



ERO-FDI Working Group Liberal Dental Practice in Europe  
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Prof. Dr. Thomas G. Wolf presented a new project investigating on the preferred working structure options of young dentists in Limassol, Cyprus at the ERO Spring PS. For the first time in ERO history a questionnaire has been prepared in 6 different languages (EN,DE, F, ES, IT, RU).



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**ERO-FDI-Survey on Young Dentists' Workplace and Employment**

Dear colleagues,

The dental profession plays a crucial role in the healthcare systems of many European countries, providing comprehensive prevention of oral diseases, high-quality treatments and promoting general oral health.

Recently, however, we have seen a noticeable change in the structure of our profession, driven by the increasing influence of private investors or private equity in the healthcare sector. This development raises important questions about the long-term impact on the scope, delivery and quality of dental care and the career choices of young dentists.

Your opinions and experiences are needed now more than ever to get a complete picture of the current situation and its implications for the future. By participating in this important ERO-FDI study, you will not only help to develop a clear understanding of current conditions, but also help to set and secure the course for a future-proof dental profession in Europe.

It is crucial that we understand how young dentists perceive their working environment and what factors influence their professional decisions. This will enable us to better respond to the challenges and opportunities presented by changes in the healthcare sector.

Please take a few moments (approx. 2-3 minutes) to take part in our questionnaire. Your answers will be collected anonymously and will play a crucial role in safeguarding the interests and well-being of the dental profession both now and in the future. Your voice counts - help shape the future of dentistry.

On behalf of the ERO working group "Liberal Dental Practice in Europe", we thank you in advance for your participation.

Dr. Gerhard Konrad Seeberger  
ERO Working Group Chairman "Liberal Dental Practice in Europe"



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After a request in regard of the target group for the questionnaire and the sharing of the results, addressed by the Dutch Dental Association KNMT, Prof. Dr. Thomas G. Wolf clarified as follows:

1. The study addresses “young dentists”. Even if there is no clear definition of "young"... the information in the study shows that it should be aimed at dentists directly after their board examinations up to a maximum of 20 years of practice. Clear categorization enables a subsequent statistical analysis. However, we would appreciate to send out the study to all members of the national dental associations.
2. The results of the study will be analyzed and published once collected. We hope that numerous dentists will take part in the study, so that we can carry out analyses broken down by country and, therefore, obtain statistically reliable statements (21<sup>st</sup> June 2024).
3. **Answers by 15 August 2024:**  
**429 in total, 101 Slovakia, 73 Czechia, 72 Netherlands, 61 France, 27 Germany, 23 Cyprus, 16 Ukraine, 15 Latvia, 9 Austria, and other countries less.**



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CED & ERO Task Force Zoom Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024:

Participants: Simona Dianiškova, Freddie Sloth-Lisbjerg, Anna Lella, Oliver Zeyer, Thomas G. Wolf, Gerhard K. Seeberger, CED Staff members.

Discussion: Discussion on corporate dentistry and more specifically a potential survey.

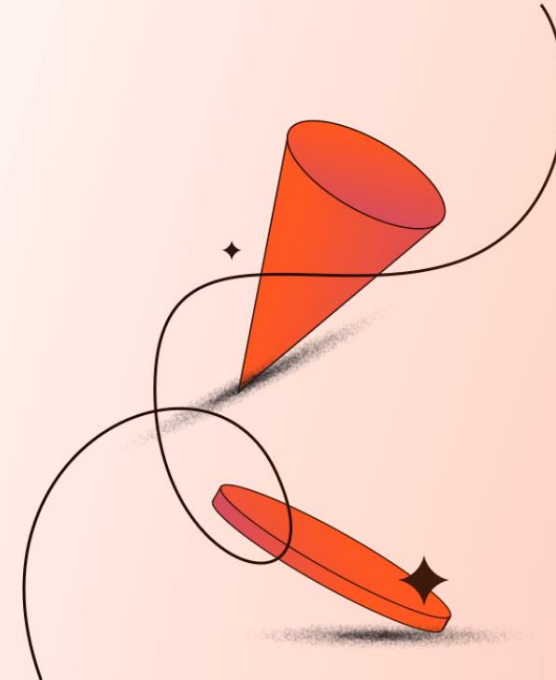
Decision: Collect data from information on corporate dentistry from NDAs (Response from 19 countries as per 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024).

