

THE ENSP TOTAL BAN WITH NO EXCEPTIONS DECLARATION

We, the European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention (ENSP), strongly advocate protection from exposure to tobacco smoke for all European citizens. Weighing up all available scientific evidence, it is our firm conviction that bans which are less than total incorporating numerous exceptions fail to protect the health of citizens in public and work places and are not effective in changing smoking behaviour.

Only total smoke-free laws improve health by preventing heart attacks, improving respiratory health and preventing cancer. Ventilation cannot be an effective solution and fails to protect public health. The health benefits, environmental protection and provision of clean air provide safety and health at work and help to reduce inequalities in society.

Consequently, the ENSP calls on all European countries to give priority to tobacco control and fulfil their obligations under the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) and following EU recommendations by introducing fully comprehensive smoke-free laws with no exemptions whatsoever.