

I am incensed at the EU's intrusion in matters affecting my lifestyle.

Where I have the choice, I select locations, in particular for leisure-time activities, on the basis of whether I can smoke at such locations. Where no such choice exists, I can do no more than feel hate for the politicians who have landed me in this mess. It is a pity that for this reason I may never again visit Italy.

You have a good idea of what my response to your four questions is going to be:

1) I am opposed to the idea of a general smoking ban in public buildings because it is humiliating to be obliged to stand outside the entrance in order to smoke.

2) The EU should keep its nose out of this! It took all the oratory skills of a champion advocate of the EU to persuade me not to reject the European Community across the board for this (and not only this) reason.

4) Owing to a lack of time I was able only to skim through the Green Paper but nevertheless I take the liberty of voicing some doubts as to the validity of a number of the statistical surveys; for example, the consumption of ready-made cigarettes in Germany: no mention is made of the fact the tax on cigarettes rose by quite a bit at that time and that large numbers of smokers began rolling their own. And so on...

Yours sincerely

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