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Dear colleagues, dear partners, dear friends,

The European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention was born 20 years ago with organisations, but above all, people who recognised their responsibilities in relation to the health of citizens in Europe. They were committed and willing to engage with developing public policy, but also a real never-seen-before culture change. At a time when nobody could hope or imagine possible, they believed in a smokefree Europe and declared war to the tobacco industry.

Initially funded by the Europe Against Cancer programme, a network of national coalitions was established by a group of experts to coordinate smoking prevention actions, following the “Vinci resolution”, agreed in Italy in 1994. After three long years of administrative process, ENSP was officially created in 1997. Registered under Belgian law as an international non-profit organisation, it was run by a permanent secretariat, supervised by an Executive Board.

Celebrating this year the 20th anniversary of ENSP is not only paying tribute to the dedication, the sweat, blood and tears of all the experts, decision makers and advocates, who have been working tirelessly to tackle this pandemic of modern times, but is also an amazing testimonial of the journey of all the achievements and the incredible progresses in tobacco control.

Twenty years ago, it was still possible to smoke on airplanes with the smoking rows separated by the non smoking rows by nothing and trains still had smoking carriages. Twenty years ago, our families were still eating in smoky restaurants, and people were still getting burnt by clumsy smokers in bars and clubs. Tobacco products were being advertised everywhere to our children, promising them fame and fortune, masculinity and sexiness. Cigarettes, wickedly cheap, came in many attractive shapes, colour and flavours, with unscrupulous descriptions like “light” or “mild”. And for those who wanted to quit, there was hardly any encouragement or support available to them. Twenty years ago, tobacco ruled the world and we all had to put up with it. But of course, this was about to change.
Looking back at the last 20 years, it is almost impossible to talk about tobacco control in Europe without mentioning the involvement of at least one ENSP member. At every level, from international to the very local one, ENSP members have played a vital role to change policies, as well as culture. But the work has always been a concerted effort for a common accomplishment. This is the very essence of a network, an interconnected group that acts in a consistent and coordinated way. Each node adds value, each link adds strength.

Amongst all the great successes, ENSP’s most remarkable achievement has been to bring together experts and specialists from all fields and paths in tobacco control and beyond, to serve a universal cause. A pioneer in its field, ENSP was the first to bring science and research into policy, providing advocates and policy makers with irrefutable, un-deniable, unambiguous evidence to stand up to a corrupt and deceptive industry.

In these first 20 years, the network alternated florid and challenging times, but ENSP resisted well in the hardest periods thanks to the dedication and perseverance of those who believed and supported the idea to stay united through thick and thin, together stronger, collectively more impactful.

Thanks to those people, thanks to colleagues but also friends, who never deserted us, ENSP has emerged from the difficult times more active, more determined more resourceful than ever.

To celebrate those who in 20 years have believed and supported ENSP, this monograph is a small gesture to thank them for always believing that real trust, solidarity and partnership among members can achieve the unthinkable and reach the unattainable.

We have come a long way but the road ahead remains even bumpier, with an industry that now have many faces, an incredible financial power and above all, an aggressive survival instinct. ENSP will fight back, no matter what, more belligerent than ever.

There are still many high mountains to move, many deep rivers to cross. In this challenging context, let’s roll up our sleeves, join forces and fight the good fight for European citizens, for our children, for future generations. Let’s come even closer, let’s stand united, let’s continue to be powerful.

As Secretary General I thank all Members for their support and I invite those who are not yet part of THE NEWORK to join us in our effort to free Europe from that deadly drug that is tobacco.
Note from the President

Dr FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ LOZANO

We are celebrating the 20th anniversary of ENSP. To me, it is a source of great pride to be the President of an organization, which has existed and functioned for 20 years and is recognized as a unique network of its kind in Europe and beyond.

First of all, I would like to congratulate the members of the ENSP. We would be nothing without your tireless efforts in European tobacco control and smoking prevention. You have the merit of sustaining the successful network across what is now two decades. It is also fair to congratulate and acknowledge the work of all the previous ENSP Presidents as well as all former members of the ENSP Executive Board. Finally, I want to thank all of the staff members that now and during the past twenty years have given everything within their powers to achieve the success, which we enjoy today. To all of you, thank you very much for the excellent work realised for the sake of the smoking prevention, tobacco control and general improvement in public health.

To me it is clear that despite the enormous strength of our counterpart, the Tobacco Industry, European citizens welcome our message and fully recognise the necessity of our work. Numerous cases in adoption of tobacco control measures, implementation of policies and legal challenges brought forward in litigation cases, demonstrate that the tobacco control community wins the battles because reason is on our side.

To continue the successful advances in tobacco control, we need the European tobacco control community to participate actively in the initiatives developed within our network. We need to share specific national experiences and prepare others for similar situations and challenges. In one word, we need to maintain and develop the integrated capacity building and information sharing activities between all ENSP members, regardless of national challenges and particularities.

I warmly invite you to withhold and extend your strong engagement in the European tobacco control. Together, through firm commitment and hard work, we will be able to reach the objectives of complete implementation of the WHO FCTC in Europe by 2020 and a reduction in the European prevalence of tobacco use to less than 5% by 2040.
**Note from the Scientific Committee Chair**

**Prof PANAGIOTIS K. BEHRAKIS**  
Chair of ENSP Scientific Committee

Twenty Years of Leadership in Tobacco Control in Europe

My active involvement with ENSP started in 2008 when I joined the board and ENSP became a relevant part of my professional life. I became President in 2010 and led the network until 2015. Since then I’m the chair of the Scientific Committee. It has been a fast increase in commitment and responsibilities.

As Chair of the Scientific Committee, I’m proud to review some of the biggest successes of ENSP in the recent years.

Bearing in mind our priorities:

1. The implementation of FCTC in Europe
2. The transposition of the two EU Tobacco Product Directives in the Member States
3. The development of European Guidelines for treating tobacco dependence

Through the scientific activity and networking of its members, ENSP has strengthened a leading role in tobacco control in Europe.

During its first period of activity, under the ENSP leadership networks and relevant projects were founded, including INWHAT Europe, GlobaLink, the European Network of Smokefree Hospitals, GPs Empowerment and Health Professionals and Smoking Cessation, just to mention a few.

After a difficult time, ENSP has emerged stronger than ever. We now have our own electronic open-access journal “Tobacco Prevention and Cessation” to further support the dissemination of tobacco-focused research and scientific knowledge for a Smokefree Europe.

ENSP is today involved in all the major Tobacco Control projects funded by the European Commission. Just to mention a few: EUREST-Plus, EQUIPT, Silne-R, TackSHS and Tob-G, with a widely recognized scientific role to support
its members in developing common tobacco control strategies at national and international levels.

We do appreciate the trust and support received by the European Commission in the past 20 years and hope to continue the cooperation in many more years to come.

Thanks to the commitment of ENSP members and specifically of its Scientific Committee, we are now best placed to fight even more strongly for a Smokefree Europe.

Members of the Scientific Committee are:
1. Prof Panagiotis Behrakis (Chair)
2. Prof Francisco Javier Ayesta, Spain
3. Prof Nazmi Bilir, Turkey
4. Prof Luke Clancy, Ireland
5. Prof Bertrand Dautzenberg, France
6. Prof Andrei Demin, Russia
7. Dr Jorgen Falk, Denmark
8. Prof Manfred Neuberger, Austria
ENSP is 20 years old... Time flies...

Mid-1999 I had decided to move to new professional horizons and I replied to a very short vacancy announcement published in a Belgian newspaper. ENSP was looking for a financial coordinator, exactly my profile. I was very motivated to fight and get a job focusing on public health, an exciting ideal in life. Of course, smoking prevention was completely new to me and would be a real challenge in this period when public awareness was still quite low. I myself was a party smoker!...

My enthusiasm during the interview and my repeated follow up were apparently successful and I joined Sibylle, Sophie and Chantal on 01/12/99. I was going to replace Chantal. Until she left, my “office” would consist of a table, somewhere in the 2x3m kitchen of a small three-room apartment at the 2nd floor of a private house, rue de Pascale, Brussels. Had my new colleagues decided to test my flexibility and resistance?

At that time, ENSP could already benefit from the European Commission support. It is obvious today that the EC had made the right choice! The financial resources were limited though, and the workload already excessive. But I loved above all the team spirit and the natural collaboration among the ENSP members and with the other associations involved in health promotion. This was new to me...

In October 2001, more space was needed to welcome future new colleagues and we moved to Chaussée d’Ixelles (I had left the kitchen much earlier, be reassured). It was also the period when some scandals led the EC to take actions towards a much tighter financial control. New procedures were launched, accompanied with the corresponding administrative burden, process improvements, delays, corrections, surprising requests, bad and good surprises, and other necessities which finally gave birth to the current funding system and good tools like the excellent EU Participant Portal we know today.

When Sibylle left ENSP in March 2003, I accepted the position of Secretary General “ad interim” proposed by the Board. A 12-year interim in the end...
During a few years, the activities and the staff team enlarged and decreased according to the needs and the available financial resources. While more and more time had to be invested in project management and administrative procedures, Cornel joining the secretariat early 2009 to focus on policy and strategy was of great support.

Then came the tough 2010 – 2013 era. The “usual” application for EU funding had surprisingly been rejected in 2009. After a short period of questioning, the board and the staff realized that their motivation was even stronger not only to maintain the activity of the unique European network on smoking prevention but also and above all to reinforce the association and its impact on a killing product consumption. While strategic decisions and actions were taken to ensure the future diversity of the income sources, parallel dramatic efforts were put to reduce expenses to a level that would allow time for reconstruction. Thus, despite the regrettable departure of some dear colleagues and the contractually reduced working time of the staff, and thanks to the President and other board and staff members’ personal commitments, as well as to the timely help of a welcomed donation, 2012 could start with a new statutory structure, new European and international projects, and new ambitions which finally brought ENSP back to its strong tobacco control leadership.

In 2015, confident that the Association was on good track and in good hands, I resigned to accept new professional challenges. I was not able to leave completely though: today I serve ENSP in my initial role of financial coordinator, and I am proud to keep on supporting the network as an ENSP Individual Member.

I cannot conclude this story without addressing two simple but very sincere words to those (they will recognize themselves) who during all these years shared my passion for ENSP and my belief that the impossible was possible: THANK YOU!
**Note from the previous Secretary General**

SIBYLLE FLEITMANN  
Secretary General of ENSP 1997-2003

Creating a European Network for Smoking Prevention was a huge challenge. We started out with a mission statement, a small office with a personal computer, a telephone/fax and an empty desk. Our assets were our enthusiasm, an address list of friends and colleagues in the then 15 EU Member States as well as co-funding from the European Commission. So, in the planning stage, the task seemed to be straightforward: building national coalitions and to coordinate EU projects in tobacco control. But it proved to be a gigantic endeavour...because the devil lies in the detail.

When motivating people to create national coalitions, we soon realised that organisations who came from different health sectors had often been competing for the same funding sources and spheres of interest and did not really want to cooperate on national level. It took a lot of discussion, mediation and good will on all parts to iron out old resentments and to create trustful relationships among the new partners.

Once national coalitions were set up, we had to find consensus on coordinated lobbying strategies and activities. We had to persuade each organisation that their personal, individual intervention with national policy makers, would eventually change the face of tobacco control not only on national but also on European and on international level. The necessity to counter the Tobacco Industry finally did the trick. We succeeded to speak with one voice and to effectively influence the adoption of tobacco control legislation and policy in Europe. In this context, the electronic network of GLOBALINK set up by UICC which was our most precious communication tool. The development of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control was our most important political instrument.

The financial support of the European Commission was essential during this start-up period, as we did not need to invest too much of our limited human resources to sustain financial viability. On the contrary. Through the development of common multinational projects funded through the Europe Against Cancer Programme, we had the opportunity to create cross sectional partnerships between researchers, health workers and policy advocates. This lead to the development and implementation of evidence based policies and interventions thus enhancing the reputation of the tobacco control community.

The most important lesson I learned from my work with the European Network for Smoking Prevention is that mutual respect and understanding and personal relationships are the driving force behind successful networking. I believe that ENSP has changed the face of Tobacco Control on national, European and international level and I am proud to have been part of it.
“To celebrate those who in 20 years have believed and supported ENSP, this monograph is a small gesture to thank them for always believing that real trust, solidarity and partnership among members can achieve the unthinkable and reach the unattainable.”
Vytenis Andriukaitis

DG Health Commissioner, at the European Commission

I would like to heartily thank the European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention (ENSP) for twenty years of work to improve public health in the EU, more specifically to help protect our citizens against the dangers of tobacco.

Tobacco consumption is the single biggest avoidable health risk in the EU, responsible for nearly 700,000 premature deaths every year, and poor health for millions more citizens.

