# Country profile Cyprus

#### Summary of MPOWER measures in Cyprus

Compliance is scored 0—10 where 10 is the highest level of compliance. Compliance is measured only for P and E. The methods used to compile this profile are described in the technical notes of the WHO report on the global tobacco epidemic, 2023.

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MONITORING	SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENTS	CESSATION PROGRAMMES	HEALTH WARNINGS	MASS MEDIA	ADVERTISING BANS	TAXATION	CIGARETTES LESS AFFORDABLE SINCE 2012
	7				10	74.4%	$\leftrightarrow$

### MPOWER score colour key

Complete measure	Moderate measure	Minimal measure	No policy or weak measure	Not categorized/ No data

Affordability category

YES	NO	$\leftrightarrow$
cigarettes	cigarettes did	no trend change
became less	not become	in affordability of
affordable	less affordable	cigarettes

The colours are explained in more detail in the MPOWER legend on the last page of this document. In all tables ". . ." means data are not available and "—" means data are not required.

WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control					
Date of signature	Date of ratification (or legal equivalent)				
24 May 2004	26 October 2005				

Population	Income group
1 251 489	High-income

#### National tobacco control programme as at 31 December 2022

Specific national government objectives in tobacco control	Yes
National agency or technical unit for tobacco control	Yes
Number of full-time equivalent staff	2
Government's expenditures on tobacco control, latest available year (2008), in currency reported by country	EUR 33 965

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# **Monitor** tobacco use and prevention policies

# Nationally representative surveys of adults

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Recent	Yes
Representative	Yes
Periodic	Yes

## Nationally representative surveys of

audiescents	
Recent	Yes
Representative	Yes
Periodic	Yes

### Tobacco use prevalence from the latest survey completed by 31 December 2022

Tobacco use		Tobacco smoking		Cigarette smoking		Smokeless tobacco use		E-cigarette use	
Current	Daily	Current	Daily	Current	Daily	Current	Daily	Current	Daily
y: European	Health Inte	erview Surve	y , 2019; Na	ational, ages	15+				
			32.2						
			13.3						
			22.5						1.1
survey: Eur	opean Sch	ool Survey P	roject on A	Icohol and O	ther Drugs,	2019; Nation	al, ages 1	5-16	
				17.0				14.0	
				12.0				7.5	
				14.0				10.0	
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### WHO age-standardized estimated prevalence of smoking among those aged 15 years or more: Year 2021

These rates are modelled using all national survey data published since 1990 to estimate the underlying prevalence trends by sex, then applying agestandardization to allow comparison with other countries. They do not necessarily resemble country data from 2021. See the report for further details.

Prevalence (%)	Any tobacco use (smoked and smokeless)		Any tobacco smoking		Cigarette smoking	
(,,,	Current	Daily	Current	Daily	Current	Daily
Male			47.8	39.3	39.8	32.6
Female			23.8	19.4	18.8	14.6
Both sexes			35.8	29.4	29.3	23.6

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# **Protect** people from tobacco smoke

	2022	Compliance
Complete* smoke-free laws exist in	thefollowin	ng places:
Health-care facilities	Yes	10
Educational facilities except universities	Yes	10
Universities	Yes	10
Government facilities	Yes	10
Indoor offices and workplaces	Yes	7
Restaurants	Yes	5
Cafés, pubs and bars	Yes	3
Public transport	No	_
All other public places	No	
Compliance score		7
Law requires fines for smoking	Yes	
Fines levied on the establishment	Yes	
Fines levied on the smoker	Yes	
Funds dedicated for enforcement	No	
Complaint system that requires an investigation after a complaint	No	

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Complete" means that smoking is not permitted, with no exemptions allowed. Ventilation and any form of designated smoking rooms and/or areas do not protect from the harms of second-hand tobacco smoke, and the only laws that provide protection are those that result in the complete absence of smoking in all public places.

### Subnational laws on smoke-free environments

Subnational jurisdictions do not have the authority to adopt laws that ban tobacco smoking in any or all of the places mentioned above.

