

# CED ACTIVITIES INFO

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## Introduction

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of CED Activities Info in 2014! This issue reports on the political activities of the CED President, Board members and summarises the work of CED Working Groups, Board Task Forces and the Brussels Office.

## CED ACTIVITIES

### CED PRESIDENT

#### PLATFORM FOR BETTER ORAL HEALTH EVENT

On 18 March, **CED President Dr Wolfgang Doneus** travelled to Brussels to attend a [roundtable event organised by the Platform for Better Oral Health in Europe](#).

The event was hosted by MEPs Karin Kadenbach and Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu in the European Parliament. The purpose of the event was to launch the European Oral Health Report Card outlining the extent of effectiveness of oral health disease prevention in EU Member States.

### CED BOARD MEETING

#### BOARD MEETING ON 13 – 14 MARCH



Members of the Board (from left to right): Dr. Landi, Dr. L'Herron, Dr. Sanderson, Dr. Tolmeijer, Dr. Doneus, Prof. Dr. Sharkov and Dr. Grönroos (Dr. Engel is missing).

On 14 March, the **CED Board of Directors met in Brussels** for its regular quarterly meeting. During the meeting, the Board members reviewed CED political activities since their November meeting and discussed current political developments related to the modernised Professional Qualifications Directive (PQD), Medical Devices Regu-

lation and the General Data Protection Regulation. The Board also discussed issues in relation to e-Health, patient safety, liberal professions and CED communications activities.

The Board agreed on the text of the [CED Manifesto for the 2014 European Elections](#) and approved a number of initiatives by CED working bodies in preparation of the May General Meeting in Athens, such as the draft CED resolutions on online evaluations of dentists and on vocational training.

### CED WORKING GROUPS (WG)

#### WG AMALGAM AND OTHER RESTORATIVE MATERIALS

On 14 March, the European Commission published the [final opinion on 'Environmental risks and indirect health effects from use of dental amalgam \(update 2014\)'](#) of the Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks (SCHER). SCHER agreed in its final opinion with the [CED conclusions on alternative materials](#) (see p. 23 of the final opinion). On the basis of the opinion, the Commission updated its [factsheet on dental amalgam](#). On 29 January, the European Commission launched a [public consultation on the preliminary opinion on the 'safety of the use of bisphenol A in medical devices'](#). WG Amalgam and WG Medical Devices analyzed [preliminary opinion](#) drafted by the Scientific Committee on Emerging Newly Ident-

fied Health Risks (SCENIHR) and prepared a CED response to the consultation which was open until 26 March.

#### WG EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

WG Education and Professional Qualifications held an **online meeting on 7 February** and discussed the first draft of the vocational training resolution, public consultation on a 'European Area of Skills and Qualifications', European Professional Card and the state of play of the [CPD study](#) in which the CED is involved.

On 12 February, **CED Board liaisons Dr Marco Landi and Dr Peter Engel**, CED Head of Office **Nina Bernot** and Policy Officer **Sara Roda** attended a conference on 'Modernisation of the PQD – Safe Mobility'. The conference provided the opportunity to discuss the changes introduced by the modernized PQD and addressed the following issues: i) facilitating mobility: the European Professional Card; ii) reinforcing safeguards for citizens and patients: the alert mechanism and knowledge of languages; iii) facilitating qualifications: recognition of traineeships and the importance of diversity in education systems; and iv) simplification: common training principles.

**WG met in Brussels on 26 March** and focused on the draft CED resolution on vocational training. The WG meeting was followed by CED



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– ADEE Task Force meeting also took place on the same day during which the representatives of the two organisations discussed further cooperation.

## WG EHEALTH

**WG eHealth met online on 6 March** to further discuss the draft resolution on online evaluations of dentists and the comments received from CED members. The draft resolution will be submitted to the CED General Meeting in May in Athens for adoption.