Europe needs stakeholders like the ENSP to help protect EU citizens from the harmful effects of tobacco through awareness raising, coordinating civil society action, and supporting strong tobacco control policy at global, European and national levels, including effective implementation of the EU Tobacco Products Directive and the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), as well as strong smoke-free legislations.

With the Tobacco Products Directive we aim to reduce tobacco consumption in the EU by 2% between 2016 and 2020. Such a reduction translates into annual healthcare savings of approximately €506 million for the EU. We need all Member States and stakeholders on board to ensure that the rules on tobacco products are applied and enforced effectively in all 28 EU countries, and I thank the ENSP for its continued support.

The EU ratified the FCTC’s Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products on 24 June 2016. My services are now working hard to develop the EU-wide track and trace system foreseen in the Tobacco Products Directive. We are also encouraging all Member States and other FCTC Parties to ratify the FCTC Illicit Trade Protocol as soon as possible.

The ENSP has contributed to the growing anti-tobacco momentum we are seeing in Europe, and I count on their continued support in the next 20 years.
**Vera Luiza da Costa e Silva**

*Head of Secretariat, WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control*

“As an observer to the Conference of the Parties (COP) of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) since 2010, the ENSP is among a key group of civil society organizations which understand the importance of implementing the Treaty and ensuring its good governance.

“The ENSP’s visibility and impact has been growing within the global tobacco control community, in particular it offers a strong voice from the European region and combines an academic view, central to the implementation of the Treaty, with advocacy.

“Given the close collaboration with both civil society and European intergovernmental structures, ENSP provides a best practice model of intergovernmental collaboration with civil society. It is a good example for other regions of the world to emulate and has been very important in assisting the Secretariat’s work.

“We were particularly impressed when more than 250 delegates from all over Europe and beyond attended ENSP’s last meeting in Brussels in April 2016, braving terrorist attacks and a closed airport to attend a series of workshops, conference and meetings.

“ENSP has fully embraced the Treaty and is doing an excellent job to promote it through civil society action and wide dissemination of its message, including on social media. We trust that ENSP will continue to strengthen its role and support the Convention in ensuring full implementation of the Treaty.”
Kristina Mauer-Stender

Program Manager, Tobacco Control Division of Noncommunicable Diseases and Promoting Health through the Life-course, WHO Regional Office for Europe

“At WHO European Region we see ENSP as one of the key players on Tobacco Control in the Region, reaching countries beyond EU Members States. ENSP has matured throughout its life span and in the last couple of years it has grown stronger than ever before having increased its visibility within the Region and all relevant partners. ENSP is playing a key role in the region mobilizing partners in support of governments to adopt and implement strong tobacco control policies in line with the WHO FCTC.”
Gilles Pargneaux

MEP, Vice-Chair of the Environment, Health and Food Protection Committee at the European Parliament

“Tobacco is responsible for the death of 6 million people every year globally, of whom 700,000 are in Europe. The WHO European Region has the highest current tobacco use among all the WHO regions. As Vice-chair of the environment, health and food protection committee at the European Parliament, my objective is to fight this epidemic and curb tobacco use in order to enable European citizens to lead long and healthy lives. To this aim, I have found ENSP a valuable, constant and trustworthy partner. The endgame of the tobacco epidemic will only be achieved by the strong and consistent commitment of organisations like ENSP.”
Oxana Domenti

Chair of Committee for Social Protection, Health and Family - Parliament of the Republic of Moldova

“My collaboration with ENSP started in 2015 as Chair of the Committee on Social Protection, Health and Family, Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, in the period of promotion and approval of the new national tobacco control law, wholly harmonized with the WHO FCTC.

Establishing efficient and comprehensive legal provisions for tobacco control in the Republic of Moldova, including strong smoke-free provisions, was a very difficult process, because of high level of tobacco dependence of the country and dominant interests of the tobacco industry. Therefore, overcoming these challenges and approving new legal rules in the area was a remarkable step for public health, which was possible only due to a strong partnership between all promoters of tobacco control policies, including those within the ENSP network.

One of the ENSP members, the Center for Health Policies and Studies from Moldova and the ENSP secretariat, being represented by Mr. Cornel Radu Loghin, strongly advocated and supported passing a new tobacco control law, having many media debates and public interventions, including in the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova. ENSP also supported Moldovan authorities in the process of implementing and monitoring the enforcement of the new Tobacco Control Law.

ENSP newslaters and regular qualitative events organized in the area are very informative and helpful for our country.

Today ENSP is one of the strongest European organizations in the area of tobacco control, as this is due to a very dynamic and professional team, their innovative ideas, approaches, initiatives and continuous efforts to support and further develop the tobacco control for the benefit of all European citizens and organizations.

I congratulate the ENSP organization with the 20th anniversary, wishing it new developments and perspectives!”
“ENSP has been endeavouring at improving human health for 20 years already! I am proud to have had the opportunity to be part of this significant organization and to contribute to one of the most important areas of improvement in public health. I have been actively involved with ENSP especially when I was member of the Board between 2007 and 2011. We have fought together many battles to save lives from the harm caused by tobacco use. I was glad to hear in 2015 that ENSP had chosen Vilnius to organise its international networking meeting. It also gave us as a country the chance to showcase some of the specific work done on Tobacco Control and results achieved. A lot of work has been done in these years and I have no doubts about ENSP successful continuation.

I am especially glad that the country I represent – Lithuania – is taking the hazard caused to health by tobacco more and more seriously, and complies with the human right to clean air free from tobacco smoke. The achievements in this area are quite big. We see the price of tobacco products growing all the time. The illegal trade is lowering, and the number of smokers is decreasing. In general, the attitude towards smoking is changing. Smoking seems to be not as attractive as it was 10 years ago.

The fact that the number of smoking teenagers or teenagers who have tried to smoke at least once has decreased is of key importance. Such result makes us optimistic and allows hope for increasing awareness on the health harm caused by tobacco use.

There is still large room for improvement in the area of tobacco control and I am very happy to see that these problems are being solved not only at national level, but also at European level. If we act together, we will be able to achieve healthier and happier life for our society without intoxicating ourselves and others.

At present Lithuania has set many significant and ambitious goals to improve health protection, including reduction of tobacco use. I hope that the projects under preparation will be highly beneficial and the reduction of tobacco use will become more and more visible in the near future.

Good results will be achieved only if we work and act together, each one for its own skills and capacity.”
Diana Loreta Păun

State Counselor, Public Health Department, Romanian Presidential Administration - 2016

On September 8th, 2016, at the Cotroceni Palace, we have organized in partnership with the European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention the debate “2035 - Romania’s First Tobacco-free Generation.” On this occasion, the Strategy 2035 - The First Generation without Tobacco of Romania, a very useful tool, has been launched. The event addressed the need to raise awareness regarding tobacco consumption risks and brought together national and international representatives of public, academic, medical and civil society institutions.

The Presidential Administration undertook this project, which falls within a wider context of creating comprehensive national health prevention and education project.

The progress made by our country has been recognized and rewarded at European level, and our neighbours, in the Republic of Moldova, have followed the model of what we have achieved in Romania. Unfortunately, Romania is not very often a model to be followed for other states, but by this successful initiative we managed, through common effort and consistency, to place Romania at a place of honour among the states that have adopted the legislation on the smoking ban in closed public spaces, and be an example of good practices.

We must, however, recognize that the road towards this result was not a paved and easy one, but on the contrary, risks existed at every step, and in this context, we have the duty to acknowledge and congratulate all those who by diligence, professionalism and, above all, perseverance have contributed to the success of this initiative, and the European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention fully deserves appreciation and gratitude!”
"2016 marked vital beginnings in Romania’s policy-making approach. Emerging from painfully-learned lessons, the civil society began its’ structured engagement with those areas of public policies that impacted the most its’ functioning. Not surprisingly, public health was at the top of those priorities. Faced with over 42,000 deaths a year due to tobacco’s consumption effects, Romania and its’ policy-makers were directly “confronted” by the civic society with a strong request for engagement and action. I was part of a government that encouraged and supported this approach, as such, providing my full support to the initiatives meant to reduce the devastating impact of tobacco on current and future generations. I valued in particular the broad-scale civic partnership at national level, but also the significant support that these initiatives got from international and European well-represented networks, such as the European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention. Their expertise in tobacco control policies development and implementation provided a crucial support in Romania’s “adventure” towards a tobacco-free future. I’m convinced they will continue this path and that the Romanian civic society will be further enabled to act towards an ambitious, but achievable goal- that of a healthier generation.”
‘Based on over 20 years of experience, we know that collaboration, co-ordinated activity, alliance-building and capacity-building are vital components of any successful tobacco-control initiative, be it at purely NGO level, or between governmental and non-governmental organisations, to encourage NGO participation, stakeholder dialogue and input in areas of expertise’.

The idea to create a European Network for Smoking Prevention (ENSP) was generated within the Europe against Cancer (‘EaC’) Programme, to promote networking at European level and to create a true European added value for EU funded projects.

The ‘EaC’ programme was initiated by EU Heads of State and Government in 1985. A ‘Committee of Cancer Experts’ was convened, which proposed a preliminary Action Plan for the years 1987-89, including the establishment of an Advisory Committee involving Ministries of Health and NGOs representing national coordination committees. Regular meetings of the Committee of Cancer Experts and the Advisory Committee were organised by the ‘EaC’ team at the European Commission. National coordination committees met at national level generally under the guidance of the national representative of the Committee of Cancer Experts. Meetings with the anti-tobacco organisations were held every 6 months, funded through the EAC programme and organised by the EAC team. The European Code against Cancer set the terms of reference for action and for project funding. The first action plan was evaluated positively and, according to the evaluators, it had successfully brought together health professionals and other interested parties in the fight against cancer in Europe.

This experience led to a second and more ambitious plan for 1990-94, based on three clear and separate strands: cancer prevention, early diagnosis and treatment, and quality assurance of treatment services.

Tobacco use was identified as the most significant cause of avoidable cancer, and addressing the tobacco ‘problem’ became the most significant priority for the prevention strand. This decision had consequences for the Commission Services and for the tobacco industry.

The Commission had no in-house expertise, able to document, quantify, compare and analyse the scale and consequences of tobacco use throughout the Member States; nor to recommend appropriate counter-measures. In 1988 the Commission invited proposals for the establishment of a tobacco information service to provide data collection and analysis in support of the programme. The contract was awarded to a Brussels-based group: The European Bureau for Action on Smoking Prevention (BASP). BASP produced quarterly newsletters on tobacco-control developments within the EU, at Member State level and internationally.
At the same time, the tobacco industry recognised that it now faced a potential threat at EU level. ‘Appropriate countermeasures’ would most likely imply EU-wide Directives or regulations. Potentially adverse consequences, from the industry’s point of view – e.g., declining sales – would affect several countries simultaneously. In order to scrutinise and influence any such proposals, the industry began to ‘set up shop’ in Brussels. This involved European trade (tobacco manufacture and marketing) associations, tobacco farming interests and the big multi-nationals.

The ‘EaC’ programme provided a stimulus and potential resource to the voluntary sector and to professional bodies already involved in cancer care and prevention within Member States. In particular, regular meetings began to be held at EU level. These involved existing European networks, such as the Association of European Cancer Leagues (ECL) and the European Heart Network (EHN), and also helped to create new ones – e.g., amongst national anti-tobacco organisations. To reduce tobacco consumption, many different national pilot projects were funded with the aim to identify good practices, which could serve as examples for other countries. Funds were provided to projects aimed at building European networks, such as: GLOBALINK (an international electronic network established to exchange information on tobacco control) led by UICC; a European young people’s network of “Smoke Busters”, European Networks of smokefree cities, smokefree hospitals and smokefree GPs. The European Commission continued to fund BASP to provide information and technical support in developing tobacco control policies and programmes (such as reducing tobacco consumption, regulating products, advertising, taxation etc.). BASP was also commissioned to collect and disseminate information on smoking prevention policy to the public in Europe.

In 1989, ECL, aware of the growing tobacco industry presence in Brussels, became concerned to ensure a countervailing voice from the health community; and decided to pilot an EU liaison and advocacy office themselves. The International Union Against Cancer (UICC), as the ECL’s parent body, agreed to provide admin and ‘back office’ support for the first year’s operation; and Andrew Hayes was recruited on a temporary ‘try it and see’ basis for a year from April 1990 onwards.

