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Dear colleagues

The European Dental Hygienists Federation (EDHF) represents over 35.000 dental hygienists, in 20 European countries. In the majority of countries, the profession is regulated by law.

However, European countries differ from each other in their dental hygienist professional profile and training and education systems.

In order to meet the demands for establishing a common professional profile and common training and education framework, the EDHF identified these differences by carrying out an inventory of current professional profiles and national transcripts in countries where the profession has been regulated (2014, 2016). This survey provided an initial platform from which to begin a Project to develop a common European Professional Profile and a Common Curriculum for Dental Hygienists in Europe.

With this mail I would like to inform you about the progress of the Project.

After the adoption of a Common Professional Profile by the General Assembly of the EDHF in 2015, a Taskforce under the leadership of Prof. dr. Kerstin Öhrn (Sweden) and Reference Groups representing a diverse number of expert individuals and institutions from across Europe developed in collaboration with the Association for Dental Education in Europe (ADEE), a **Common Education Framework (CEF) for dental hygienists in Europe**. This CEF is based on the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation system representing an education of at least 3 years and 180 credits. This CEF is now ready for a Pan-European, open on-line consultation: <https://tinyurl.com/edhfcurriculum>

The final results of this consultation will be presented during the meeting of the ADEE (Oslo, August 23<sup>rd</sup>) and hopefully adopted by the ADEE as well as the General Assembly of the EDHF (Jerusalem, October 4<sup>th</sup>).

Early 2019 the CEF will be published in the European Journal of Dental Education in Europe and made accessible on the websites of the Journal, the ADEE and the EDHF.

If you like to have more information about the EDHF-CEF project: please contact Mrs. Corrie Jongbloed, Project Manager of the EDHF-CEF Project ([corrie.jongbloed@mondhygienisten.nl](mailto:corrie.jongbloed@mondhygienisten.nl)) or the board of the EDHF.

With kind regards,

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