



CED Manifesto for the 2014 European elections

The Council of European Dentists (CED) is the representative organisation for the dental profession in the EU, representing over 340,000 practising dentists through 32 national dental associations. Established in 1961 to advise the European Commission on matters relating to the dental profession, the CED promotes high standards of oral healthcare and effective patient-safety centred and evidence-based professional practice across Europe.

European dentists call on EU decision makers to:

1 Improve oral health of all Europeans

- Ensure universal access to oral and dental care and reduce inequalities
- Recognise that oral health is an integral part of general health and well being
- Integrate oral health in general prevention and health promotion by focusing on common risk factors

2 Support a strong and independent European dentist workforce

- Safeguard expertise and high educational standards of dentists by implementing the provisions on basic training of the Professional Qualifications Directive and updating its annex to reflect scientific progress
- Help us maintain the current effective self-regulation of dentists and avoid excessive de-regulation in the context of the transparency exercise for regulated professions
- Acknowledge the many and various contributions of dentists and other liberal professions to society and support the adoption of the EU Charter for Liberal Professions

3 Oppose standardisation of healthcare

- Support professional autonomy of dentists
- Defend patients' right to receive personalized and high quality treatment

- Oppose development of European standards for delivery of healthcare that violate the competences of Member States in health and would compromise the quality of healthcare in the long run

4 Agree on a balanced regulatory framework for medical devices

- Support changes aimed at increasing safety of patients and quality of medical devices when adopting the new Medical Devices Regulation
- Avoid imposing excessive traceability requirements on dentists linked to the Unique Device Identification system or the implant card that would not improve patient safety
- Restrict classification under highest risk class III to only those devices incorporating nanomaterials where nanomaterials are to be intentionally released in the human body

5 Deliver health-sensitive data protection legislation

- Improve the proposal for a General Data Protection Regulation by taking into account specificities of healthcare
- Uphold patients' right to safe treatment and clarify exemptions to right to be forgotten for health purposes
- Resist imposing unsustainable requirements for a Data Protection Officer and Impact Assessment on small dental and medical practices

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