

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: AUSTRIA

Association: Austrian Dental Chamber

Venue: ERO-Plenary Tbilisi

Year: 2015

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

I. Changes in the association and its organization.

No changes inside Austrian Dental Chamber in the last year

II. Trends and developments:

- in professional politics;

Austrian parliament introduced a new law which guarantees free orthodontic treatment for everyone who is in the need for it out of health reasons and reserved a budget of € 80,000.000 for this purpose and Austrian Dental Chamber got the legal mandate to find together with our national social security system a solution how this can be realized. In the end of 2014 we were able to conclude a treaty with our social security system, which on the one side offers free orthodontic treatment to children (up to 18 years of age) with IOTN grades 4 or 5 and which on the other side offers reasonable fees for the dentists offering those treatments.

In the same treaty it was also possible to introduce new structures for all dentists working for the social security system like the possibility of job-sharing and other ways of running a common dental office, while it is still not allowed that a dentist employs another dentist.

- in health politics;

The introduction of a new national project in the field of e-health – a national databank for all health treatments done in Austria – was postponed another year out of financial and organizational problems (dentistry will be included in this system as late as 2022 anyway).

- in educational politics;

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

The fees for dentistry inside the national social security system were raised by 2,37% with the beginning of 2015.

III. Further information (activities, concerns).