



# **Manifesto for the 2019 European Elections**

## European dentists call on EU decision makers to:

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### Improve Oral Health of All Europeans

- Ensure universal access to oral and dental care and reduce inequities across and within Member States
- 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

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### Ensure Patient Safety and Protect Patients' Rights

- Defend patients' right to receive personalised and high quality treatment
- Oppose development of European standards for delivery of healthcare that would compromise the quality of healthcare in the long run

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### 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 and technological 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

## Did you know:



There are 73 practising dentists per 100.000 people in Europe



Dentists are the 5th most mobile profession in Europe



Only 57% of Europeans consulted a dentist during the last year



Dental Caries is the most common non-communicable disease worldwide (NCD)



Only 41% of Europeans have all their sound natural teeth



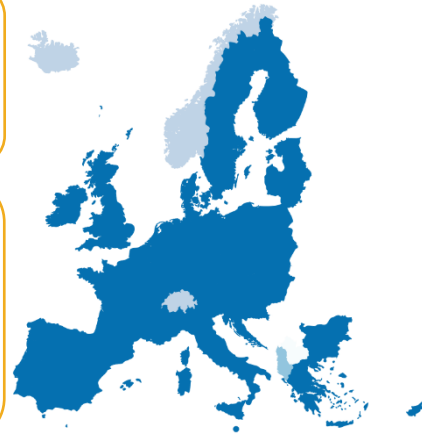
Oral Cancer is the 8th most common cancer worldwide

## About the Council of European Dentists:

The Council of European Dentists (CED) is the representative organisation for the dental profession in the EU, representing over 340,000 practising dentists

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(29 full members;  
3 associate members; 1  
observer)



\*Membership as of 1/01/2019

through 33 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.

## Resources:

European Commission, Regulated Professions Database; <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/regprof/index.cfm>

European Commission, European Core Health Indicators (ECHI) Data Tool; [https://ec.europa.eu/health/indicators\\_data/indicators\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/health/indicators_data/indicators_en)

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