# •• Offer help to quit tobacco use

### Treatment of tobacco dependence as at 31 December 2022

	telephone quit line/help line with a ble to discuss cessation with callers	No
- 7)	Is this product legally sold in the country?	Yes
Nicotine replacement	Where and how can this product be legally purchased in your country?	Pharmacy without Rx
therapy (NRT, e.g., patch, gum, lozenge, spray or inhaler)	Does the national/federal health insurance or the national health service cover the cost of this product?	Fully
iiiidiei)	Is any NRT on the country's essential drugs list?	Yes
	Is this product legally sold in your country?	Yes
Bupropion (e.g., Zyban, Wellbutrin)	Where and how can this product be legally purchased in your country?	Pharmacy with Rx
Zyban, wenbuing	Does the national/federal health insurance or the national health service cover the cost of this product?	No
Varenicline	Is this product legally sold in your country?	Yes
	Where and how can this product be legally purchased in your country?	Pharmacy with Rx
	Does the national/federal health insurance or the national health service cover the cost of this product?	No
	Health clinics or other primary care facilities	Yes in some
Is smoking	Hospitals	Yes in some
cessation support available in the	Office of a health professional	No
following places in your country?	In the community	No
	Other	Yes in some
	Health clinics or other primary care facilities	
Does the national/federal health insurance or the national	Hospitals	Fully
	Office of a health professional	_
health service cover the cost of this support?	In the community	_
tino aupport:	Other	Fully

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# •• Warn about the dangers of tobacco

### Health warnings on tobacco packages

		2022	
	Cigarettes	Other smoked tobacco	Smokeless tobacco
Does the law mandate that health warnings appear on tobacco packages?	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>1</sup>
What percentage of the principal display areas of the package is legally mandated to be covered by health warnings? FRONT AND REAR COMBINED	65	65 <sup>2</sup>	32
What percentage of the principal display areas of the FRONT of the package is legally mandated to be covered by health warnings?	65	65³	32
What percentage of the principal display areas of the REAR of the package is legally mandated to be covered by health warnings?	65	65 <sup>4</sup>	32
Does the law mandate that the warning be placed at the top of the principle display areas of the package?	Yes	Yes <sup>5</sup>	No
Does the law mandate font style, font size and colour for package warnings?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Are the health warnings rotating on packages?	Yes	Yes	No
Are the health warnings on packages written in the principal language(s) of the country?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Does the law require that health warnings on packages are not obscured in any way, including by required markings such as tax stamps?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Do the health warnings on packages include a photograph or graphic?	Yes	Yes <sup>5</sup>	No
Do health warnings appear on each package and any outside packaging and labelling used in the retail sale?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Does the law on health warnings apply to products whether manufactured domestically, imported, AND for duty-free sale?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Does the law state that warnings on packages do not remove or diminish the liability of the tobacco industry?	No	No	No
Do health warnings on packages describe the harmful effects of tobacco use on health?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Does the law mandate specific health warnings on packages?	Yes	Yes	Yes
How many specific health warnings are approved by the law?	15	15	1

		2022	
	Cigarettes	Other smoked tobacco	Smokeless tobacco
Does the law require or establish fines for violations regarding health warnings on packages?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Are there any laws requiring that tobacco packaging and labelling do not use misleading terms which imply the product is less harmful than other similar products, such as "low tar", "light", "ultra-light", or "mild"?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Are there any laws requiring that tobacco packaging and labelling do not use figurative or other signs, including colours or numbers, as substitutes for prohibited misleading terms and descriptors?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Are there any laws requiring that tobacco packaging and labelling do not use descriptors depicting flavours?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Does the law ban the display of quantitative information on emission yields (such as tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide) on tobacco packaging, including when used as part of a brand name or trademark?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Does the law mandate the display of qualitative information on relevant constituents and emissions of tobacco products on tobacco packaging?	Yes	Yes <sup>5</sup>	No
Does the law mandate that this information is displayed on one or more of the principal display areas (front, rear) of the package?	No	No	_
Does the law prevent the display of expiry dates on tobacco packaging?	No	No	No
Is it mandatory for the quit line number to appear on packaging or labelling?	Yes	Yes <sup>5</sup>	No
Does the law mandate plain packaging?	No	No	No