Given this provisional arrangement, it was necessary for the ECL to find temporary office accommodation to begin with; for which a hosting arrangement was negotiated with Luk Joossens, as Director of BASP. At the end of the first year, ECL agreed funding for a second trial year. By this time, both ECL and BASP had become members of European Citizens’ Action Service (ECAS) – a networking organisation established to represent the interests of the not-for-profit sector in the EU decision-making process. This included desk rental. ECL left the BASP office, and moved to ECAS.
In 1994, the political environment of the ‘EaC’ programme changed. The ‘EaC’ Programme was integrated into the DG V Unit – ‘Implementation of disease-specific programmes and actions’. A head of sector ‘Europe against Cancer’ and various new officials were appointed, based in the Commission’s offices in Luxembourg.

At the time, the tobacco industry was trying to exclude BASP from future European funding – accusing the Commission of funding an organisation designed to lobby it (i.e., the Commission) in support of its own work programme (‘EaC’) and legislative proposals (e.g., to increase the size of health warnings, to ban tobacco advertising, etc.). When BASP’s contract ended in 1995, BASP stopped its activities.

The evaluation of the second Action Plan 1990-1994 showed that significant progress had been made, particularly in the field of tobacco control legislation, awareness raising on the European Code against Cancer, development of health education strategies on cancer prevention in schools, development of breast cancer and cervical cancer screening networks, training of health professionals as well as studies related to nutrition and cancer. However, it was pointed out that there was a need to strengthen the collaboration between the European Commission and organisations involved at national or European level in the fight against cancer. The networking role, previously developed and undertaken by BASP, had proved critical to the success of the programme and would still be required. At the same time, terms of reference for project funding changed. Projects had to show a real European dimension – i.e., include at least six different countries and demonstrate added value that could underpin effective tobacco control measures throughout the Community.

**The need for a structured European network on smoking prevention**

In order to create consensus on how to organise a better co-ordination, information exchange and co-operation among national organisations, the European Commission organised a consensus conference on network development in Empoli, Italy in 1994.

Participants were national representatives of cancer leagues in the European Union, European Network representatives and representatives of the Cancer Experts Committee.

After strong discussions the “Vinci Resolution” was adopted laying down two main principles for a future action plan:

- The creation of a pan European structure to promote networking at European level
- The need to create national anti-tobacco coalitions
It also called for funding of the initiative by the European Commission.

A working group was established in 1995 to elaborate proposals for a structure and financing of the alliance. Members included: Tom Hudson (Irish Cancer Society), Prof. Albert Hirsch (French National Coalition against Tobacco), Dr. Göran Boethius (Doctors against Tobacco Sweden), Prof. Friedrich Wiebel (German Medical Action Group Smoking or Health), Sibylle Fleitmann (Belgian Cancer Society), Andrew Hayes (UICC/ECL).

It took three years, several unsatisfactory meetings, and the threat of the European Commission to abandon the tobacco project, before a multinational executive committee was elected from the working group in April 1996 with the mission to make practical proposals to implement the “Vinci Resolution”. Based on the experience of previous years, a major challenge was to develop an EU strategy, which took into account different national objectives and priorities, but also political priorities within the European Union.

The executive committee suggested the creation of an independent international non-profit association regrouping all associations working on tobacco control in Europe. The organisation would be jointly funded by the European Commission and by voluntary contributions of the members.

In April 1996, the working group had elaborated common objectives and guidelines for the national coalitions against tobacco. They were proposed to and adopted by the assembly of national representatives of the coalitions. The alliance was created and named “European Network for Smoking Prevention”. Eventually a new call for tender was agreed and announced. This included a commitment to networking and providing an information service, but specifically excluded any advocacy activity. Various voluntary sector organisations,
including ECL and the Belgian Cancer Society, helped to draft the successful bid.

In October 1996, at the Smokefree Europe: Conference on Tobacco or Health, held in Helsinki, Finland, Commissioner Padraig Flynn, in charge of Employment and Social Affairs, officially launched the European Network for Smoking Prevention.

The objectives of ENSP were to:

- Facilitate the creation and operation of national alliances for smoking prevention and tobacco control in Europe.
- Promote collaboration amongst member organisations.
- Stimulate and coordinate joint projects at European level.
- Facilitate networks active in tobacco control and smoking prevention in Europe.
- Undertake the collection and distribution of information relevant for tobacco control to the members of the network, non-governmental organisations, intergovernmental organisations, national governments and the institutions of the European Community.

Sybille Fleitmann, from the Belgian Cancer Society, was appointed to manage the new ENSP organisation. By this time, ECL had outgrown the accommodation available at ECAS and had rented its own offices in the European Quarter. ENSP was housed alongside ECL initially – until, in its turn, it outgrew the available space and moved to separate accommodation of its own.

The EaC Programme agreed to co-fund the network up to 80%. So a mandate was given to the working group to set up an international non-profit association in Belgium with a permanent secretariat in Brussels. In April 1997 ENSP was formally registered as an international non-profit organisation in Brussels under Belgian law. The first ENSP Board included: Prof. Albert Hirsch (France), Mr Tom Hudson (Ireland), Dr. Göran Boethius (Sweden), Mr Boudewijn de Blij (Netherlands), Ms Patti White (UK), Mr Joan Villalbi (Spain), Prof. Pierre Bartsch (Belgium).

The collaboration with the European Commission was strong and favoured a win-win situation. ENSP had the opportunity to set up collaborations at national level not only amongst cancer societies and anti-tobacco associations but with all health-related organisations that could join the fight for effective tobacco control policy. National coalitions were created and motivated to adopt a common strategy in their country and at European level. European tobacco control priorities were agreed within the network, which guided the development of joint project applications and ensured that real European ‘added value’ flowed from all tobacco control project funding.
**Historical Background Timeline**

- **1985**
  - The Europe against Cancer programme was established by the European Council.

- **1987**
  - A European working group of experts on tobacco control, in the framework of the Europe Against Cancer programme, was created. The first step to collaborate on tobacco control issues at European level was taken when the European Commission, responsible for the administration of the Europe against Cancer programme, set up a working group of representatives of national tobacco control organisations in the Union. The aim was to foster cooperation and to overcome cultural difficulties through the exchange of information and experience. For 6 years, bi-annual meetings were held to help experts become familiar with one another’s work.

- **1988**
  - The EU provided funded of the European Bureau for Action on Smoking Prevention (BASP) to provide data collection and analysis on tobacco control in Europe.

- **1994**
  - The Europe against Cancer programme was integrated in DG V and a consensus conference was organised in Empoli, Italy. The “Vinci Resolution” was agreed.
A first attempt to create a network “European alliance for a smoke-free future” was made. The Alliance was renamed “European Network for Smoking Prevention”. A survey of organisations active in tobacco control in the EU was implemented.

1995

ENSP was registered under Belgian law as an international non-profit association governed by a multi-national general assembly representing organisations and institutions having an interest in tobacco control in the European Union. A permanent secretariat was established in Brussels. ENSP received funds up to 80% on a project basis from the Europe against Cancer programme and the remaining funds were provided by the members.

1997

An executive committee was elected and an agreement on common objectives was reached. Guidelines for national coalitions on Tobacco Control were developed.

1996

An international non-profit association was founded with the mission to develop and promote a co-ordinated approach to tobacco control in the European Union.
1997

The European Network for Smoking Prevention (ENSP) starts its operations

April 15th 1997: ENSP is officially founded and registered in Belgium as an international non-profit organisation.

The General Assembly elected an Executive Committee of maximum 7 people among its members having a two-years term of office with one possible re-election.

The Executive Committee delegated the management of the network to a Secretary General, Ms Sibylle Fleitmann.

GA in Brussels

The members of the first ENSP Executive Committee were:

1. President: Prof Albert Hirsch, French Coalition against Tobacco
2. Treasurer: Prof Pierre Bartsch, Belgian Coalition against Tobacco
3. Mr Robert Hudson, Irish Coalition against Tobacco (ASH Ireland)
4. Dr Göran Boëthius, Swedish Doctors against Tobacco
5. Mr Boudewijn de Blij, Dutch Coalition against Tobacco (STIVORO)
6. Prof Friedrich Wiebel, German Medical Action Group Smoking or Health (GMASH)
7. Dr Maria Manuela dos Santos Pardal, National Coalition against Tobacco, Portugal

Highlights of year 1997

In 1997 ENSP’s mission is to develop a co-ordinated approach to tobacco control among non-governmental organisations in Europe serving as a link between the political level and civil society.

Major Achievements

National coalitions and specialised networks against tobacco

ENSP co-ordinates action at national level through national coalitions against tobacco. Since 1987 national coalitions have been established in all the EU countries (15 EU Member States at the time), plus Norway, Poland, Estonia, Hungary and the Czech Republic. Common working principles were adopted to streamline the approach towards lobbying and advocacy activities and to enhance collaboration between (often competing) national organisations. ENSP has also supported the development of theme based European networks in the field of young people and tobacco (ENYPAT), women and tobacco (INWAT Europe), and health professionals and tobacco (Smoke Free Hospitals Network).

General Principles of a National Coalition

In order to develop a common work base for the national...
coalitions in all 15 member states, common general principles had been adopted by all national coalitions. The aim was to streamline the approach to smoking prevention in Europe and to enhance collaboration among (often competing) organisations in the country.

**European Advertising Ban Directive**

ENSP closely collaborated with the UICC/ECL liaison office to support the Ad Ban Directive. ENSP’s members actively participated in a letter writing campaign to health ministers and prime ministers of Spain, Netherlands, Greece and Austria prior to the vote in the European Council of Health Ministers on December 4th, 1997.

The activity of ENSP was instrumental in the adoption of the **EU advertising directive in 2000**. This was accomplished through collaboration among network members in an informative campaign to the European Parliament and Council.

ENSP coalition members campaigned with their national ministries and MEP’s in favour of the directive from October 1997 through May 1998. The collection (an initiative of the French Coalition against Tobacco) and subsequent
dissemination of a petition of high level European scientists in favour of the advertising directive was co-ordinated by the ENSP central office. 1300 signatures from all 15 EU member states were collected of which 10 Nobel Prize winners.

Prior to the vote in the European Parliament, the petition was published in the “European Voice” and sent to all MEP’s as a poster.

Through various meetings and workshops, provisions of the EU directive proposal on tobacco regulation were closely studied and shared with network members, to stimulate participation in a democratic decision making process. These discussions resulted in a consensus on amendments to ensure the directive’s scientific viability and political feasibility.

**Assessment of priorities in tobacco control advocacy among the 15 National Coalitions and the European specialised tobacco control networks**

The following priorities were identified through a survey and actioned:

- Transposition into national legislation of the European advertising directive and the implementation thereof.
- Promotion of a European directive banning smoking at the work place and promotion and implementation of national legislation banning smoking in public places.
- Intensification of health education programmes, target group oriented, prioritising innovative approaches.
- Establishment of a European consensus to improve the availability/effectiveness of smoking cessation.
- Promotion of legislation on European and national level to increase taxes on tobacco products (especially on “Roll Your Own” tobacco).
- Support of organisations in Central and Eastern Europe to participate in the European tobacco control effort.

**General Principles of a National Coalition**
*Developed by ENSP in 1997*

- The aim of each national coalition is to promote tobacco control activities at national level and to contribute through its work to tobacco control at European level.
- All actors working in the field of tobacco control should be represented in the national coalition (i.e. anti-tobacco associations, national representatives of the European specialised networks, cancer associations, heart associations, asthma associations, universities, hospitals, government agencies, non-smokers’ associations, consumers’ organisations active in the field of smoking prevention etc.)
- The national coalition should agree on a common strategy for tobacco control, priorities and objectives. One of the objectives of the national coalition should be to develop a co-ordinated approach towards lobbying and advocacy activities to help establish the legal framework for tobacco control.
- The national coalition should create synergy and promote collaboration on national and European level while respecting the specificities and individual identity of each of its members.
- The national coalition must have a liaison person to take care of information exchange among members and with the ENSP Co-ordination office.
- The national coalition should establish contacts with the national government representatives of the Europe against Cancer Programme.
GA in Brussels, Athens and London

The members of the Executive Committee were:

1. President: Prof Albert Hirsch, French Coalition against Tobacco
2. Treasurer: Prof Pierre Bartsch, Belgian Coalition against Tobacco
3. Mr Robert Hudson, Irish Coalition against Tobacco (ASH Ireland)
4. Dr Göran Boëthius, Swedish Doctors against Tobacco
5. Mr Boudewijn de Blij, Dutch Coalition against Tobacco (STIVORO)
6. Ms Patti White, Tobacco Control Alliance, UK
7. Dr Joan R. Villalbi, Spanish Coalition against Tobacco (CNPT)

Implementation of the new project building procedure

For the year 1998 round of funding, ENSP had received 29 project proposals of which 12 on health professionals, 10 on women and smoking and 7 community projects. After an internal evaluation procedure, ENSP organised a “project building” workshop with the participation of project applicants whose proposals had been evaluated positively as well as applicants whose projects had been refused in the previous financial round.

