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The operation of the European Network for Smoking Prevention was started on time and has followed the general work plan outlined in the grant agreement. Network membership was increased from 342 to 352 registered member organisations. Two ENSP General Assemblies-network meetings had taken place in Paris and Sigtuna (Sweden), Board meetings were organised as scheduled and the network manager attended five major international policy conferences. Only 4 visits were made to national coalitions, however closer links were established with disease related organisations in order to motivate their national counterparts to participate in the national networking effort of the coalitions against tobacco.

Information exchange
The ENSP website was updated regularly with a full revision being planned in 2002. The ENSP electronic list server increased its participation from 369 in Sept 2000 to 469 in September 2001. One information bulletin only was published of the four publications planned. More time and effort had been put instead into the development of the electronic exchange of information An ENSP activity report 2000/2001 was published and sent out to the members of the European Parliament and other policy makers.

Policy development
ENSP had actively participated in European policy building by co-ordinating activities and developing common strategies in support for EU legislation. The EU directive on the regulation of tobacco products was strongly supported. This was done through several co-ordinated letter writing campaigns and concentrated advocacy activity to European policy makers from national coalitions and specialised networks. These activities were instrumental in the adoption of the directive proposal by the Health Council and European Parliament in May 2001.

The annulment of the EU advertising directive was felt as a great blow to public health in Europe. A European strategy group composed of health network representatives, of which ENSP is a member, prepared an “alternative “advertising directive proposal. The document was motivated by great concern over the possibility of a weak alternative directive proposal by the European Commission. This proposal for a comprehensive directive proposal was endorsed by ENSP member organisations and European health networks and transmitted to the European Commission and EU policy makers.

ENSP followed closely the development of the new public health programme that was foreseen initially for 2001 – 2006. An ENSP position paper was submitted requesting an increased budget, more involvement of the NGO community in the implementation of the new program and more emphasis on “Health Determinants” the third objective of the future program. ENSP has been invited to be a member of the European Health Policy Forum.

ENSP closely collaborated during this period with WHO Regional office for Europe, promoted understanding of and generated support for the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and participated in the WHO public hearing in October 2000 as well as an observer in the FCTC negotiations in May 2001.
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