<sup>1</sup> Except for oral tobacco which is banned (note that the definition of oral tobacco excludes chewing tobacco)
2 For roll-your-own and waterpipe tobacco only. The law requires 38.5% for other smoked tobacco.
3 For roll-your-own and waterpipe tobacco only. The law requires 32% for other smoked tobacco.
4 For roll-your-own and waterpipe tobacco only. The law requires 45% for other smoked tobacco.
5 For roll-your-own and waterpipe tobacco only. No such requirement for other smoked tobacco.

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### Anti-tobacco mass media campaigns between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2022

Was there a national campaign aired during the period?	Yes
Was the campaign aired on television and/or radio?	No
Before the campaign, was any research about the target audience conducted or used to develop the campaign messages/materials?	Yes
Were the campaign materials tested with the target audience before the campaign was run?	No
Did you obtain air time (radio, television) and/or placement (billboards, print advertising, etc) by purchasing or securing them using either your organisation/institution's internal resources or an external media planner or agency?	Yes
Did you, or your media planner/agency, use a monitor to confirm that the campaign materials were used as planned/scheduled on television, radio, print, billboards, internet, etc?	Yes
Did you work with journalists to gain publicity or coverage in the news for the campaign?	Yes
Was an evaluation done to assess the impact of the campaign?	No
Was this campaign part of a comprehensive government tobacco control program?	Yes

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# **Enforce** bans on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship

	2022	Compliance
Bans on direct tobacco advertising		
National TV and radio	Yes	10
International TV and radio	Yes1	
Local magazines and newspapers	Yes	10
International magazines and newspapers	No	
Billboards and outdoor advertising	Yes	10
Advertising at point of sale	Yes	7
Advertising on internet	Yes	
Other direct bans	No	
Compliance score of direct bans		10
Law requires fines for violations of direct advertising bans	Yes	
Bans on tobacco promotion and sponsorship		
Free distribution	Yes	8
Promotional discounts	No	
Non-tobacco products identified with tobacco brand names	Yes <sup>2</sup>	10
Brand name of non-tobacco products used for tobacco product	Yes <sup>3</sup>	8
Appearance of tobacco brands in TV and/or films (product placement)	Yes	8
Appearance of tobacco products in TV and/or films	No	
Prescribed anti-tobacco advertisements required to be presented before, during or after the broadcasting or showing of any visual entertainment media product that depicts tobacco products, use or images	No	
Complete ban on sponsorship	Yes	10
Ban on Corporate Social Responsibility activities (CSR)	Yes	
Tobacco companies/the tobacco industry publicizing their CSR activities	Yes	
Entities other than tobacco companies/the tobacco industry publicizing the CSR activities of the tobacco companies	Yes	
Tobacco companies funding or making contributions (including in-kind contributions) to smoking prevention media campaigns, including those directed at youth	Yes	
Law explicitly bans tobacco products display at point of sale	No	
Other indirect bans	No	
Compliance score of indirect bans		10
Law requires fines for violations of indirect advertising bans	Yes	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The law does not explicitly address cross-border advertising. However, given that advertising is banned on all TV and radio, it is interpreted that both domestic and international levels are covered by the ban.

#### Subnational laws on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship

Subnational jurisdictions do not have the authority to adopt laws that ban TAPS in any or all of the places mentioned above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Although the law does not explicitly ban the identification of non-tobacco products with tobacco brand names (brand stretching) and does not provide a definition of tobacco advertising and promotion, we interpret that brand stretching is covered by the existing ban of all forms of advertising and promotion because this country is a Party to the WHO FCTC and we assume that the WHO FCTC definition applies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Although the law does not explicitly ban the usage of brand names of non-tobacco products for tobacco products (brand sharing) and does not provide a definition of tobacco advertising and promotion, we interpret that brand sharing is covered by the existing ban of all forms of advertising and promotion because this country is a Party to the WHO FCTC and we assume that the WHO FCTC definition applies.