A workshop was organised on 29 July 1998. 6 working groups were identified on the following themes:

1. Dentists
2. Smokefree hospitals
3. General practitioners
4. Nurses
5. Pregnant women
6. Low-income women

Each group was requested to identify a coordinator and to present a project plan at the end of the day.
As a result of the workshop, participants decided to develop 6 coordinated, large scale European project proposals, one for each theme identified.

The project built around the European Network of Smoke-free hospitals did not succeed to submit a completed application by the 15th of September deadline. A 6th project that had been evaluated positively but for which funds had not been available from the Commission at the previous round of funding, was included in the ENSP framework project application.

On September 13th, the first coordinated ENSP project application consisting of the 6 projects was submitted. Each proposal being under the responsibility of one project coordinator, the 6 projects involved 40 organisations from 14 EU Member States.

**Highlights of year 1998**

At the end of 1998 ENSP counts 300 member organisations in Europe and a mailing list of some 700 interested parties.

**Supporting organisations in Central and Eastern Europe**

On a voluntary basis, the German Medical Action Group Smoking or Health (GMASH), has financed the participation of a representative of the Czech Republic at the ENSP General Assembly meetings. The result of this support is very encouraging as in June 1998 a national coalition was created in the Czech Republic, the first coalition set up in Eastern and Central Europe. The coalition counted 29 members, mostly governmental and non-governmental organisations.
GA in Heidelberg and Florence

Members of the board were:

1. President: Prof Albert Hirsch, French Coalition against Tobacco
2. Treasurer: Mr Boudewijn de Blij, Dutch Coalition against Tobacco (STIVORO)
3. Mr Robert Hudson, Irish Coalition against Tobacco (ASH Ireland)
4. Dr Göran Boëthius, Swedish Doctors against Tobacco
5. Prof Pierre Bartsch, Belgian Coalition against Tobacco
6. Ms Patti White, Health Development Agency, UK
7. Dr Joan Ramon Villalbi, Spanish Coalition against Tobacco (CNPT)

From 1 Dec 1999 Francis Grogna employed as Financial coordinator

Highlights of year 1999

A world treaty on tobacco and health

The need to control the spreading tobacco epidemic was formally recognised by the 191 members of the World Health Assembly in 1999, when they gave the World Health Organisation the mission to initiate the first international treaty on health.

The Tobacco Industry

In October 1999, for the first time in history, Philip Morris admitted publicly on their web site that smoking is addictive and causes disease. Following this, Philip Morris changed their approach to legislations and policies by calling for “reasonable regulation that would lead to levelling the international playing field”. 
Meanwhile, the tobacco industry came under severe attack concerning their involvement in international smuggling operations (Canada, Ecuador, Columbia, etc.). The EU sued Philip Morris and RJ Reynolds in the US courts to recover excise duty lost as a result of smuggling activities.

**Initiating and co-ordinating large scale European smoking prevention projects.**

It is through the sharing of scientific knowledge and experience that the quality and effectiveness of prevention campaigns can be increased across Europe. In order to promote high standard, quality projects ENSP proposed an innovative model to the European Commission, turning the grant application procedure from passive project collection to pro-active, co-ordinated project building. In 1999 ENSP succeeded in creating **partnerships among 97 organisations from 15 EU member states + Norway, Iceland, Romania and Poland for 10 project proposals for an amount of 2.835.117 Euro. Doubling the number of organisations involved in 1998, the framework project stands as evidence of the extensive network ENSP built among the scientific community.**

**Links with intergovernmental and international non-governmental organisations**

The impetus given by the new director general of WHO, Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland, to tobacco control on a global level has increased international co-operation. **Collaboration between ENSP and WHO** increased the visibility of the European effort on tobacco control and gave well deserved credit to the legislative and regulatory achievements in the European Union. As a **member of the Committee for a Tobacco Free Europe (CTE)** created by the WHO Regional Office for Europe, ENSP actively collaborated on generating support for the framework convention for tobacco control.

This collaboration has also opened the possibility to co-operate more closely with tobacco control organisations in the **European Region (51 countries) and specifically with organisations in the EU accession countries as well as international non-governmental organisations** (International Union Against Cancer, International Network of Non-governmental organisation against tobacco, international union of health promotion and education, etc.).

**Tobacco and women**

European statistics have shown that in late 90s, while smoking among men was slowly declining, **smoking among women** was generally on the rise, especially among young girls. In order to draw the attention of policy makers to this rising epidemic and create a basis for further action, ENSP organised a European status report on the issue combined with the international conference **“Tobacco and Women: understanding the past, changing the future”**. This report pointed out the health consequences of women’s smoking, gave the latest statistical data available in Europe on smoking rates of women, and proposed a detailed analysis of the threat to public health presented by “light” cigarettes. This report was especially relevant to the new directive’s proposal on tobacco product regulation and was made available on the ENSP website or as a hard copy in all (at the time) **11 EU languages.**
GA in Lisbon and Paris

27th May 2000 at the end of the 2-year term a new board was elected:

The members of the board were:

1. President: Trudy Prins - STIVORO (Dutch Foundation on Smoking and Health) - Netherlands
2. Treasurer: Mr Fenton Howell, Irish Coalition against Tobacco (ASH Ireland)
3. Vice-president: Dr Joan R. Villalbi, Spanish Coalition against Tobacco (CNPT)
4. Dr Göran Boëthius, Swedish Doctors against Tobacco
5. Prof Pierre Bartsch, Belgian Coalition against Tobacco
6. Ms Patti White, Health Development Agency, UK
7. Prof Gilles Brücker, Alliance française contre le tabagisme

Highlights of year 2000

Lisbon, 27 May 2000 - One of the ENSP conference resolutions called upon Health Ministers and Ministers of Finance in the European Union to adopt a comprehensive tobacco control policy for the next millennium. The resolution was published in the Portuguese press and in several newsletters in Europe.

Paris, 24/25 November 2000 - The conference “For a future ban of tobacco advertisement” was organised in Paris as a collaborative initiative of ENSP-UICC/ECL- ERS – EHN. It drew together 60 delegates from 20 countries aiming to define a common approach for the:

- EU advertising directive;
- EU directive proposal regarding the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco products;
- New EU public health program and the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

The participants were able to express in one common voice their deep concern about the annulment of the EU advertising directive in the conference resolution.

Substantial work was invested in the co-ordination and management of the ENSP Framework projects. A new dimension was added to ENSP work. The responsibility
for the financial co-ordination of the framework project 1999/2000 was taken on for the first time and successfully completed.

A new framework grant application 2001/2002 was initiated, resulting in 11 subprojects drawing together 88 partner organisations from 17 countries for a total project of 3.4 million Euros. The emphasis on European scale partnership projects clearly fulfilled ENSP objectives aimed at building Europe-wide collaborative networks.

In September 2000, the network counted 342 member organisations in the European Region. The majority of organisations is established in the European Union, EFTA countries and EU accession states.

**Year 2000 a landmark for The European Union and Tobacco Control**

During 2000, ENSP had to work in a political environment that saw a number of changes and uncertainties:

- The European Commission was restructured
- The Public health programmes were moved from the Directorate General responsible for Employment, Social Affairs and Industrial Relations to the Directorate General for Health and Consumer Affairs (DG SANCO).
- A new Commissioner, Mr David Byrne from Ireland took charge of DG SANCO
- Following the retirement of Dr R. Hunter in August, a new director of Public Health, Mr. Fernand Sauer, started office in December
- The position of Head of Unit of Cancer Prevention remained vacant during the last part of the year
- The Europe Against Cancer programme ended on December 31 and a new public health programme still was to be adopted by the European Parliament and the European Council of Ministers

The year 2000 was also the first period of office for the 626 newly elected members of the European Parliament, with centre right parties dominating the European Parliament for the first time since its establishment.
The EU directive proposal (COM (1999) 594 final) regarding the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco products, was successfully adopted on its second reading by the European Parliament.

The EU advertising directive (98/43/EC) was annulled by the judgement of the European Court of Justice of 5 October 2000.

Another ENSP objective was to expand the tobacco control effort beyond the “classic” players. So as a result of the effort in this direction:

- The Federation of European Cancer Societies (FECS) was granted observer status in the ENSP General Assembly.
- ENSP became a founding member of the International Framework Convention Alliance. The objective of FCA is to promote a strong International Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, the first international treaty on health initiated by the World Health Organisation.

Frequent meetings would guarantee a democratic decision making procedure, confer ownership of the project to ENSP members and ensure national implementation of the decisions taken.
GA in Sigtuna (Sweden) and Paris

The members of the board were (elected in 2000 for a 2 year term):

1. President: Trudy Prins - STIVORO (Dutch Foundation on Smoking and Health) - Netherlands
2. Treasurer: Mr Fenton Howell, Irish Coalition against Tobacco (ASH Ireland)
3. Vice-president: Dr Joan R. Villalbi, Spanish Coalition against Tobacco (CNPT)
4. Dr Göran Boëthius, Swedish Doctors against Tobacco
5. Prof Pierre Bartsch, Belgian Coalition against Tobacco
6. Ms Patti White, Health Development Agency, UK
7. Prof Gilles Brücker, Alliance française contre le tabagisme

Highlights of year 2001

Policy development and support to EU Tobacco Control legislation

ENSP had actively participated in European policy building by co-ordinating activities and developing common strategies in support of the *EU Directive on the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco products* and these activities were instrumental to the adoption of the proposal by the Health Council and European Parliament in May 2001.

Following the annulment of the *EU Advertising Directive* by the European Court of Justice, ENSP together with the European Respiratory Society and European Heart Network, commissioned a study to explore the possibility of using Art
153 (consumer protection) of the Amsterdam Treaty as an alternative legal base for a new advertising directive proposal. The study conducted by Prof T. Bourgoignies of the Consumer Policy Centre, confirmed the possibility of this hypothesis and was communicated to the Commission services in charge of redrafting a new advertising directive proposal.

A European strategy group composed of health network representatives, of which ENSP was a member, prepared an alternative advertising directive proposal in April 2001 under the guidance of Ash London. The document was motivated by great concern over the possibility of a weak alternative directive proposal by the European Commission.

ENSP closely collaborated 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 observer in the FCTC negotiations in May 2001.

**ENSP pioneered the focus on workplace health.**

In October 1998, the ENSP General Assembly voted for smoke free workplaces to be one of their priorities. At the time
there were 151 million working citizens in the EU, making up 40.3% of the total EU population. A study undertaken by Philip Morris (1992) concluded that if smoking was banned in all workplaces, average consumption would decline by over 10% and quitting rates would increase by 74%.

In May 2001 ENSP organised a two day European conference in Berlin, (Germany), with the German Cancer Society and the Dutch Centre for Workplace Health Promotion (GBW).

The conference attracted an international audience, including participants from the US, Japan and many accession countries. ENSP offered bursaries to participants from Turkey, Slovenia and Bulgaria. In total, more than 200 delegates from 26 countries attended. The most significant result of the conference was the decision of the Trade Union Congress (UK) to develop a European Network of Trade Union officials responsible for health and safety of workers exposed to environmental tobacco smoke.

A European status report was published as a multinational collaborative effort to create a baseline document giving a clear picture of smoking prevention at the workplace in Europe, and supporting policy development in this area. The report informed on the health risks from active and passive smoking; legislation and legal practice on smoking at the workplace and in public places in Europe; smoking prevention policies in European countries and companies; and costs/benefits of workplace smoking policies.

ENSP organised a joint strategy meeting in Paris, 24/26 November. 60 delegates from 20 countries attended the event that was opened by Mrs Marie Thérèse Hermange, Member of the European Parliament and deputy mayor of Paris. Presenters included Mr Jules Maaten, (Member of the European Parliament) and Mrs Heidi Rathjen, Co-ordinator of the Quebec Coalition against Tobacco. During interactive workshop sessions, delegates developed common strategies on four European policy issues:

- The EU tobacco regulation directive;
- The EU advertising directive;
- The European Public Health Programme;
- The WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

Discussions culminated in a conference declaration, expressing deep concern at the annulment of the EU directive banning advertising and sponsorship of tobacco products by the European Court of Justice. European non-governmental organisations urged the European Commission, Council of Ministers and members of the European Parliament to work towards a strong new directive proposal, banning all forms of advertising, promotion and sponsorship of tobacco products. The declaration also called for an EU Treaty revision allowing harmonisation of legislation on public health grounds.
GA in Athens

The new elected Board at the General Assembly on 19/20 April 2002 were:

1. President: Trudy Prins - STIVORO (Dutch Foundation on Smoking and Health) - Netherlands
2. Vice-President: Dr Thorsteinn Njálsson – Tobacco Control task force of Iceland
3. Treasurer: Mr Michel Pettiaux – F.A.R.E.S. Belgium
4. Prof Bertrand Dautzenberg – OFT (Office Français de Prevention du Tabagism) - France
5. Doreen McIntyre – No Smoking Day Unit, UK
6. Dr Elizabeth Tamang – ULSS 12 Veneziana, Italy

Highlights of year 2002

Emphasis was put on supporting a strong EU position in the intergovernmental negotiations for the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and on developing a co-ordinated approach to the proposed EU advertising directive covering indirect as well as direct tobacco advertising, replacing the directive 98/43/EC annulled by the European Court of Justice in 2000.

