



CECDO

The Council of European
Chief Dental Officers

CECDO Strategy

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Mission

The Council aims to provide a forum for the exchange of views on oral health matters which affect European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) member states. It exists to offer advice to National Governments, to the Commission and others on matters affecting European oral health through the creation and maintenance of a contact organization for European Chief Dental Officers (CECDO).

In particular, the following points are key issues:

- » Promote oral health
- » Address inequalities
- » Integrate oral health into rest of health and social care plans
- » Access to quality dental care for all
- » Workforce planning – team approach
- » Improve data quality for evidence based approach

For that, work of CECDO will concentrate on three strands:

- » Health Improvement priorities
- » Research priorities
- » Directory of Guidelines

The document

This document provides a broad description of priorities agreed by the CECD0 which identifies issues relevant to all countries with an emphasis on prevention.

Goals for 2017 / 2018

A. Agree strategic priorities

- » evidence based
- » to improve health

B. Agree research priorities with emphasis on improving population health

C. Develop a directory of guidelines for use across Europe to support quality improvement

A. Strategic priorities

Principals

- » Identify upstream activities
- » Integrate oral health to general health strategies
- » Ensure inspecting bodies include oral health matters
- » Reduce inequalities – proportionate universalism
- » Community development

Provide appropriate oral health care for all ages

In general:

- » Oral health needs assessment
- » Early oral health advice
- » Prevention in primary care practices
- » Provide primary care oral health services
- » Identify and Support vulnerable groups
- » Ensure basic oral hygiene for those who need assistance

For Children

- » Promote exclusive breast feeding up to at least 6 months of age, with continued breast-feeding along with appropriate complementary foods up to 2 years of age or beyond
- » Implement toothbrushing schemes at an early stage – using fluoridated toothpaste
- » Implement healthy dietary policy in preschools, schools and other caring settings including training for trainers

B. Work towards a pan-European research strategy

Especially on topics like

- » Integrated care pathways
- » Health inequalities
- » Decay in children
- » Frail elderly
- » Access to preventive care
- » Effective implementation
- » Workforce planning
- » eHealth

C. Directory of guidelines for use across Europe

Guidelines are an essential tool with respect to ensure the quality of care.

Many countries across Europe have guidelines, the CECDO is well placed to provide a repository for these in order to provide all countries across Europe the benefit of being able to access them.

All members are invited to submit their current guidance for inclusion on the CECDO website.

To enhance access to the guidelines, for use across Europe sponsorship for translation will be explored.