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Title of project: European conference and European status report on smoking in the workplace

n° of the action (1-16) this project relates to (cf. Annex of the Decision n°102/97/CE): 8-9

Statement of the project’s scientific bases and aims

In order to assess the current situation in Europe as a basis for future action it is proposed to organise a European conference and a European status report on the situation of smoking in the workplace in the 15 EU member states, Romania and Poland. The aim is to increase the understanding, show the necessity, demonstrate the benefit/feasibility of smoke free workplaces to all players. Specific aims are to: assemble scientific proof of health consequences of smoking in the workplace with an emphasis on passive smoking, inform about current legislation and legal practice, review action plans/programmes/policies dealing with smoking and work places, demonstrate cost-benefit of smoke free workplaces, develop recommendations for governmental/company policy on smoking in the workplace on national and European level.

Smoking in the workplace has been identified as a major priority for action on European level by the members of the European Network for Smoking Prevention. This conference would be considered as a follow up of the conference on “A healthy company” organised on 29/30 September 1994 by the German Cancer Society in Berlin (annexe A) and explore specifically the “smoking in the workplace” component of health promotion in the workplace. The project is furthermore based on Eurobarometer survey of September 1995 section 3.4.3. (annexe B) and the European Report "Passive Smoking the health impact" (96 CAN 47782). The European status report will be complementary and developed in synergy with the project “Eurolego” (VF2 – 97 CAN 48855) and with Activity 3 of the WHO European Partnership project on Tobacco Dependence (annexe C) which allows to include Poland in the project. The report of the European Agency of Safety and Health in Bilbao on “Priorities and Strategies in Occupational Safety and Health Policy in the Member States of the EU” has been considered in the development of this project (www.eu-osha.es) The European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions in Ireland has been contacted and has indicated that no relevant research was so far conducted in the sector (www.eurofound.eu.int)

Proposed timetable

Planned start of project: September 15th 2000  Duration of project (number of months): 12

New project?  X  or continuation of on-going project?

Total estimated budget in Ecus: 279,386,09
Community funding requested: 221,099,92
Description of tasks and work (including methodology and evaluation)

**September 2000-January 2001**: a project steering group (project partners) will agree/monitor the conference programme and the structure/contents of the European report (projected meetings 2 x in Frankfurt 1 x in Berlin (D))

**September 2000-March 2001**: Writing of the draft status report. The status report will be a collaborative effort. The report will be drawn up based on the 5 objectives of the project + an introduction, the conference recommendations and a literature research. A first draft of the report will serve as discussion basis for the European conference. Co-ordination between countries will involve various travelling among country components

**January 2001**: European conference in Berlin (D): The conference will take place in Berlin (D) late 2000/beginning 2001 under the responsibility of the Deutsche Krebsgesellschaft. Simultaneous translation into E/FR/D will be provided. Projected conference attendance: 300 participants. An evaluation questionnaire will be distributed

**April-September 2001**: finalisation of the European report based on conference findings, translation into 11 EU languages and Romanian: Hard copies will be printed in English, other languages will be available on CD-rom and via Internet.

Methodology: Overall co-ordination by ENSP Set up of a multidisciplinary, multinational steering group to develop the programme/structure for the conference and the report - appointment of a co-ordinator for the drafting of the European report, monitoring the different parts of the report and thus guaranteeing a coherent publication- appointment of a professional conference organiser in Germany to set up an efficient registration and abstract submission mechanism Invitation to all organisations, networks, agencies, foundations to give input/participate in the European conference and research for the report - Creation, of a special internet site on which the 12 language versions of the European Report will be available for at least one year

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**Expected results and proposed dissemination / utilization of results**

The European conference will help to put smoking in the workplace high on the agenda of policy makers on national and European level and enhance the dialogue and to create communication between all partners concerned by the issue: Companies (management/human resource/ health and safety officers)-labour unions- national/international health authorities – Policy makers - health professionals – non governmental organisations and European networks. It is expected that the European conference will trigger similar conferences on national level. The European status report will be a tool in support of the development and implementation of EU and national legislation/policy on smoking in the workplace. Take up of Romania and Poland of the issue in view of promoting the acquis Communautaire and their example serving as a pilot for the other accession countries. The conference will be announced on Internet and via the ENSP associated networks. The report will be available on INTERNET in 11 EU languages + Romanian. The report will be dissiminated to governments and to policy makers in the EU and Accession countries.

**Collaboration with partners from other Member States** (Name, address, telephone and fax numbers)


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Eurobarometer survey of September 1995” section 3.4.3. (annexe B), the European Report “Passive Smoking the health impact” (96 CAN 47782). Research project “Eurolego” (VF2 – 97 CAN 48855)