ENSP continued targeted dissemination of information on the European status report on smokefree workplaces and started to draft related policy recommendations. Major input was given by ENSP to the new EU public health programme
with a view to promote tobacco control as a priority on the European health agenda 2003-2008 and to provide a firm legal base for tobacco control in the European Constitutional Treaty so to include health as one of the values and objectives of the Union; to make public health a shared competence and to establish a strong legal base for EU tobacco legislation.

**ENSP focused on strengthening the collaboration at country level**

ENSP was invited to give input in the planning of the 3rd European Conference on Tobacco Or Health held in Warsaw on 20-22 June 2002. This was an opportunity to develop links with the Polish Health Promotion Foundation.

A meeting was organised with 10 members of the Greek national coalition on tobacco control in Athens on 27 & 28 February to motivate them to engage in co-ordinated advocacy activities and to promote their participation in the European tobacco control effort with special emphasis on the FCTC negotiations.

**Meeting with Commissioner Byrne**

On 12 July ENSP initiated and organised a meeting between Health Organisations active in tobacco control and Mr Byrne. At the meeting, Health Organisations expressed their concern for a comprehensive tobacco control policy regarding the new advertising directive, the new Council Recommendation, the EU media campaign for youth prevention and on the attitude of Germany to block the effort of EU Member States to develop a comprehensive tobacco control policy. The meeting succeeded to re-establish a trustful relationship between the Commission and those NGOs.

**Letter to Chancellor Schröder**

The German Health Ministry had accepted 11,8 million Euro from the Tobacco Industry over 5 years to be spent on youth prevention campaigns. 29 organisations from 17 countries signed the letter urging Chancellor Schröder not to get involved with the Tobacco Industry, to return the money and to allocate the same amount to finance Germany’s tobacco control policy.
EU Tobacco Advertising Directive

On 2 December, European Health Ministers/members of the Health Council reached a political agreement in qualified majority on the EU Tobacco Advertising Directive. This was welcomed with mixed feelings by health advocates, since the Directive includes the ban of tobacco advertising in printed publications, information society services (internet, mobile phones etc.), on the radio. Sponsorship of events or activities involving several Members States with cross border effects were also included, with the ban off free distribution of tobacco products. However it does not cover indirect advertising or direct advertising on billboards. Member States are expected to comply to this Directive by 31 July 2005.

EC Recommendation on the prevention of smoking and on initiatives to improve tobacco control

A proposal for a Council Recommendation on the prevention of smoking and on initiatives to improve tobacco control was presented to the Health Council on the 26th June 2002 in Luxembourg by Commissioner David Byrne. It was adopted on 2 December 2002 by the Health Council by qualified majority, the German delegation voting against.

EU Communication campaign on youth smoking prevention/Media Campaign

The European Commission has developed an EU wide campaign on youth smoking prevention programme, which was presented at a meeting attended by ENSP and ENYPAT on 15 January 2002. ENSP, together with ENYPAT, identified national focal points in each of the EU Members States to facilitate the implementation of the campaign at national level.

EU Directive 2001/37/EC concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco products

On 14 November 2002, ENSP attended a Commission stakeholder meeting in Luxembourg concerning the development of a Commission decision to establish the rules on the use of colour picture warnings on tobacco packaging (follow up to Directive 2001/37/EC). Called at very short notice, only 4 NGO representatives were present – but 25 members of the tobacco industry had been present at an earlier meeting that morning.

The colour photographs, though not mandatory, will be part of the additional warning on the package together with one of the 14 obligatory text warnings. The Commission intended to establish a library of photographs and planned to publish a call for tender in February 2003 under the Tobacco Fund to collect the photographs. The implementation of the Commission decision was planned for 1 January 2004.

4 new national coalitions joined the network (Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, Czech Republic). A new Italian Coalition was created.
**GA in Utrecht**

Board members were:

1. President: Trudy Prins - STIVORO (Dutch Foundation on Smoking and Health) - Netherlands
2. Vice-President: Dr Thorsteinn Njálsson – Tobacco Control task force of Iceland
3. Treasurer: Mr Michel Pettiaux – F.A.R.E.S. Belgium
4. Prof Bertrand Dautzenberg – OFT (Office Français de Prevention du Tabagism) - France
5. Doreen McIntyre – No Smoking Day Unit, UK
6. Dr Elizabeth Tamang – ULSS 12 Veneziana, Italy

**Highlights of year 2003**

M. Francis Grogna (BE) became Secretary General

The landmark of the year was the unanimous adoption of the Framework Convention for Tobacco Control (FCTC), at the 56 World Health Assembly in May 2003 after 4 years of hard work and negotiations.

Meanwhile, at European level, the ‘new’ EU Tobacco Advertising Directive was published and in August was again challenged; in September the Tobacco Products Directive was implemented amidst great public and media attention as the...
The general public saw larger health warnings appearing, as well as waving goodbye to misleading descriptors such as ‘light’ and ‘mild’.

This Directive also included an EU-wide ban on oral tobacco except in Sweden, following the challenge by Swedish tobacco producers.

Another day to remember was the 16 June, when Commissioner David Byrne signed the FCTC on behalf of the European Union.

The ENSP Framework Project Application 2002-2003 included 6 projects:

- The ENSP Network Activities;
- The European Network of Quitlines, including GLOBALink as subcontracted project;
- the European Medical Associations’ development and dissemination of medical and scientific resources to inform on health policy;
- Health Professionals and Smoking Cessation;
- the European Status Report on Environmental Tobacco Smoke;
- The European Network of Smokefree Hospital

With the coming enlargement of the European Union in May 2004, ENSP worked particularly hard to promote capacity building, coordinated action, as well as awareness and understanding of EU tobacco control legislation to non-members, in addition to growing the network horizontally, through contacts and alliances with other networks and organizations.
By September 2003, national coalitions were founded in Cyprus and Slovenia, while others were planned to be set up in Lithuania and Latvia.

**Smokefree Workplaces**

At European level, ENSP has been particularly active in promoting smokefree workplace legislation through meetings with the European Commission. Discussions also took place with intergovernmental officials, governmental representatives and tobacco control advocates at national level, as well as Press work to disseminate the ENSP smokefree workplace recommendations. Those were a highly useful source of evidence for the European Commission and Parliament while planning the implementation of their own internal smokefree rules.

**EU Tobacco Advertising and Sponsorship Directive**

The EU Advertising Directive was published in the Official Journal of the EU on 26 May with implementation of its ban on advertising in printed media, internet, radio and sponsorship of cross-border EU member state events. On 1 August 2003 it was announced that the Directive would be challenged in the European Court of Justice by the German government and the Formula 1 motor racing track, the Nurburgring.

**EU Tobacco Products Directive**

In November, ENSP published a ‘Status Report on Oral Tobacco’ which drew together evidence surrounding the highly debated harm reduction issue, and explored the potential effects of lifting the ban.

The ‘Research into the Labelling of Tobacco Products in Europe’ funded in 2001 and 2002 was finally published and widely disseminated.

ENSP, together with the European Heart Network, The European Respiratory Society and Gopa Cartermill (a consultant) formed a Consortium called ‘ASPECT’ funded by the EC through a tender to write a report on ‘Tobacco Control in Europe’.

In May 2003 the Polish coalition joined ENSP and it was agreed that the Polish coalition would host the ENSP Network Meeting and General Assembly in May 2004.

Sibylle Fleitmann Leaves ENSP and Francis Grogna became Secretary General.
GA in Krakow

The members of the new elected board at the General Assembly in Krakow on 8 May were:

1. President: Trudy Prins - STIVORO (Dutch Foundation on Smoking and Health) - Netherlands
2. Vice-President: Dr Thorsteinn Njálsson – Tobacco Control task force of Iceland
3. Treasurer: Mr Michel Pettiaux – F.A.R.E.S. Belgium
4. Prof Bertrand Dautzenberg – OFT (Office Français de Prevention du Tabagism) France
5. Dr Elizabeth Tamang – ULSS 12 Veneziana, Italy
6. Dr Maria Pilali - Hellenic Cancer Society, Greece
7. Prof Witold Zatonski - Health Promotion Foundation, Poland

Highlights of year 2004

With the new European Parliament and Commission in office new challenges began.

In 2004 the European Union’s largest enlargement process in its history took place, with the accession of ten new Member States, making a Union of 25 countries. Tobacco control faces great challenge as the result of this sudden growth, including the gap in health status between old and new Member States.

In 2004 a new Commissioner for Health and Consumer Affairs took office. Public Health Commissioner Markos Kyprianou outlined his priorities for health and healthcare, following the main principles established by his
predecessor, David Byrne. Promoting healthy lifestyles and mental health, as well as ensuring food safety, are among his priorities as Commissioner for health and consumer protection. He also stated that his ambition was to have smoking bans introduced in all Member States by the end of his term.

The reflection process on the New Health Strategy launched by former Commissioner David Byrne has paved the way for the new health policy. ENSP largely contributed to the open consultation on the Reflection Paper emphasising that tobacco control should have remained a top priority on the Commission’s agenda.

In 2004 a major EU-funded anti-tobacco campaign with a budget of 72 million euros was lunched to promote tobaccofree lifestyles of young people, help existing smokers quit and promote tobaccofree public places. ENSP was member of the Ligaris-B&S-Carat (LBC) Consortium for the “HELP for a life without tobacco” campaign, which won the bid. The HELP campaign started and lasted 4 years.
Another significant milestone in 2004 was the EU ratification of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) by the minimum quorum required for it to enter into force.

Coinciding with the 100th country signing the FCTC, the European Parliament’s Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy voted unanimously on 30 March 2004 in favour of the ratification of the FCTC. On 21 April 2004 the European Parliament voted by an overwhelming majority in favour of the Decision proposed by the European Council, to endorse the signature of the FCTC.

Two court cases were held at the European Court of Justice in June and September 2004 that challenged the validity of national laws enacting Article 8 of the EU Tobacco Products Directive 2002/37/EC, which bans the sale of oral tobacco. On 14 December 2004 the EC ruled that the ban on oral tobacco in Europe was entirely valid.

The Commission Decision 2003/641/EC of 5 September 2003 on the use of colour photographs or other illustrations as health warnings on tobacco packages establishes rules for the use, on cigarette packets, of colour photographs or other illustrations to depict the health consequences of smoking. It is a follow-up to the Directive 2001/37/EC on tobacco products, which required an increase in the size of health warnings on packaging. However, the use of shocking images in addition to warning messages was not compulsory. During a press conference held in Brussels on 22 October 2004, Commissioner David Byrne unveiled proposals for new hard-hitting picture warnings for cigarette packs. They formed part of a database of 42 images designed to be used in combination with hard-hitting health warnings introduced throughout the EU in 2003.
ENSP was also involved in the following:

- Tracking the development of the Article 11 of Directive 2001/37/EC, requiring that no later than 31 December 2004, and every two years thereafter, the Commission shall submit to the European Parliament, the Council and the Economic and Social Committee a report on the application of this Directive.
- Supporting the establishment of smoke-free public places, including workplace legislation on both EU and national levels through a consultation launched on 2 March 2004 by the European Commission DG Employment and Social Affairs with social partners on the protection of workers from risk, related to exposure to carcinogens, mutagens and substances that are toxic for human reproduction and looked into the possibility to revise the Carcinogens Directive and extend its scope.
- Supporting the Environment and Health Strategy being part of a consultaion launched in June 2003 by the Commission on Environment and Health Strategy (referred to as the SCALE initiative) proposing an integrated approach involving closer co-operation between health, environment and research areas. ENSP worked at integrating tobacco issues in the Action Plan.
- Tracking and follow-up of tobacco subsidies, particularly the development and use of the Tobacco Fund. ENSP campaigned with other networks, such as European Cancer Leagues, European Heart Network and European Respiratory Society and achieved that tobacco subsidies would be phased out completely by 2010.

The ENSP statutes had been updated to reflect the enlargement of Europe, the membership of new countries and networks and also to integrate changes in the Belgian law concerning international non-profit organisations.

