

# PROTECT PEOPLE FROM TOBACCO SMOKE

## KEY MESSAGES

- 1 The number of WHO European Region countries in which all public places are completely smoke-free (or at least 90% of the population is covered by subnational smoke-free legislation) increased from four in 2007 to 14 in 2020 (1)(Fig. 1).

- 2 Prohibition of smoking, which provides protection from exposure to second-hand smoke, **remains insufficient in government facilities, indoor offices, restaurants, pubs and bars, and on public transport.**

FIG. 1. THE NUMBER OF WHO EUROPEAN REGION COUNTRIES IN WHICH ALL PUBLIC PLACES ARE COMPLETELY SMOKE-FREE, 2007-2020



Source: WHO (1).

- 3 Guidelines for implementation of Article 8 of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) state that “each Party should strive to provide universal protection within five years of the WHO FCTC’s entry into force for that Party” (2). At present, 36 States Parties to the Convention have not yet implemented this measure at the highest level, and the deadline has now expired.

## WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

- Each country should “adopt and implement ... measures, providing for protection from exposure to tobacco smoke in indoor workplaces, public transport, indoor public places and, as appropriate, other public places” (2).
- Smoke-free legislation should be clearly written and comprehensive. There should be no exemptions, clear responsibility for enforcement, and fines for violations of the smoke-free provisions of the law (3).
- Novel and emerging tobacco and nicotine products (ENDS/ENNDS and HTPs<sup>1</sup>) should be legally banned from use indoors, especially where smoking is banned (Table 1).

### REFERENCES<sup>2</sup>

1. WHO report on the global tobacco epidemic, 2021. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2021 (<https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/343287>).
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3. WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control [website]. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2021 (<https://www.who.int/fctc/en/>).

<sup>1</sup> ENDS: electronic nicotine delivery systems; ENNDS: electronic non-nicotine delivery systems; HTPs: heated tobacco products.

<sup>2</sup> Weblinks accessed 9 February 2022.

**TABLE 1. TYPES OF PUBLIC AND WORKPLACES THAT ARE TOTALLY SMOKE-FREE, AS OF 2020**

Country	Health-care facilities	Education facilities, except universities	Universities	Government facilities	Indoor offices	Restaurants	Pubs and bars	Public transport
Albania	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Andorra	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	–	–	–	Yes
Armenia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Austria	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Azerbaijan	Yes	Yes	Yes	–	–	–	–	–
Belarus	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Belgium	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	Yes
Bosnia and Herzegovina	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Bulgaria	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Croatia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	–	No	Yes
Cyprus	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Czechia	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Denmark	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Estonia	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Finland	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
France	Yes	Yes	Yes	–	–	–	–	–
Georgia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Germany	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Greece	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hungary	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Iceland	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Ireland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Israel	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Italy	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kazakhstan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Kyrgyzstan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Latvia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Lithuania	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
Luxembourg	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	–	–	Yes
Malta	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Monaco	–	Yes	Yes	–	–	–	–	–
Montenegro	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Netherlands	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
North Macedonia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Norway	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Poland	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Portugal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	–	–	Yes
Republic of Moldova	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Romania	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Russian Federation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
San Marino	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	–	–	–	Yes
Serbia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Slovakia	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
Slovenia	Yes	Yes	Yes	–	–	–	–	–
Spain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sweden	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Switzerland	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Tajikistan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Turkey	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Turkmenistan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ukraine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
United Kingdom	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Uzbekistan	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes

Source: WHO (1).

Smoking is prohibited Separate, completely enclosed smoking rooms are allowed under very strict conditions Smoking is allowed