie Løhde. This was a reaction to a decision in the government to minimize bureaucracy. The DDA also sent all examples to the Minister of Health, the Danish Health Authority and the Danish Patient Safety Authority. The examples were also submitted to the government's "Report a Rule" campaign. Among the examples is a government requirement for sterilization of instruments used for dental check-ups.



3 points you would like to discuss