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A need to revise the annex of the 2005/36 Directive for harmonized clinical training.

Following the anarchic growth of dental schools throughout the European Union has appeared a rising concern amongst European Dental Students. Those students have objected that in the dental schools where a large number of future dentists are trained, clinical training is not optimal. Some lack the necessary experience to become fully competent dentists.

After questioning and analyzing data we received, it appears that there are no criteria assuring minimal clinical training requirements in the dentist's training, throughout the Union.

It is therefore possible, in 2016, in any member state of the E.U., to be treated by a dentist that has never trained on a patient.

Beyond the obvious training inequalities this creates, the EDSA feels that this issue causes a **major public health problem**, by the increasing number of dentists lacking elementary clinical skills.

The goal is not to point out dental schools individually, but to ensure that every dental student in the E.U. is guaranteed to have a proper education, and that every patient can benefit from an equally safe treatment.

The EDSA reaffirms its support to the free movement of health professionals in Europe, and feels that guaranteeing a harmonized education will help building the mutual trust between the member states, and participate in solving demographics issues.

A study assessing the differences in clinical education in the European Union will be published early 2016 and transmitted to the European Commission.

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