



Please find below a contribution on the Green Paper *Towards a Europe free from tobacco smoke: policy options at EU level.*

Question 1.

A total ban should apply to all those public places which cannot maintain really separated smoking and non-smoking areas.

Those places which comply with the regulations by having isolated areas for smokers should be authorised.

Question 2.

I believe that of the strategic options of no change from the status quo, open method of coordination and binding legislation (sic).

Intervention should be very strict, and people who breach the rules in force should be fined. Non-smokers have the same rights as smokers, and non-smokers' rights are not being fully respected at present.

Question 3.

The aspects described are correct. The ban on smoking should be extended to all public places, and we should have smoke-free atmospheres in all sectors by 2010 at the latest.

Question 4.

The campaign should be very aggressive in primary care facilities so that patients coming in to consult specialists have more opportunities to be able to specify the objective.

I do not think that treatment should be fully funded, as called for in some sectors, because that entails less commitment on the part of the patient.

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