2004 was the last year of ENSP framework projects. From 2005 only single applications were submitted.
**GA in Cyprus**

The members of the board were:

1. President: Trudy Prins - STIVORO (Dutch Foundation on Smoking and Health) - Netherlands
2. Vice-President: Dr Thorsteinn Njálsson – Tobacco Control task force of Iceland
3. Treasurer: Mr Michel Pettiaux – F.A.R.E.S. Belgium
4. Prof Bertrand Dautzenberg – OFT (Office Français de Prevention du Tabagisme) France
5. Dr Elizabeth Tamang – ULSS 12 Veneziana, Italy
6. Dr Maria Pilali - Hellenic Cancer Society, Greece
7. Prof Witold Zatonski - Health Promotion Foundation, Poland

**Highlights of year 2005**

2005 was a year of both consolidation and expansion for ENSP as an organisation, with its membership increasing as well as its secretariat staff. In view of the challenges facing an enlarged European Union, and in the context of the Public Health Programme, the ENSP endeavoured to keep tobacco on the European political agenda, while at the same time continuing to consolidate its position as an independent and pan-European NGO.

In Europe the wave of smoke-free legislation continued, following on from the implementation in the Republic of Ireland in March 2004. The year began with Italy going
smokefree in January 2005. Like Ireland, the Italian smoking ban was a blanket ban in all public places. This encouraging start to 2005 continued in the course of the year with Sweden announcing similar law. In addition, many positive signals were coming from Spain and some parts of the UK.

ENSP continued supporting the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) and was instrumental in helping its members in all countries of the WHO European region, encouraging governments to take the next step and commit to the treaty. 168 countries have signed the FCTC and 114 have ratified it. 21 EU countries, 13 EU Member States and by December, the European Union itself also ratified.

On 26 May 2005 the Commission published its decision on the library of selected source documents containing colour photographs. This enabling legislation means that Member States could now take up the option to illustrate the standard EU health warnings on tobacco products using images from the database developed by the Commission.

In Belgium picture warnings would feature on all cigarette packs by World No Tobacco Day 2007. The Royal Decree imposing combined health warnings (text and colour photographs) was published in the Belgian Official Journal on 30 November 2005. Belgium was the first Member State to implement the Commission decision 2003/641/EC.

ENSP supported the implementation of the EU Tobacco Advertising Directive 2003/33/EC. The Directives 2003/33/EC and 97/36/EC ban indirect advertising, point-of-sale advertising, cinema, outdoor and sponsorship of national events and on the internet. Its implementation date was 31 July 2005. By December 2005, 7 out of the 25 EU Member States had not yet fully implemented the 2003/33/EC Directive. ENSP prepared a comprehensive overview of the implementation in the 25 EU Member States.

ENSP published the summary of project results 2003/2004 (in the form of fact sheets) and they widely disseminated via the ENSP mailing list of over 700 stakeholders, including ENSP national coalitions, members of the European Commission, WHO and others.

In 2005, ENSP GA decided that no framework project would be developed and submitted, but rather a single ENSP project application.
GA in Brussels

The new elected board members at the GA in Brussels on 21 April 2006 were:

1. President: Dr Elizabeth Tamang, ULSS 12 Veneziana, Italy
2. Vice President: Dr Luke Clancy, Tobacco Free Research Institute Ireland, Focas Research Institute - Ireland
3. Treasurer: Dr Tibor Szilagyi, Health 21 Hungarian Foundation, Hungary
4. Dr Amanda Amos, Medical School Edinburgh, UK
5. M Luis Lopes, Tobacco Prevention Council Lisbon, Portugal
6. Dr Luminita Sanda, Romanian Network of Smoking Prevention, Romania
7. Dr Maria Pilali, Hellenic Cancer Society, Greece

Highlights of year 2006

2006 was characterised by a domino effect in the adoption of smokefree legislation across Europe. On 1 January 2006 Belgium introduced a ban on smoking in all enclosed workplaces; the Czech Republic followed with a partial ban; in June 2006 the Finnish parliament approved a bill banning smoking in bars and restaurants as of June 2007; in May 2006 the Lithuanian parliament passed a bill banning smoking in public places as of January 2008; in Luxembourg a comprehensive smoking ban in public places came into effect on 5 September 2006; on 1 January 2006 Spain also introduced a ban on smoking in workplaces, including bars and restaurants over 100 square meter; a total smokefree legislation was introduced in Scotland on 26 March 2006.
The first Conference of the Parties of the FCTC was organised in Geneva, Switzerland from 6 to 17 February 2006. The main decisions taken at COP-1 were:

- to establish the permanent secretariat of the Treaty within the World Health Organization in Geneva;
- to create working groups to begin developing protocols in the areas of cross-border advertising and illicit trade and to help countries establish smoke-free places and effective ways of regulating tobacco products;
- to allow the Conference of the Parties to assess progress made by countries in implementing the measures required by the Treaty through a pilot reporting questionnaire agreed by the Parties during the Conference;
- to establish an ad-hoc group of experts that would study economically viable alternatives to tobacco growing and production.

Among ENSP members, Greece ratified the FCTC on 27 January 2006, Romania on 27 January 2006 and Poland on 15 September 2006. By the end of 2006 Croatia, the Czech Republic and Italy had all signed the Treaty, but had not yet ratified it.

ENSP organized a Tobacco Control Research Strategy Seminar, which was designed to contribute fully to the fulfilment of the gap at EU level for greater research coordination and capacity.

In 2006 PHEA - Public Health Executive Agency was set up in Luxembourg. PHEA was the European Commission’s Executive Agency for the Public Health Programme.

ENSP with Luk Joossens updated the Effective Tobacco Control Policies in 28 European Countries (October 2004) now expanded to 30 countries, using a scoring system. It was published in Tobacco Control Vol. 15 No. 3, June 2006.

ENSP successfully submitted a project proposal within the Public Health Programme. It was structured in 3 work packages and due to start in 2007:

1. Creating a database of enterprises implementing smoke-free workplace policies to develop practical tools to promote the measure.
2. Monitor implementation of FCTC creating national teams in Member State, in accession and EFTA countries to assist monitoring the implementation of FCTC.
3. Young women’s exposure to second-hand smoke to analyse the current situation in Europe with a gender perspective, and particularly that of young women, to bring together experiences from countries, which have implemented comprehensive smoking bans in public places and to identify the next actions to protect women from second-hand smoke and specific research needs.
On 13 December 2006, the EC launched a new consultation following the consultation process Enabling Good Health for All – A Reflection Process for a new EU Health Strategy. This discussion document offered stakeholders the opportunity to comment further on plans for an overarching health strategy to be adopted by the European Commission in 2007.

A Research Strategy Seminar: State-of-the-art was organised during the ENSP Network Meeting in Sofia in November 2006 to assess EU research capacity, co-ordination and possible funding and to develop a co-ordinated EU tobacco research strategy. The EU Tobacco Research Strategy was published to ensure that policy-makers and programme developers were on track to work was needed in the field of tobacco control research.

In June 2006 ENSP worked together with the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) to produce a position paper expressing public health concerns about the revision of the Television Without Frontiers Directive.

ENSP was involved in the Smoke-free environments consultation launched by DG SANCO on 30 May 2006. It was an informal consultation with EU Member States’ authorities, environment and health stakeholders as well as the industry in the run-up to the adoption of a Commission Green Paper on Smoke-Free Environments, which was published in early 2007.
GA in Cascais

The board members were:

1. President: Dr Elizabeth Tamang, ULSS 12 Veneziana, Italy
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3. Treasurer: Dr Tibor Szilágyi, Health 21 Hungarian Foundation, Hungary
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6. Dr Luminita Sanda, Romanian Network of Smoking Prevention, Romania
7. Dr Maria Pilali, Hellenic Cancer Society, Greece

With the departure of Amanda Amos in 2006 and Tibor Szilágyi in 2007, the decision was taken at the General Assembly, held in Cascais, Portugal on 17 November 2007, to co-opt two Board members: Mervi Hara (ASH Finland) and Jørgen Falk (National Board of Health, Denmark) to sit on the Board until the next statutory elections (4 April 2008).

Highlights of year 2007

During this year the benefits of ENSP’s coordinated action, implemented over the past ten years, started to show, especially thanks to the coalition-building process and the collaborative spirit of networking, which ENSP has been able to create. 28 national coalitions were represented in the
ENSP network and joined forces to enhance Tobacco Control in Europe.

The second session of the Conference of the Parties of the FCTC (COP-2) took place in Bangkok from 30 June to 6 July 2007.

The key decisions taken mainly referred to:

- Guidelines on Article 8 (protection from exposure to tobacco smoke)
- Protocol on illicit trade
- Guidelines on Article 13 (advertising, promotion and sponsorship)
- Guidelines on Article 11 (packaging and labelling)

ENSP members contributed to the collection of data necessary to the elaboration of the “Civil Society Monitoring of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control: 2007 Status Report of the Framework Convention Alliance”. ENSP also supported the FCA FCTC Monitor Project Manager (Canada) in initiating the 2008 FCA FCTC Monitoring.

In 2007 ENSP managed the final payments of the framework projects since 2002. So a relevant chapter of ENSP life was closed.

A new project (June 2007-May 2008) started with the financial support of DG SANCO with the main objective of developing and strengthening the EU network on tobacco control.

A consensus seminar on tobacco and nicotine product regulation was organised in Leuven, Belgium, on 3-4 May 2007. During the meeting, ENSP members expressed their firm opposition to the initiative of considering oral tobacco as a possible smoking cessation support. This position was confirmed later in the year during the Cascais Network Meeting. ENSP was against lifting
the ban on smokeless tobacco in the EU, nor was it in favour of introducing any kind of new tobacco product.

ENSP took a strong position in the response to the following EC consultations:

- Consultation on Health in Europe: A Strategic Approach, which was submitted to the European Commission on 12 February 2007, highlighting the urgent need to stop Tobacco consumption.
- Consultation on the Green Paper on Smoke-free Places submitted to the European Commission on 31 May 2007, strongly advocating for a complete ban on smoking in all enclosed public places and workplaces.
- Consultation on Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks (SCENIHR) preliminary report on “Health Effects of Smokeless Tobacco Products”, articulating the evidence based harm of smokeless tobacco.

ENSP campaign to support the Slovenian Coalition for Public Health, Environment and Tobacco control (SCTC) in their effort to protect the Tobacco legislation enforced in August 2007 and challenged by a small Slovenian Political Party was determinant. The Health Committee of the Republic of Slovenia decided unanimously on 16 January 2008 that the proposition for the change of the existing tobacco legislation was inappropriate for further proceedings in the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia.
GA in Brussels

The newly elected board members at the GA in Brussels on 4 April 2008 were:

1. President: Prof Luke Clancy, Research Institute for a Tobacco-Free Society, Ireland
2. Vice President: Patti White, National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE), UK
3. Treasurer: Mr Michel Pettiaux (BE)
4. Dr Jorgen Falk, National Board of Health, Denmark
5. Prof Panagiotis Behrakis, Hellenic Cancer Society, Greece
6. Trudy Prins, INWAT, Netherlands
7. Aurelijus Veryga, Kaunas Drug Abuse Help Centre for Youth, Lithuania

Highlights of year 2008

2008 was characterized by the worldwide financial crisis, which had an impact on ENSP as well. It was the second year ENSP did not lead the tobacco control framework project and caused a real financial struggle to support its core activities. It was a year of structural difficulties for ENSP to maintain its key roles. During 2008 ENSP worked mainly on supporting countries to develop Smokefree policies.

In addition, ENSP members committed directly to the implementation of the 4th year of the “HELP! For a life without tobacco” campaign initiated and funded by the European Commission and contributed to raising awareness of the dangers of tobacco products amongst children and young people.

ENSP continued to disseminate information within the network, enabling up-to-date and coordinated debates amongst its members.

Two ENSP member representatives were supported for the FCA Board of Directors election for the EURO and AT-LARGE positions.

The EU Commission published the draft legislative proposal on 16 July 2008 for a Directive amending Directives 92/79/
EEC, 92/80/EEC and 95/59/EC on the structure and rates of excise duty applied on manufactured tobacco.

ENSP started working on the DG SANCO 2007 funded project, including:

1. The creation of a database on Enterprises - Implementing smoke-free workplace policies to develop practical tools to promote the measure through a policy document, including a set of recommendations for building/implementing the related policies and through listing of good examples of companies in a European database to encourage employers.

2. The report ‘Exposing the Evidence – Women and Second Hand Smoke in Europe’ was published in close cooperation with the Advisory Board for the International Network of Women Against Tobacco – Europe (INWAT-Europe). The report and its findings were of importance for both the European tobacco control community and the European women’s health movement to contribute to and support the increasing momentum in Europe towards more effective smoke-free policies in both public and private spaces.