# Changing Dental Profession in the WHO European Region

Exploring Organizational and Educational Transformations

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Dental Education Impact

## Introduction and Objectives

Analyzing the Impact of  
Changes on Dental Education  
and Practice in Europe

- 01 Analyzing Care Environment, Education, and Organizational Structures**  
Examining the current state of the care environment, educational practices, and organizational setups in the European dental sector to identify areas for improvement and adaptation.
- 02 Highlighting the Evolving Landscape and Regulatory Context**  
Shedding light on the dynamic changes occurring within the dental profession in Europe, including shifts in regulations, technology adoption, and patient expectations, shaping the future of the industry.
- 03 Ensuring and Maintaining High-Quality Oral Healthcare**  
Emphasizing the importance of upholding standards of excellence in oral healthcare delivery through continuous education, innovation, and compliance with best practices to benefit patients and practitioners alike.



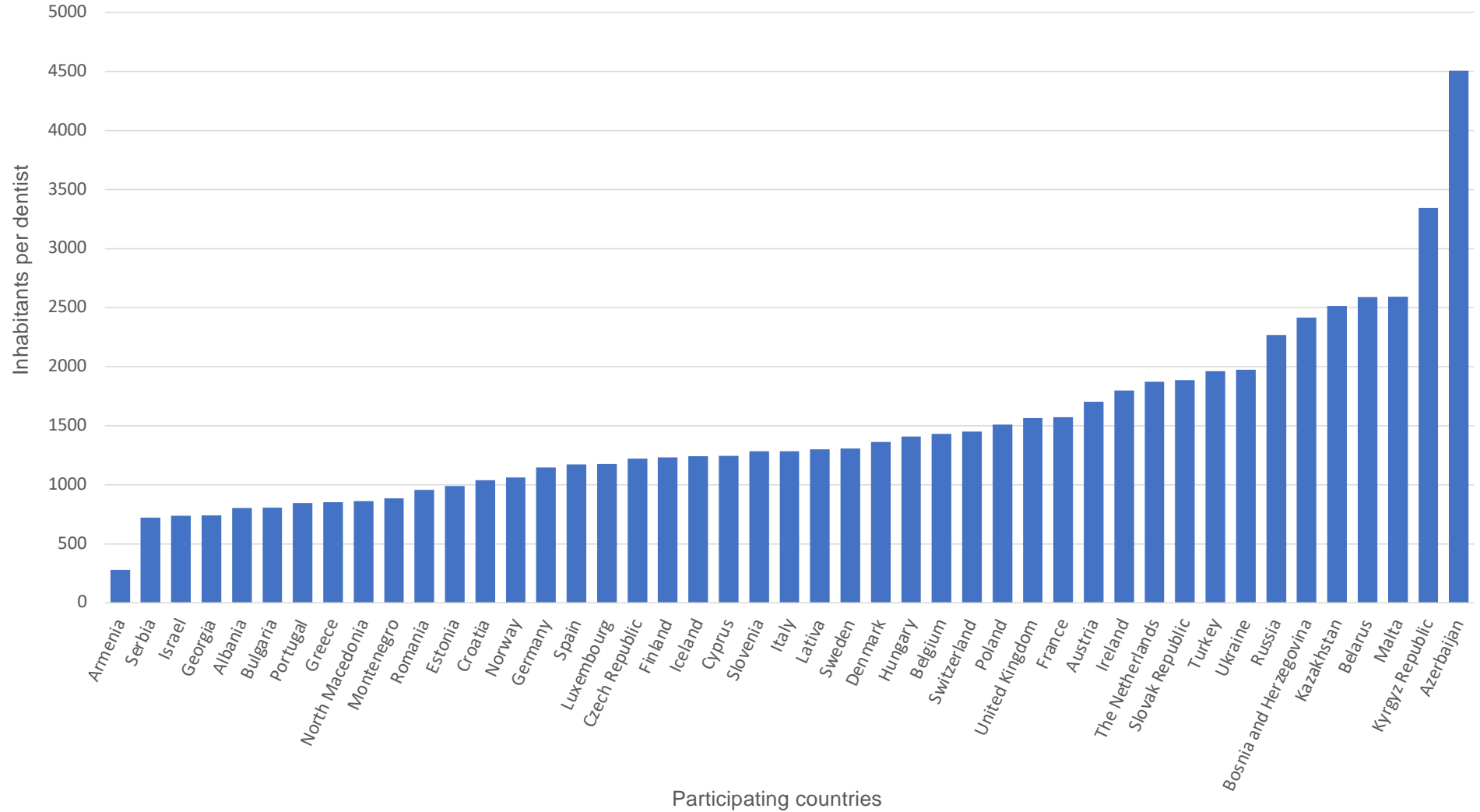
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## Private Practice

The most common working environment for dentists, constituting 48.54% of the distribution.





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Thank you very much for your kind attention!

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