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	2022
Sales restrictions	
Law bans tobacco vending machines	Yes
Law bans internet sales of tobacco products	No
Law bans imitation of tobacco products (candies, toys, sweets, etc.)	Yes
Minimum age at which a person may purchase tobacco products	18
Law bans the sale of single sticks of cigarettes	No
Minimum number of cigarettes allowed in a pack	None

ENDS 2022	ENNDS 2022
None	None
Yes	Yes
Partial ban	Same as ENDS
Warning required	None
Warning required	None
Partial ban	Same as ENDS
Partial ban	Same as ENDS
18	18
Not regulated	Not regulated
	None Yes  Partial ban  Warning required  Warning required  Partial ban  Partial ban  18

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Tobacco taxation policy and prices as at 31 July 2022

### Price of lowest cost brand and premium brand of cigarettes

	Price of lowest cost brand of cigarettes	Price of premium brand cigarettes
Tax inclusive retail sales price (TIRSP) for a pack of	EUR	EUR
20 cigarettes, country-reported value, 2022	4.00	4.90

### Taxes on the most sold brand of cigarettes

	WHO's estimate for 2022
Price of most sold brand of cigarettes (standardized to a pack of 20)	2022
In currency reported by country	EUR 4.50
In international dollars (purchasing power parity adjusted)	7.98
In US dollars at official exchange rates	4.59
Taxes on this brand (% of retail price) +	
Total taxes	74.41%
Specific excise	24.44%
Ad valorem excise	34.00%
Value added tax (VAT) or sales tax	15.97%
Import duty	0.00%
Other taxes	0.00%

<sup>\*</sup> Individual categories of tax may not add to total due to rounding.

### **Affordability**

% of GDP per capita required to purchase 100 packs (or 2000 cigarettes) of the most sold brand of cigarettes (the higher the %, the less affordable)	1.61%
Cigarettes are less affordable in 2022 compared to 2020	No
Cigarettes have become less affordable between 2012 and 2022	No change
(trend average)	ino change

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### Taxes on the most sold brand of specific tobacco products other than cigarettes

Price of most sold brand of	Other smoked tobacco product (standardized to one piece for cigars and cigarillos and 20 grams for the other products)	Smokeless tobacco product (standardized to 20 grams)	Heated tobacco product (per 20 sticks)
In currency reported by country			EUR 4.00
In international dollars (purchasing power parity adjusted)			7.09
In US dollars at official exchange rates			4.08
Taxes on the most sold brand (% of retail price) +			
Total taxes			38.50%
Specific excise			22.50%
Ad valorem excise			0.00%
Value added tax (VAT) or sales tax			16.00%
Import duty			0.00%
Other taxes			0.00%

<sup>†</sup> Individual categories of tax may not add to total due to rounding.

# Taxes on the cheapest brand of e-liquids of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) and Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENNDS)

Price of cheapest brand of	Closed systems e-liquids (1 ml)	Closed systems disposables (1 ml)	Open systems e-liquids (10 ml)
In currency reported by country	EUR	EUR	EUR
	1.95	3.50	5.30
In international dollars (purchasing power parity adjusted)	3.46	6.21	9.40
In US dollars at official exchange rates	1.99	3.57	5.40
E-liquid contains nicotine (Yes=ENDS, No=ENNDS)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Taxes on the cheapest brand (% of retail price) +			
Total taxes	22.12%	19.39%	38.61%
Specific excise	6.15%	3.43%	22.64%
Ad valorem excise	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Value added tax (VAT) or sales tax	15.97%	15.97%	15.97%
Import duty	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Other taxes	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

<sup>\*</sup> Individual categories of tax may not add to total due to rounding.

