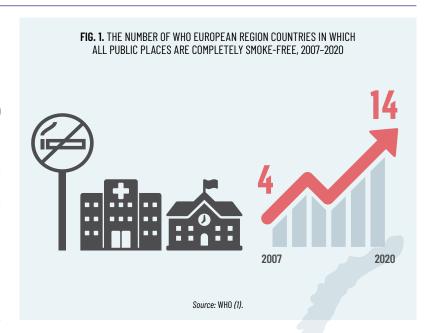
PROTECT PEOPLE FROM TOBACCO SMOKE



KEY MESSAGES

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



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 HTPs¹) should be legally banned from use indoors, especially where smoking is banned (Table 1).

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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 transp
Albania	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Andorra	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Yes
rmenia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
ustria	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
ulgaria	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
roatia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	No	Yes
yprus	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
zechia	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
lenmark	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
stonia	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
inland	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
rance	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
eorgia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
ermany	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
reece	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ungary	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
celand	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
reland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
srael	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
aly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
azakhstan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
yrgyzstan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
atvia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
ithuania	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
uxembourg	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	-	-	Yes
lalta	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
lonaco	-	Yes	Yes	45.	-	-		- 1
lontenegro	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
letherlands	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
lorth Macedonia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
lorway	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
oland	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Portugal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	Yes
epublic of loldova	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
omania	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ussian Federation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
an Marino	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Yes
erbia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
lovakia	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
lovenia	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
pain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
weden	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
witzerland	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
ajikistan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
urkey	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
urkmenistan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
kraine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Inited Kingdom	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Izbekistan	No	No	No	No	No	No	No S	Yes

Source: WHO (1).

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