

## Specialists

Table 11 - Types of specialties, and numbers in each

(nb: endodontics and periodontics are often combined as one specialty, so the numbers shown for some countries may actually be combined)

|  | Year | Ortho         | OS           | OMFS         | Endo  | Paedo | Perio | Prosth | DPH | Others |
|--|------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-----|--------|
| <b>Austria</b>   | 2013 | 0             |              | 167          |       |       |       |        |     |        |
| <b>Belgium</b>   | 2011 | 399           |              | 290          |       |       | 139   |        |     |        |
| <b>Bulgaria</b>  | 2013 | 45            | 226          | 45           | 417   | 580   | 36    | 115    | 17  | Yes    |
| <b>Croatia</b>   | 2013 | 184           | 98           |              | 97    | 130   | 74    | 156    |     | Yes    |
| <b>Cyprus</b>  | 2013 | 46            | 12           |              |       |       |       |        |     |        |
| <b>Czech Rep</b>   | 2012 | 337           |              | 72           |       |       |       |        |     |        |
| <b>Denmark</b>   | 2013 | 290           |              | 98           |       |       |       |        |     |        |
| <b>Estonia</b>   | 2013 | 62            |              | 25           |       |       |       |        |     | Yes    |
| <b>Finland</b>   | 2013 | 156           |              | 104          |       |       |       |        | 90  | Yes    |
| <b>France</b>  | 2012 | 1,981         |              |              |       |       |       |        |     |        |
| <b>Germany</b>   | 2012 | 3,443         | 2,552        |              |       |       | 0     |        | 460 |        |
| <b>Greece</b>  | 2013 | 476           |              | 174          |       |       |       |        |     |        |
| <b>Hungary</b>   | 2013 | 379           | 139          | 157          |       | 254   | 65    | 924    |     |        |
| <b>Iceland</b>   | 2012 | 15            | 4            |              | 2     | 3     | 8     | 5      | 3   | Yes    |
| <b>Ireland</b>   | 2013 | 140           | 49           | 5            |       |       |       |        |     |        |
| <b>Italy</b>   | 2012 | 1,795         |              | 640          |       |       |       |        |     |        |
| <b>Latvia</b>  | 2012 | 24            | 0            | 39           | 10    | 23    | 0     | 19     |     |        |
| <b>Liechtenstein</b>                                     | 2013 | 2             | 1            |              |       |       | 1     |        |     |        |
| <b>Lithuania</b>   | 2013 | 93            | 92           | 23           | 44    | 56    | 57    | 270    |     |        |
| <b>Malta</b>   | 2013 | 7             |              | 1            | 9     | 2     | 3     | 3      | 3   | Yes    |
| <b>Netherlands</b>                                       | 2013 | 331           |              | 265          | 73    | 46    | 81    |        |     |        |
| <b>Norway</b>  | 2013 | 206           | 68           | 0            | 63    | 20    | 90    | 65     |     | Yes    |
| <b>Poland</b>  | 2012 | 1,115         | 805          | 227          | 1,561 | 486   | 420   | 1,453  | 71  |        |
| <b>Portugal</b>  | 2012 | 51            | 4            | 93           |       |       |       |        |     |        |
| <b>Romania</b>   | 2008 | 412           | 157          | 234          |       |       |       |        |     |        |
| <b>Slovakia</b>  | 2013 | 193           | 192          | 26           |       | 39    | 95    | 64     |     |        |
| <b>Slovenia</b>  | 2013 | 84            | 24           | 34           | 24    | 36    | 16    | 24     |     |        |
| <b>Sweden</b>  | 2010 | 265           |              | 145          | 47    | 83    | 101   | 134    |     | Yes    |
| <b>Switzerland</b>                                       | 2013 | 370           | 185          |              |       |       | 112   | 72     |     |        |
| <b>UK</b>  | 2013 | 1,343         | 754          |              | 250   | 246   | 333   | 431    | 117 | Yes    |
|  |      | <b>14,244</b> | <b>5,362</b> | <b>2,864</b> |       |       |       |        |     |        |
| <b>Luxembourg and Spain do not recognise specialists</b> |      |               |              |              |       |       |       |        |     |        |

- ✚ Orthodontics and Oral Surgery/Oral Maxillo-facial (OS and OMFS) are the two specialties which are recognised formally in some way by almost all of the EU/EEA countries described (the names, diplomas or other specialist qualifications recognised in each country are listed above).
- ✚ Many other specialties have national recognition in various ways (for example formal training, dental school departments) in different countries, but may not be formally recognised under the EU Dental Directive.
- ✚ In many countries Maxillo-facial Surgery is treated as a medical rather than a dental specialty (see above).

Austria, Spain and Luxembourg do not recognise the concept of specialisms in dentistry. In Austria, it is possible to train in any of the 3 universities in the “subspecialty” of oral surgery through a further 3 years education (officially, oral surgery still is a sub-speciality of medicine).

In most countries patients may access specialists directly, without the need to go via a primary care dentist. However, in Estonia, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden and the UK a referral from a primary care dentist is necessary first.