



European Regional Organisation of  
the Fédération dentaire internationale



ERO Working group Liberal Dental Practice in Europa

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### **Strengthening liberal dental practice**

- The Liberal professions are a pillar of any free society.
- For the dentist liberal practice means:
- Free choice of treatment, freedom of association, free competition, free choice of doctor and responsibility for our own professional conduct.
- In the interest of their patients, dentists are committed to ethical and legal principles when exercising their profession.
- Currently dentists are caught up in the conflicting demands of a sweeping, often state driven desire to regulate, the needs and wishes of patients and the interests of liberal practice.
- The European Regional Organisation of the FDI affirms its longstanding goal of building and preserving “liberal dental practice” – not least for the sake of our patients. This is the focus of our work in the ERO and its member countries.
- The European Regional Organisation of the FDI calls upon political decision-makers in our member countries to strengthen the role of the liberal professions; it is of vital importance, moreover, to enhance decisively the general conditions for exercising liberal professions in the field of health.