3. A research into textual warnings and combined warnings on tobacco products to map and review the scientific and technical progress on health warnings and combined warnings, not only in Europe, but also in Canada and Australia, and to develop a set of recommendations for the future review of the health and the combined warnings.

ENSP continued to be committed as partner on the following EU funded projects:

- General Practitioners and the Economics of Smoking Cessation in Europe (PESCE) (2006-2008) funded to Tabac & Liberté, the largest non-governmental organisation in Europe specialising in smoking cessation training of general practitioners at national level. The project involved 31 partners from 27 countries with the aim to develop evidence-based policy recommendations for decision-makers to take measures to increase GPs smoking cessation
interventions in Europe. As a collaborating partner in this project, ENSP provided expertise and support for specific actions as and when required. Among other activities, ENSP organized a European press conference on 6 June 2008 in Brussels where the results of the research and the policy recommendations were presented to international journalists. The meeting was also attended by European Commission and WHO representatives.

- **Working with Communities to Reduce Health Inequalities**: Protecting Children and Young People from Tobacco (2008-2010) funded by the Public Health Programme to a European programme management group (PMG) lead by Liverpool Primary Care Trust. Involving 10 associated and 6 collaborative partners from 15 Member States, it developed effective methods of engaging local communities and peer groups to produce tools to reduce (1) high smoking prevalence rates amongst young people and (2) exposure of children and young people to second-hand smoke. ENSP’s primary roles were to disseminate results, create a toolkit and draw policy recommendations.

- ENSP supported and contributed to the development of the IFT-Nord (Institut für Therapie- und Gesundheitsforschung gemeinnützige Gesellschaft mbH) application for funding of the “Smoking in movies: Impact on European youth and policy options” project (January 2009 – June 2010), which aimed at quantifying smoking in European movies and assessing its association with smoking among European adolescents. It also analysed smoking in movies policies in all Member States. ENSP’s role was to disseminate the project results.

In continuity with 2007 action, ENSP focused on strengthening communication and collaboration between ENSP and other European public health organisations based in Brussels. In addition several co-ordination meetings were held with the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA), the Smoke-free Partnership (SFP), the European Respiratory Society (ERS), the European Federation of Allergy and Airway Diseases Patients Association (EFA), the European Cancer Leagues (ECL) and the European Heart Network (EHN).

The Public Health Programme 2008-2013 provided a legal basis for core funding of NGOs. This was a positive development, as previously only specific project funds were available and were not designed to provide a stable financing mechanisms for NGOs working on European advocacy. ENSP submitted the application for an operating grant in May, which was evaluated positively by the EC. It would start receiving up to 60% co-funding for the ongoing operations from January through December 2009.
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2009

**GA in Athens**

The board members were:

1. President: Prof Luke Clancy, Research Institute for a Tobacco-Free Society, Ireland
2. Vice President: Patti White, National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE), UK
3. Treasurer: Mr Michel Pettiaux, Foundation Against Respiratory Diseases (FARES), Belgium
4. Dr Jorgen Falk, National Board of Health, Denmark
5. Prof Panagiotis Behrakis, Hellenic Cancer Society, Greece
6. Trudy Prins, INWAT, Netherlands
7. Aurelijus Veryga, Kaunas Drug Abuse Help Centre for Youth, Lithuania

**Highlights of year 2009**

Despite the financial challenges, ENSP continued to be a vibrant and dynamic network that was opened to change and continued to stand resolute in its core objective to protect the health of European citizens from the harm caused by tobacco.

ENSP continued to grow from strength to strength in 2009 even if under economic difficulties. It continued to expand the collaboration with other public health organisations and advocates by firmly stressing tobacco control's key importance in the broader public health agenda.

The ENSP GA and Network Meeting, which took place in Athens from 29 to 31 October 2009, was a pivotal meeting,
culminating in the ENSP Athens Declaration. ENSP members and guests from across the world agreed unanimously that partial smoking bans fail to protect citizens’ health; only total smoke-free legislation can ensure adequate protection.

In January 2009 the EC started an impact assessment process on the possible revision of the Tobacco Product Directive 2001/37/EC and in December DG SANCO organised a consultation meeting aiming at identifying which particular items of the Tobacco Product Directive 2001/37 needed to be revised, if relevant. RAND Europe was contracted by the EC and presented an overview of their interim report, which was followed by a discussion.

An ENSP survey on pictorial warnings status in Europe was conducted by the ENSP Secretariat in September-October 2009 based on research and correspondence with its members. Pictorial warnings were already implemented in
Belgium, Romania and UK. Nine European countries started the process to implement pictorial warnings in 2009-2010.

All 27 EU Member States reached the requested level of taxation for the tobacco products.

Cornel Radu Loghin was elected in the FCA board for the following 3 years.

In January 2009, the ENSP Secretariat joined the Smokefree Partnership, the European Cancer Leagues, the European Heart Network and the European Respiratory Society in the Tobacco-free Europe consortium leading the “Tobacco Free Me” Campaign launched at the European Parliament on 7 May 2009.

The Strategy Group (SG) was first set up in the early 1990s to help co-ordinate the advocacy objectives/approaches and the campaign messages/timetables of the various voluntary sector networks and organisations seeking to influence tobacco control policy at EU level. The aim was to ensure that the Community institutions received the same message from many voices, delivered in a meaningful and timely manner – thus amplifying the message, minimising the risk of confusion or contradiction, and avoiding duplication of effort or wasteful use of scarce resources. The Group remained informal. The members were not elected through a ‘democratic’ process, as membership were by an internal referral process. Their involvement stemmed from the relevance and resources of the organisations for which they work or from their own personal expertise. The ECL office in Brussels originally hosted the SG.
Secretariat, followed by the Smoke Free Partnership (SFP) and from 2009 it was hosted by ENSP.

ENSP continued to be involved in the project Working with Communities to Reduce Health Inequalities – Protecting Children and Young People from Tobacco (2009-2010) to develop effective methods of engaging local communities and peer groups to promote lifestyle changes that generate positive health outcomes and reduce health inequalities.

The ENSP Secretariat liaised with the Executive Officer of EFA and endorsed the first Call to Action on COPD. This was presented by EFA President Marianella Salapatas, on 30 June 2010, at an event at the European Parliament hosted by MEP Catherine Stihler. The first Call to Action on COPD urged the EU to take the necessary steps to develop a strategic, comprehensive and integrated European approach to respiratory diseases with a focus on COPD.

Meanwhile, the ENSP Secretariat invested considerable efforts in finding other sources of funding, including searching for suitable donors, project development and application. In this uncertain financial environment, those efforts were much more challenging and drained already limited resources away from the key objectives of improving governance, building capacity and advocacy on policy. Despite all this, the network continued to grow in 2009. The Secretariat received the application for membership from Estonia in December 2009. As a result, ENSP could thus count the entire Baltic region among its members.
GA in Brussels

The newly elected board members at the GA in Brussels on the 23 March were:

1. President: Prof Panagiotis Behrakis, Hellenic Cancer Society, Greece
2. Vice president: Lies Van Gennip, STIVORO, Netherlands
3. Treasurer: Mr Michel Pettiaux, Foundation Against Respiratory Diseases (FARES), Belgium
4. Mme Michaela Lovse, Slovenian Coalition for Tobacco Control, Slovenia
5. Dr Jorgen Falk, National Board of Health, Denmark
6. Dr Esteve Fernandez, European Network of Smokefree Hospitals (ENSH), Spain
7. Aurelijus Veryga, Kaunas Drug Abuse Help Centre for Youth, Lithuania

Highlights of year 2010

The 4th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-4) to the FCTC was organised in Punta del Este, Uruguay, from 15 to 20 November 2010. The COP adopted three new guidelines: Article 12 (education, communication, training and public awareness); Article 14 (demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation); partial guidelines for implementation of Articles 9 and 10 (regulation of the contents of tobacco products and regulation of tobacco product disclosures).

Following submission of ENSP’s application to become an official observer in May 2010, the Conference of the Parties awarded ENSP the official observer status in time for COP4. This step was significant in two ways: ENSP members could be admitted to COPs as part of the ENSP
delegation and it strengthened the European presence at COPs.

The General Assembly held in Brussels on 23 March 2010 unanimously decided to change the name of the association to European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention, by adding the word « tobacco » but to keep the acronym ENSP, as this was so widely recognised. The new name was recorded in the statutes in April 2010.

It also produced the ENSP Total Ban with No Exceptions Declaration, which is a core document in ENSP’s strategy for a smokefree Europe. ENSP always clearly defended the position that only totally smokefree environments can guarantee protection of public health and contribute to the de-normalisation of smoking. Advocating for 100% smoke-free environments remained a priority for European tobacco control.

The ENSP network meeting took place in Brussels on 8 and 9 November 2010. Named Towards a Tobacco-free Europe, the event was hosted by the Belgian national coalition and with the support of the Ministry of Health in Belgium. It brought together 70 participants from around Europe, including new ENSP members from Ukraine and Georgia.

Another hugely successful event entitled Tobacco-free generations: Parents’ responsibility to educate and protect children was hosted at the European Parliament by MEP Theodoros Skylakakis and attracted delegates from public health and political backgrounds.
In the last quarter of 2010, the ENSP Secretariat contributed to the preparation of the *SILNE – Smoking Inequalities: Learning from Natural Experiments* application.

Major steps were undertaken to tighten the collaboration and synergy with the European Network of Smoke-free Hospitals (ENSH), renamed Global Network for Tobacco Free Healthcare and Health Professionals.

In 2010 the Strategic Group (SG) involved representatives of ten organisations, including ENSP, ECL, EHN and SFP with the role of identifying upcoming issues of importance of co-ordinating joint actions. ENSP continued hosting the SG secretariat.

The ENSP Secretariat worked closely with the European cancer Leagues (ECL) and Luk Joossens to update the Tobacco Control Scale (TCS) last published in 2007. Based on the results of a survey of tobacco control activity in 31 European countries, the TCS 2010 was launched at the European Conference on Tobacco or Health (ECToH) in March 2011.

Following the initiative of its member in the Netherlands, the ENSP Secretariat compiled a mapping analysis of cigarette vending machine sales in Europe, as a monitoring action on Tobacco Control legislation enforcement in the EU.

On 1 June 2010 the ENSP Secretariat organised a meeting with Commissioner John Dalli to counter tobacco industry strategies, and the growth of oral tobacco market.

In partnership with SFP and ECL, ENSP worked for a common position on the consultation for the revision of the Tobacco Product Directive focusing on the topic during the Network Meeting and General Assembly in November 2010.

In May 2010, following a request received from the Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME), ENSP endorsed the WHO conclusions and recommendations for regulatory policy, clinical trials and other research required on electronic nicotine delivery systems (e-cigarettes).

In line with Article 20 of the FCTC the ENSP Secretariat compiled the *European Trends towards Smoke-free*
One key step was without doubt the unanimous adoption of the *ENSP Total Ban with No Exceptions Declaration* by our network of 29 national coalitions, representing over 400 organisations, and of European specialised networks:

*We, the European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention (ENSP), strongly advocate protection from exposure to tobacco smoke for all European citizens. Weighing up all available scientific evidence, it is our firm conviction that bans which are less than total incorporating numerous exceptions fail to protect the health of citizens in public and work places and are not effective in changing smoking behaviour.*

*Only total smoke-free laws improve health by preventing heart attacks, improving respiratory health and preventing cancer. Ventilation cannot be an effective solution and fails to protect public health. The health benefits, environmental protection and provision of clean air provide safety and health at work and help to reduce inequalities in society.*

*Consequently, the ENSP calls on all European countries to give priority to tobacco control and fulfil their obligations under the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) and following EU recommendations by introducing fully comprehensive smoke-free laws with no exemptions whatsoever.*

Advancing smoke-free policies is definitely one of the strategies which, comprehensively implemented, will bring us closer to our goal of freeing our continent from tobacco by 2040.
GA in Brussels

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Highlights of year 2011

At the General Assembly, in November 2010 ENSP introduced some far-reaching amendments to the statutes and by-laws, essentially aiming at opening up the organisation to new members. The membership model to date was restricted to national tobacco control coalitions and specialised networks. Now the membership had been opened up to individual members and organisations active in tobacco control. These changes to the statutes, based on feed-back received from members, were important to ensure the growth and strength of the ever-evolving context and network.

2011 was a highly difficult year from an economic aspect, as the ENSP annual application for funding was rejected by the European Commission. Fortunately, thanks to reduced
expenses, the development of new projects and financial reserves, ENSP managed to guarantee the support to its members and the on-going contribution to the EU tobacco control movement.

