



APPLICATION REPORT OF THE TOBACCO PRODUCTS DIRECTIVE (TPD) DISCUSSION WITH NGOS

23 JUNE 2021

WEBEX ONLINE MEETING BETWEEN 10:30 AND 12:00

- MINUTES -

The meeting was called at the request of Unit B2, DG SANTE to introduce the key findings of the Application report and give the NGOs the possibility to discuss its findings and ask questions

Summary

After a short introduction of the participants and the description of the meeting set-up, DG SANTE gave a presentation on key findings of the Application report, its content on tobacco control, milestones of the TPD, track & trace system, challenges the EU is facing and next steps (the scope of the TPD revision).

SFP representative shared on the behalf of all participating NGOs their concern with regards to the fact that the recently published AWP 2021 does not have operating grants nor good hooks for tobacco control work and advocacy in the action grants. In such absence of support for networking, experience and knowledge sharing, it will be very difficult for them to pursue their shared objectives and for civil society organisations to apply for funding.

The participating NGOs discussed afterwards the novel products, timeline for the TPD revision (with regards to the ambitions of the Cancer Plan), EU – level audits and tasks outsourcing via an agency, HTP, e-cigarettes & cannabis, cross-border distance sales and strengthening producers' liability. Two position papers elaborated by NGOs were mentioned – SFP's position paper on audits ("Tobacco taxes save lives") and EHN's position paper on HTPs, that is still in the making.

Finally, DG SANTE thanked all participants for the discussion and sharing their views, promised to share the used presentation and encouraged the participants to keep in touch.

ANNEX 1 – List of Participants

1. Tobacco Control team (DG SANTE)

2. NGOs

- (1) European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention (ENSP)
- (2) Smoke Free Partnership (SFP)
- (3) Association of European cancer leagues
- (4) European heart network (EHN)