

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: Slovenia

Association: Slovenian Dental Association (SDA)

Venue: Salzburg

Year: 2018

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

Changes

in the association and its organisation: No changes.

Trends and developments:

– in professional politics:

No changes.

– in health and social politics:

The Law on Changes and Amendments to the Health Services Act (ZZDej-K) was adopted by the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia at the session on 19 September 2017.

Key advantages of this Act include:

- preservation of public health care by defining what is public healthcare service, who are its providers (public institutions and concessionaires) and the non-profit manner of its performance;*
- better quality and safety of medical treatment or healthcare services with a comprehensive regulation of the conditions under which healthcare activities in the Republic of Slovenia can be carried out (conditions and procedures to obtain a permission for providing healthcare services) and a comprehensive regulation of various forms of supervision over healthcare providers;*

- *greater transparency of the healthcare system and maintained accessibility of comprehensive (complete) healthcare in public health institutions by precise regulation of the conditions and procedures for granting concessions to provide healthcare services;*
- *systemic regulation of the position of nurses with secondary education performing tasks and competencies of graduate/registered nurses, whose position has not been systematically resolved since Slovenia's accession to the EU in 2004 and the implementation of the Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications.*

The Law on Changes and Amendments to the Patient Rights Act (ZPacP-A), which was adopted by the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia at the session on 26 September 2017, and the Rules on appointment scheduling, waiting list management and the longest allowed waiting periods (Article 5 of the Act) were adopted on 5 January 2018. The amended legislation brings the following changes: waiting time in the healthcare institutions, level of urgency, appointment scheduling, waiting list maintenance, contact with the patient, appointment cancellation, maximum allowed waiting period, validity of referrals, deadline for issuance of findings, supervision.

- *in educational politics:
No changes.*
- *in the insurance system (incl. the public health insurance and private insurance schemes):
According to government plans, a new **Health Care and Health Insurance Act** will be submitted for approval in 2018.*
- *in dental care for persons applying for asylum or refugees:
Healthcare for refugees and migrants is provided both in the reception & registration centres as well as in the asylum centre and the centre for foreigners.*

Migration:

- *of dentists: problems and possible solutions:
None.*

- *of persons applying for asylum or refugees: problems and solutions in dental care:*
In accordance with international guidelines and legislation, the residents in the above centres have the right to:
- *emergency medical assistance and emergency transport by ambulance;*
 - *emergency treatment upon a decision of the physician, in life-threatening medical conditions;*
 - *treatment of febrile conditions and the prevention of the spread of an infection that might lead to epidemics and sepsis;*
 - *treatment or prevention of poisoning;*
 - *medicines for the treatment of these conditions;*
 - *healthcare for women, i.e. healthcare during pregnancy and childbirth;*
 - *vulnerable persons with special needs, and in exceptional cases other applicants, are also entitled to additional health-care services;*
 - *juvenile protection seekers and applicants who are unaccompanied minors are entitled to healthcare under the same conditions as other residents of the Republic of Slovenia.*

Changes in fees: *No changes.*

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:
The World Oral Health Day is publicly celebrated each year. The translated posters ‘at home’ and ‘at the dentist’ in our language for this year can be already find on the WOHD website.

Further information (activities):

What are your 3 main concerns?

3 points you would like to discuss