## WG PATIENT SAFETY

**On 14 February and 13 March, CED Policy Officer Aleksandra Sanak attended the meetings of the Commission-led Patient Safety and Quality of Care Working Group (PSQCWG).** The participants discussed and finalised the reports of the subgroups on reporting and learning systems and on education and training of health professionals. The European Commission presented the preliminary results of the questionnaire on patient safety and quality of care which had been addressed to Member States only and the results of the [public consultation on patient safety and quality of care](#) which was open until 28 February and to which CED WG Patient Safety prepared a reply on behalf of the CED. The reports of the subgroups as well as the final results of the questionnaire and of the public consultation will be integrated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> implementation report on the [Council Recommendation 2009/C151/01](#) which will be published in May.

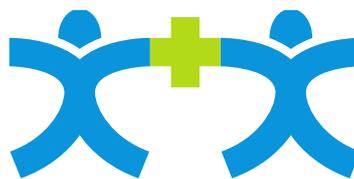
## WG TOOTH WHITENING

**On 17 February, WG Chair Dr Stefaan Hanson and CED Policy Officer Sara Roda met with the European Commission's relevant service to present the CED report on undesirable effects of tooth whitening or bleaching**

**products.** The report is one of the deliverables of an agreement signed between the CED and the European Commission on 31 March 2010 to support the ongoing availability of tooth whitening products on EU market, to ensure that patients can only access appropriate treatment via trained and qualified dental professionals (i.e. dentists) and to reassure Member States that the occurrence of undesirable effects is followed by appropriate actions (e.g. the possibility of checking the products). This first report covers the period from 31 October 2012 to 31 October 2013. The second report will cover the period from 1 November 2013 to 31 October 2014. The annual survey to report undesirable effects is available on [CED website](#). During the meeting the following issues were also discussed: i) implementation of Directive 2011/84/EU on tooth whitening products, ii) concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> higher than 6% to treat specific medical conditions, iii) internal bleaching, iv) use of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> as coagulant, and v) alternative materials.

## CED BOARD TASK FORCES (BTF)

### BTF INTERNAL MARKET



Joint Action Health Workforce  
Planning and Forecasting

**On 10 and 11 February, CED Policy Officer Sara Roda attended the WP 6 – Horizon Scanning – Workshop in London organised in the context of the Joint Action on EU Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting<sup>1</sup> (JA**

**EUHWF).** The aims of the workshop were i) to validate the comparison of qualitative methods in health workforce planning based on information provided by JA partners and ii) to train partners to conduct horizon scanning interviews with key stakeholders to enable the identification of drivers that may impact on the health workforce up to 2035. Partners were requested to provide a list of experts to be interviewed and indicate if they wanted to participate in the ranking and mapping exercise of the key drivers that impact health workforce. The CED has expressed an interest to assist in all these activities.

The CED was invited to formally contribute to two other Work Packages of the JA EUHWF: WP 7 – Sustainability of results of the JA and WP 5 – Planning methodologies (quantitative planning) and is accordingly extending its contribution to the JA. .

**On 14 February, Sara Roda met with the European Commission's responsible services for the data protection** and discussed the issues of concern for the dental profession in connection to the [proposed General Data Protection Regulation](#). The CED also sent, together with CPME and PGEU, a [joint open letter](#) to the Members of the European Parliament ahead of the plenary vote on the Regulation.

## CED BRUSSELS OFFICE

### CSD PRESS CONFERENCE

**On 11 March, Aleksandra Sanak attended a press conference organised by Chambres Syndicales Dentaires (CSD) ahead of the World Oral Health Day 2014 on 20 March** which focused on healthy smiles, promoting worldwide awareness of oral health and educating about the importance of maintaining good oral hygiene. The CSD which targets the French-speaking public in

<sup>1</sup> Funded by the Health Programme of the European Union.

Belgium organised a flash mob with the participation of students and dental trainees to raise awareness among individuals and public institutions in Belgium about the importance of fundamental measures to reduce and combat all forms of oral diseases.

## **DENTS SOIGNÉES, SANTÉ PRÉSERVÉE!**

On 18 March, Aleksandra Sanak attended a [symposium 'Dents soignées, santé préservée' organised by Mutalités Libres](#) in Brussels. Among the issues discussed were the influence of periodontal diseases on general health and dental insurance in Belgium.

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