ERO Plenarny Session

WG ERO PARITY

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Tasks of the WG ERO Parity

• to collect and compare information
• to analyze the situation of dental practices
• to examine the expenditure and income of dentists

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Activities
- Meetings of WG members
- Questionnaires
  - cost analysis
  - investments
  - expenses for materials
  - organization of dental practices
  - age structure
  - working time
- Responses to individual requests for specific information
- Accessibility to dental care and the allocation of public funds

Results of the surveys
- qualifications of European dentists are on the same level (automatically recognized between the EU Member States)
- dental materials and working techniques used by the dentists are on a similar level in European countries
- differences occur when it comes to the evaluation of dentists’ work and the prices and reimbursements for dental care
- movement of dentists and patients proves that the main differences that are observed relate to economical factors
- movement of dentists from the new EU Member States is not as huge as expected
- movement of patients ("dental tourism") is more visible - patients search for dental care that is cheaper, but still of high quality
CONCLUSIONS

- sources of reliable information, e.g.:
  - recently updated “EU Manual of Dental Practice”
  - other publications
  - study by CECDO
  - messages on WHO side

- the WG Parity has fulfilled its task and it is time to dissolve it.

Thank you for your attention and many thanks for engagement in the activities of the ERO WG Parity

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