Reaccreditation report of NGO observers to COP11

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A. Contact details

A1. Name of organization

European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention - ENSP

A6. Website of organization

https://ensp.network/

B. General information

B1. Please indicate if your organization would like to retain its status as observer to the Conference of the Parties

Yes

B2. Does your organization's mission statement specifically refer to tobacco control?

B3. If yes, please specify:

The European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention (ENSP) is an international non-profit organisation, created in 1997 under Belgium law (identification number 16377/97).

Mission

ENSP's mission is to develop a strategy for coordinated action among organisations active in tobacco control in Europe by sharing information and experience and through coordinated activities and joint projects. ENSP aims to create greater coherence among smoking prevention activities and to promote comprehensive tobacco control policies at both national and European levels.

Objectives

ENSP's top priority objectives are:

to implement the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO-FCTC) in Europe

to reduce the prevalence of tobacco use in Europe to less than 5% by 2040.

ENSP is governed by a General Assembly consisting of representatives from national coalitions against tobacco in Europe, representatives from specialised European tobacco control networks and representatives from individual organisations active in tobacco control and/or health promotion. ENSP is administered by a regularly elected Executive Board which delegates the daily management and co-ordination of the network to a Secretariat in Brussels.

Vision

Our vision for the future is to eliminate the health inequalities among European citizens and their suffering caused by ill health and early death due to tobacco-related diseases. We want children and young people to be able to grow up without being targeted with messages that seek to lure them into a lifetime of addiction. We want all Europeans to be able to breathe clean air unpolluted by tobacco smoke. As we communicate more freely and cross country borders more frequently, we realise that our individual countries do not stand alone; we feel the reverberations of change throughout Europe. Therefore, we undertake to use the best evidence of effectiveness in policy and practice to work together towards our common goal.

Activities

ENSP conducts the following activities to attain its purpose:

to focus in priority on co-ordination and consensus-building, education, prevention and cessation;

to facilitate the creation and development of national and international alliances for smoking prevention and tobacco control in Europe, as well as support for their actions;

to promote collaboration amongst member organisations and support their actions;

to stimulate and participate in joint projects at national and international levels;

to undertake the collection, distribution and exchange of information relevant for tobacco control to the members of the network, non-governmental organisations, intergovernmental organisations, national governments all over Europe and the institutions of the European Union;

to sponsor, promote and organise education and training seminars, conferences, missions and exhibitions on matters relevant to smoking and tobacco prevention and cessation.

A comprehensive and transparent network

ENSP values transparency. As an association committed to participation and involvement in all activities, ENSP endeavours to apply the highest level of transparency to all our activities with donors, partners and other stakeholders. Our commitment to transparency includes financial disclosure, comprehensive dissemination of public information, responsiveness to requests for information, and accurate representation of our policies and practices.

Detailed information is available in the ENSP Statutes and Internal Rules.

B4. Does your organization have regional branch(es) to enhance activities in different regions or groups of countries?

Yes

B5. If yes, please provide details

https://ensp.network/full-member/

https://ensp.network/associate-members-and-partners/

B6. Does your organization regularly convene meetings or conferences for its membership?

B7. If yes, is tobacco control covered in these meetings?

Yes

B8. If yes, please provide details

https://ensp-ectc.org/

C. Participation in WHO FCTC meetings and contributions to other tobacco control related events

C1. Please indicate the meetings organized by the Convention Secretariat at which your organization was represented (sessions of the Conference of the Parties, meetings of intersessional groups, NGO meetings, etc.)

Tenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP10) to the WHO FCTC - Panama February 2024

NGO Informal Meeting - 4 December 2024

C2. Please list any other meetings or conferences with a focus on tobacco control attended by your organization

WNTD Event - Copenhagen May 2024

ENSP-ECTC Athens October 2024

D. Your organization's activities to support implementation of the WHO FCTC

D1. Article 5 (General obligations)?

Yes

D2. If yes, please provide details

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D3. Article 6 (Price and tax measures to reduce demand for tobacco)?

Yes

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D5. Article 8 (Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke)?

D6. If yes, please provide details

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D7. Article 9 (Regulation of the contents of tobacco product) and/or Article 10 (Regulation of tobacco product disclosures)?

Yes

D8. If yes, please provide details

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D9. Article 11 (Packaging and labelling of tobacco products)?

