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Summary record

Meeting date: 26 February 2013, 10.00 – 17.00
BRUSSELS, TREVES BUILDING, RUE DE TRÈVES 74
Meeting room TRE 7701

The meeting focused on the revision of health warnings and the implementation report on smoke-free environments. An overview on the revision of the Tobacco Products Directive and the current process was provided as well as a summary on activities under the FCTC. Member States provided an update of market and legal developments and discussions in their countries.

The planned picture warnings were presented. Overall, the approach and the proposed selection of pictures received a favourable reaction. The Commission also informed Member States about the plans to amend Commission Directive 2012/9 to extend the deadlines for transposition and the end of the transitional period. This initiative was well received by the Member States.

On new market and legal developments, several issues were reported by Member States and observers, including changes in smoke-free legislations, an observed increasing use of water pipes as well as use, marketing and advertising of e-cigarettes, new legislation on display-bans, efforts to prevent the sales of tobacco products to minors, possible ban of chewing tobacco and efforts to strengthen legislation on tobacco products to better protect young people, as well as changes in legislation on ingredients, tax, advertising of tobacco products, and health warnings. The Commission asked Member States to send relevant statistics on the use of e-cigarettes and waterpipes.

On smoke-free environment, the Commission presented the implementation report. The report was well received. It was agreed to discuss smoke-free environments at regular intervals with the Focal Points adjacent to meetings of the Regulatory Committee. Problems of enforcement, protection in individual public places, exchange on best practice and indicators used (e.g. on how to measure the success of legislation) were suggested as possible future topics for discussion.

Annex I – List of Participants

Committee members

Austria	(Federal Ministry of Health) (Medical University Vienna) (Permanent Representation to the EU)
Belgium	(FPS Public Health) (Permanent Representation to the EU)
Bulgaria	(no attendee)
Cyprus	(Ministry of Health)
Czech Republic	(Ministry of Agriculture) (Ministry of Health)
Denmark	(National Board of Health)
Estonia	(Ministry of Social Affairs) (Permanent Representation to the EU)
Finland	(National Institute for Health and Welfare)
France	(Ministry of Health)
Germany	(BMELV)
Greece	(Tobacco Institute of Greece) (Hellenic Cancer Society)
Hungary	(National Institute for Health Development) (Permanent Representation to the EU)
Ireland	(Department of Health)
Latvia	(no attendee)
Italy	(Ministry of Health)
Lithuania	(Ministry of Health to the Republic of Lithuania)
Luxembourg	(Permanent Representation to the EU)
Malta	(Environmental Health Directorate)
Poland	(Ministry of Health) (Permanent Representation to the EU)
Portugal	(General Directorate of Health)
Romania	(Ministry of Health)
Slovakia	(Ministry of Health)
Slovenia	(Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovenia)
Spain	(Dirección General de Salud Pública)
Sweden	(Swedish National Institute of Public Health) (Permanent Representation to the EU)
The Netherlands	(Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport) (RIVM)
United Kingdom	(Department of Health) (Permanent Representation to the EU)

Observers

Croatia	(Ministry of Health)
Iceland	(Ministry of Welfare)
Norway	(Ministry of Health)
Turkey	(no attendee)
Republic of Macedonia	(no attendee)
Montenegro	(no attendee)

Commission services:

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Mr Antti Maunu	DG SANCO D4
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Ms Katja Broman	DG SANCO D4
Mr Matus Ferech	DG SANCO D4
Mr Marcus Klamert	DG SANCO D4
Ms Sigrid Wimmer	DG SANCO D4
Ms Eva Ulbrich	DG SANCO D4