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European Regional Organisation (ERO) in Prague

Focus on the code of ethics and digitalisation

The FDI's European Regional Organisation (ERO) adopted or rather initiated key professional policy and strategic decisions during the FDI World Dental Congress 2026 in Prague. The most significant outcome of the plenary assembly is the new code of ethics, which defines common professional ethical standards for the European dental profession and is intended to serve as a framework of reference for national associations in future.

Another key focus was on digitalisation and the use of artificial intelligence. The relevant working group presented the results of its work to date and received broad support for a European AI education and guidelines project, which is intended to structure the practical application of AI in dentistry and align it with the requirements of the EU AI Act. A formal decision has yet to be taken, but the direction of the project is clearly set out.

In addition, the ERO presented an updated edition of the EU Manual of Dental Practice, which comprehensively documents the professional framework for dentistry in Europe.

The organisation also announced an intensification of cooperation with European and international partners, including the European Dental Students' Association (EDSA) and the ESDE.

The ERO is thus strengthening its role as the European voice of dentistry and aims to set a clear course for ethics, digitalisation and the harmonisation of professional policy.

New leaders

Dr Edoardo Cavallé from Italy was appointed as the new president of the ERO back in June in Almaty. He succeeded MUDr Simona Dianišková, Ph.D., MPH, from Slovakia, whose term in office was characterised by close communication with key European institutions such as the CED in Brussels and the FDI. Prof. Dr Paula Perlea from Bucharest was elected as the new president of the ERO for the period 2028–2031. Other members of the executive board include Dr Doris Seiz from Germany, who serves as secretary-general. She is responsible for operational management, organising the plenary assembly and coordinating the working groups. Dr Oleg Gladkov from Bulgaria, as treasurer, is responsible for financial management and budget planning. Furthermore, Dr Ariel Slutsky from Israel, as a member of the ERO executive board, is responsible for liaising between the executive board and the member associations.

The ERO executive board has a European focus—with strong German representation (secretary-general and secretariat) and broad regional representation from Italy, Romania, Bulgaria and Israel. Its composition reflects the ERO's strategic direction: European networking, harmonisation of professional policy and the modernisation of dentistry.

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