Yes

D10. If yes, please provide details

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D11. Article 12 (Education, communication, training and public awareness)?

Yes

D12. If yes, please provide details

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D13. Article 13 (Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship)?

D14. If yes, please provide details

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D15. Article 14 (Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation

Yes

D16. If yes, please provide details

https://ensp.network/ensp-art-14-brochure/

ENSP's work aims to delve into the importance of WHO-FCTC Article 14 implementation in EU Member States, emphasising its role in mitigating the devastating health consequences of tobacco use, reducing the socioeconomic burden associated with smoking-related illnesses, and ultimately fostering healthier, more resilient communities. By exploring the core principles and objectives embedded in Article 14, we gain insight into the transformative potential it holds for public health across the European landscape.

Specific Objective: WHO-FCTC Art 14. Implementation in the EU Members States - Capacity Building for Tobacco Dependence Treatment activities include four main areas:

[2][2]Update the ENSP e-learning platform for Tobacco Dependence Treatment. The ENSP has developed an open access e-learning platform for tobacco control in Europe. This online e-learning platform provides policymakers, clinicians and researchers with accredited, translated and nationally adapted information on tobacco dependence treatment in 16 national languages. More than 1500 clinicians from 15 countries have completed the course and received European Continued Medical Education credits (EACCME) in tobacco dependence treatment. Building on this success, the e-learning platform was updated with the translation of the new module on tobacco treatment delivery for lung cancer patients in 4 European languages.

[2][2]Update the ENSP Guidelines for evidence-based tobacco dependence treatment. The ENSP Guidelines for evidence-based tobacco dependence treatment are the most recent and up to date systematic clinical guidelines for smoking cessation. The ENSP developed and expanded the content by including the results of the TOB-G project (funded by the 3rd Health Programme) guidelines for 5 high-risk groups (pregnant women, adolescents, adults with cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) and translated them into 11 national languages (downloaded by 8,000 healthcare professionals). The ENSP will further expand the content of the guidelines by adding a chapter on smoking cessation for lung cancer patients. The new chapter will be available in English and further translated in at least 3 additional European languages.

[2] Hands-on trainings on tobacco dependence treatment. The ENSP formed a group of experts in tobacco dependence treatment and along with regional partners of the Network and health associations in Europe has organised hands-on trainings for more than 500 healthcare professionals on integrating tobacco treatment delivery into daily clinical practise in 6 EU countries (Slovenia, Romania, Greece, France, Malta, Portugal). The hands-on training provides information on the latest evidence and best practices on behavioural counselling and pharmacotherapy and are usually combined with the completion of the online accreditation via the ENSP e-learning platform.

ENSP is an activ stakeholder to the WHO Tobacco Cessation Consortium - https://www.who.int/initiatives/tobacco-cessation-consortium

D17. Article 15 (Illicit trade in tobacco products)?

Yes

D18. If yes, please provide details

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D19. Article 16 (Sales to and by minors)?

D20. If yes, please provide details

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D21. Article 17 (Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities) and/or Article 18 (Protection of the environment and the health of persons)?

No

D23. Article 19 (Liability)?

Nο

D25. Article 20 (Research, surveillance and exchange of information)?

Yes

D26. If yes, please provide details

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D27. Article 22 (Cooperation in the scientific, technical and legal fields and provision of related expertise)?

Yes

D28. If yes, please provide details

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E. Other relevant activities to support the work of the WHO FCTC

E1. Please provide any other relevant information

https://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/decision/en/199130

"The Commission representatives further acknowledged that the ENSP and the Commission have a shared interest in the field of tobacco control."

E2. Please attach any other relevant file(s)

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F. Declarations

F1. Please confirm that your organization does not receive, has not received and will not receive in the future, either directly or indirectly, any financial or other contributions or assistance from the tobacco industry or its affiliates. Please also confirm that neither your members nor your partners are affiliated directly or indirectly with the tobacco industry or its affiliates or those furthering the interests of the tobacco industry.

Yes, I confirm

F2. By electronic signature I confirm that the above information is accurate and completed to the best of our abilities.

Cornel RADU-LOGHIN

28.02.2025

F3. Please confirm that the activities of your organization are in conformity with the 17th and 18th preambular paragraphs and Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC.

Yes, I confirm