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### Use of earmarked tobacco taxes for health

No earmarking of tobacco taxes for health reported.

### Supplementary tax information

	Most recent data reported
Type of excise applied	Mixed
Uniform excise tax applied Yes (uniform), No (tiered/varying rates)	Yes
Greater reliance on specific tax in mixed excise regime	No
Minimum specific tax applied in ad valorem or mixed excise regime	Yes
Retail price used as base of ad valorem component in ad valorem or mixed excise regime (or retail price exclusive of VAT)	Yes
Specific tax component automatically adjusted for inflation (or other)	No
Price dispersion: share of cheapest brand price in premium brand price (the higher the % the smaller the gap)	81.63%
Sales of duty (or excise) free cigarettes banned	No

### Annual tax revenues from tobacco products at the national/federal level

	Most recent data reported
Year	2019
Is tax revenue data for all tobacco products or cigarettes only?	All tobacco products
Currency	EUR
Total Excise (specific and ad valorem)	177 850 000.00
Value added tax (VAT) and other sales taxes	
Import duties	
All other taxes (excluding corporate taxes on tobacco companies)	
Total	

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### Legend: Summary of MPOWER measures (see page 1)

#### **MONITORING: PREVALENCE DATA**

	No known data or no recent data or data that are not both recent and representative
	Recent and representative data for either adults or youth
	Recent and representative data for both adults and youth
	Recent, representative and periodic data for both adults and youth

#### SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENTS: SMOKING BANS

Ī	Data not reported
	Complete absence of ban, or up to two public places completely smoke-free
	Three to five public places completely smoke-free
	Six to seven public places completely smoke-free
	All public places completely smoke-free (or at least 90% of the population covered by complete subnational legislation)

### CESSATION PROGRAMMES: TREATMENT OF TOBACCO DEPENDENCE

Data not reported
None
NRT and/or some cessation services (neither cost-covered)
NRT and/or some cessation services (at least one of which is cost-covered)
National quit line, and both NRT and some cessation services cost-covered

#### **HEALTH WARNINGS: HEALTH WARNINGS ON CIGARETTE PACKAGES**

Data not reported
No warnings or small warnings
Medium size warnings missing some or many appropriate characteristics OR large warnings missing many characteristics
Medium size warnings with all appropriate characteristics OR large warnings missing some appropriate characteristics
Large warnings with all appropriate characteristics

#### MASS MEDIA: ANTI-TOBACCO CAMPAIGNS

Data not reported
No national campaign conducted between July 2020 and June 2022 with duration of at least three weeks
National campaign conducted with one to four appropriate characteristics
National campaign conducted with five to six appropriate characteristics, or with seven characteristics excluding airing on television and/or radio
National campaign conducted with at least seven appropriate characteristics including airing on television and/or radio

#### ADVERTISING BANS: BANS ON ADVERTISING, PROMOTION AND SPONSORSHIP

Data not reported
Complete absence of ban, or ban that does not cover national television, radio and print media
Ban on national television, radio and print media only
Ban on national TV, radio and print media as well as on some but not all other forms of direct and/or indirect advertising
Ban on all forms of direct and indirect advertising (or at least 90% of the population covered by complete subnational legislation)

#### TAXATION: SHARE OF TOTAL TAXES IN THE RETAIL PRICE OF THE MOST SOLD BRAND OF CIGARETTES

Data not reported
<25% of retail price is tax
≥25% and <50% of retail price is tax
≥50% and <75% of retail price is tax
≥75% of retail price is tax

#### **AFFORDABILITY**

YES	Cigarettes less affordable – per capita GDP needed to buy 100 packs (or 2000 cigarettes) of the most sold brand increased on average between 2012 and 2022.
NO	Cigarettes more affordable – per capita GDP needed to buy 100 packs (or 2000 cigarettes) of the most sold brand dedined on average between 2012 and 2022.
$\leftrightarrow$	No trend change in affordability of cigarettes since 2012.