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**Subject:** EU consultation on the promotion of smoke-free areas

Statement from the Waldviertel regional management office.

1) Chapter IV: Scope of smoke-free initiative:

Grounds:

- the catering and hotel industry may be faced with significant losses;
- social issues: a sizeable group of persons would be excluded from public buildings;
- a serious invasion of the personal private sphere;
- the EU should not intervene in the legal situation in individual Member States;
- danger of overregulation.

2) Chapter V: Policy options

Encourage Member States to create smoke-free areas by enacting statutory provisions at domestic level based on the comprehensive Commission or Council Recommendation on this issue.

3) Are there quantitative or qualitative data to be considered on the health, social or economic impacts of the smoke-free initiative?

Not to our knowledge.

4) Comments and suggestions:

None

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