ENSP received the World No Tobacco Day WHO Award. WHO Regional Director for Europe Zsuzsanna Jakab, thanked ENSP for its dedication to tobacco control and in particular for helping the European effort to implement the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. She also highlighted ENSP’s vital role in facilitating the activities of national coalitions and networks, as well as in liaising with the European and international institutions.

Despite difficult internal governance issues, ENSP focused on several tobacco control topics, including the involvement in the Framework Convention Alliance board, the involvement in the TobTaxy project, the submission of the SILNE and the ESCG-QS projects, and the reinforcement of ENSP’s communication activities.
To promote, support and facilitate collaboration amongst members of the network, ENSP continued to develop its website as the main European tobacco control portal, mirroring the FCTC chapters and offering its members a forum to showcase their work, events and developments.

ENSP organised a technical networking meeting in October. The meeting came at a pivotal moment for the Tobacco Products Directive 2001/37/EC revision, which was a key item on the agenda. The meeting was hosted on 18 October 2011 by the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC). Among the speakers at the event were Eugen Lucan, member of the EESC, Group III Section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship (SOC) and Dr Andrzej Ryś, Director of Health Systems and Products Directorate, DG SANCO.

The ENSP General Assembly (GA) on 19 October followed the networking meeting. It was mainly devoted to governance and
specifically to the revision of the statutes. Three major changes were voted by the GA in addition to numerous modifications brought for the sake of clarification and correction vis-à-vis the Belgian law. The aim of the association was specified: (i) to have the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control implemented in Europe by 2020 and (ii) to reduce the prevalence of tobacco use in Europe to less than 5% by 2040.

ENSP continued its collaboration on specific European projects around consultation, data collection and dissemination of information, such as:

- TobTaxY (2010-2012) to build capacity within the public health and tobacco control community on taxation and smuggling using a multi-stage approach;
- SILNE (tackling socio-economic inequalities in smoking: learning from natural experiments by time trend analyses and cross-national comparisons), a three-year project (2011-2013) co-funded within the FP7 programme to analyse various natural policy experiments in Europe with the aim of generating new empirical evidence on the effectiveness of possible strategies to reduce inequalities in smoking.
- European Smoking Cessation Guidelines and Quality Standards (ESCG-QS), started in November 2011 to develop a template of smoking cessation guidelines and best practice, and to provide the tobacco control community with tools for monitoring and accreditation of smoking cessation services.

In February 2011 ENSP signed the European Charter for Health Equity launched by EPHA in December 2010.

ENSP endorsed the EQUIPP report on the status of smoking cessation services across Europe launched in March 2011 in Berlin. The report had been written by an independent research agency and the structure and content of the report were overseen by four editorial partners: Prof Luke Clancy, Prof Witold Zatoński, Dr Thomas Hering and Antonella Cardone.

In November 2011, ENSP registered as a partner in the Global Smokefree Partnership (GSP), a global partnership dedicated to promoting effective smoke-free air policies worldwide.

Finally, 2011 saw the departure for new adventures of one of ENSP staff pillars, Sophie Van Damme, who had joined the ENSP Secretariat in 1998.
GA in Brussels

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5. Dr Francisco Rodriguez Lozano, Spain
6. Sara Sanchez Bengtsson, Tobaksfakta Think Tank, Sweden

Highlights of year 2012

ENSP focused its effort to ensuring that the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control was signed, ratified and enacted by all European countries. In particular ENSP concentrated on FCTC Article 14 to promote measures on tobacco dependence and cessation. So, ENSP gathered a team of experts and Board of editors to develop the European Smoking Cessation Guidelines (ESCG).

At the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP5) to the WHO FCTC, held in Seoul in November 2012
ENSP President participated as a member of the official delegation of Greece. The Parties adopted the Protocol to eliminate illicit trade in tobacco products (ITP). Adopted by the parties without amendments, the protocol had the objective to provide a solution to the global problem of tobacco illicit trade.

As expected ENSP put a lot of resources and energy into the revision of the Tobacco Products Directive 2001/37/EC, and this continued to be one of its major priorities. ENSP compiled an advocacy information pack for members only, coordinated its members attendance to high level events, and facilitated advocacy and capacity building action.

To monitor tobacco use and prevention, ENSP developed a survey and compiled data on tobacco industry influence in Europe, as it conducted two surveys on e-cigarettes. It attended the 10th German Tobacco Control Conference at the German Cancer Control Centre (DKFZ), Heidelberg, on tobacco advertisement in Germany. Topics covered included illegal advertising to minors, legal aspects of tobacco advertising bans, latest information on tobacco additives, as well as health risks of e-cigarettes.

In compliance with the implementation of FCTC Article 14, ENSP developed the first European Smoking Cessation Guidelines (ESCG) with the support of an Editorial Board created at the end of 2011, which met twice in 2012 (January 2012 in Athens and April 2012 in Paris). The ESCG together with the Quality Standards in tobacco dependence treatment were launched at the European Parliament in Brussels on 3 October. The event was hosted by MEP Oana Antonescu.

Considerable progress was made in Europe for effective implementation of the FCTC and revision of the Tobacco Products Directive. Still, several areas of concern remained:

- There were significant needs and gaps to have tobacco control as a priority on the EU and Member States’ political agenda.
- Considerable work was still needed to strengthen advocacy capacity and skills of national tobacco control coalitions.

ENSP’s unique role was widely recognised as a significant need still remained in progressing the tobacco control agenda, as well as the effective implementation of WHO FCTC guidelines at national level in the EU.
**GA in Brussels and Athens**

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5. Satu Lipponen, Cancer Society, Finland
6. Dr Pierre Bizel, Observatoire de Santé du Hainaut (OSH), Belgium

**Highlights of year 2013**

ENSP continued supporting the WHO FCTC implementation and monitoring process in Europe, including follow up of actions held in 2012 (eg: INB5 and COP5). Country “shadow” reports were produced through a survey to ENSP members.

ENSP contributed significantly to the revision of Directive 2001/37/EC (TPD), with a particular focus on oral tobacco, standard packaging and e-cigarettes through the dissemination of updated information and news updates to ENSP members via email, teleconferences and the General Assemblies.
- ENSP members provided relevant information to support the work of other NGOs, such as EPHA, SFP and ECL.
- ENSP with ECL and SFP met the Lithuanian Health Minister.
- ENSP representatives participated to the EESC Public Hearings dedicated to the TPD revision process.
- ENSP Secretariat coordinated the ENSP members’ involvement and participation in the NGO Advocacy Workshop/Meeting on the TPD organized by SFP.
- An ENSP/OFT e-cigarette survey was developed and a comprehensive report on e-cigarettes was published by OFT.
- ENSP and Eugen Lucan, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) Member, met several times to coordinate some EESC SOC 478 contribution and amendments to the text of the new TPD proposed by the EC and to draft an Open Letter to the EESC.
- ENSP co-signed a joint statement on the proposal for a revision of the EU TPD addressed to Comece (Commission of the Bishops’ Conferences of the European Community).
- ENSP co-signed a Corporate Europe Observatory letter addressed to Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament, to alert him against the tobacco industry interference in the adoption process of the TPD.
- ENSP co-signed a CPME (Standing Committee of European Doctors) letter replying to a message received by Eric Befrits (Baykus Smokefree Tobacco, Sweden) on snus.
- ENSP support to members continued:
  - ENSP co-signed a Societatea Română de Pneumologie letter addressed to the Romanian Government.
  - ENSP addressed a letter to the mayor of Cluj to support his actions for Smokefree Cluj Napoca, Romania.
  - ENSP and the Smokefree Partnership collaborated with Florin Mihălțan to drafting an article published in Viata Medicala to press the Romanian Ministry of Economy.
  - ENSP supported its Slovenian member in developing a European partnership for their Health and Environment Project application.

The ENSP Secretariat gathered its members’ support to join the global initiative Don’t Touch the Law - Smoke-free Spain.
aiming at reaffirming the success of the Spanish smokefree law and supporting the government’s current position to refute all exceptions to the smoking ban.

ENSP worked to monitor tobacco use and prevention policies at EU level, and identify new angles for tobacco control actions to support the European Convention on Human Rights, the European Social Charter and the Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. Smokefree environments from the Human Rights perspective had been identified as a priority for ENSP quite early in the year, confirmed by a petition signed by 10,329 Greek Students demanding passive smoking be treated as a Human Right. Major events were organized by ENSP during the network meetings in Athens and in Brussels to underline the priority and motivate the participants to take actions. In Athens, Dr Nikolaos Gavalas, Attorney specialized in Human and Labour Rights, was invited to present on the human rights approach for the protection from second hand smoke. In Brussels, MEP Elena Oana Antonescu hosted a specific event in the European Parliament during which ENSP members and partners stressed the need to increase the protection of European citizens against tobacco smoke, also considering breathing clean air free from any of the tobacco smoke pollutants should be a Human Right.

ENSP contributed to the wide tobacco control movement by supporting initiatives of the European Code Against Cancer (ECAC), European Health Public Forum (EUHPF), European Public Health Alliance (EPHA), participating to meetings and events, endorsing statements and sharing materials.

In support of the WHO FCTC Art.14, ENSP continued its effort to facilitate access to the European Smoking Cessation Guidelines (ESCG) launched by ENSP in 2012, by translating them into Romanian, Russian and Turkish. Country events were organised to launch the new resource at national level.

The support to EU funded projects continued with the participation of ENSP in the SILNE project – Tackling socio-economic inequalities in smoking: learning from natural experiments by time trend analyses and cross-national comparisons and the EQUIPT project – European-study on Quantifying Utility of Investments in Protecting from Tobacco Led by Health Economics Research Group (HERG) at Brunel University, London. EQUIPT was a partnership of 11 consortium members from 7 member states – Belgium, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands, Spain and the UK. ENSP’s main role was to set up a network of interested policy makers, professionals and other stakeholders, and to ensure comprehensive communication and dissemination of the projects.
GA in Romania

The board members were:

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Highlights of year 2014

As in 2013, ENSP continued supporting the WHO FCTC implementation and monitoring process in Europe, including follow up of actions held in 2013. Country “shadow” reports were produced through a survey to ENSP members. ENSP attended COP 6 in Moscow in October 2014. The key decisions made were the adoption of guidelines on price and tax measures (FCTC Article 6). The guidelines note that effective tobacco taxes significantly reduce tobacco consumption and prevalence, thus preventing millions of premature deaths. They are also an important source of revenue. Despite the attempt of the Tobacco Industry to stop the adoption, the guidelines passed without change.
Another milestone in the tobacco control community’s efforts was the vote of the new Tobacco Products Directive (2014/40/EU) by the European Parliament in February 2014. It was expected to improve the functioning of the internal market for tobacco and related products, while ensuring a high level of health protection for European citizens. The new Directive entered into force on 19/05/2014.

ENSP supported members’ actions to encourage Member States to go beyond the provisions of the Tobacco Products Directive:

• ENSP Secretariat wrote to the Houses of the Oireachtas urging the Irish Government to introduce standardised packaging and all political parties to support this policy.
• ENSP Secretariat wrote an open letter addressed to the Members of the EU Parliament to urge them to vote for the text of the new TPD and preventing any further delays.
• Together with the Biomedical Research Foundation, Academy of Athens (BRFAA), ENSP formed the EUREST Consortium and won the Commission service contract for the development of a EU common reporting format for submission of data on ingredients contained in tobacco and related products, and the disclosure of the collected data to the public. ENSP became the first organization officially supporting the implementation the new TPD. Another specific service, PRECISE, was awarded to the consortium for the provision of a study on the identification of potential risks to public health associated with the use of refillable e-cigarettes and development of technical standards for refill mechanisms.
• The ENSP/EFA guide to implement the European regulation on e-cigarettes - Helping Member States of the European Union implement Article 20 of the new Directive on the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco products (2014/40/EU) was published. This guide aimed at helping Member States to transpose the new Directive into national legislation and to implement it. It clarified some aspects of the Directive and gave clear recommendations.

ENSP’s on-going support to members continued. As support to members is a running process ENSP was involved daily in different actions to support its Members and all stakeholders with a special focus on Ireland and Finland that had announced their willingness to become smokefree countries.
Ireland plans to have less than 5% of the population smoking by 2025 and Finland up to 2% of the population smoking by 2040, in full compliance with the ENSP Statutes.

ENSP co-organized the event hosted in October in Bucharest, Romania titled “Economic implications of inter-sectorial policies regarding tobacco control in Romania” for the launch of the White Paper and the « Study Economic Impact of Tobacco Consumption on Public Health System.

ENSP continued working on the concept of second hand smoke as a breach to Human Rights. During the European Conference on Tobacco or Health (ECTOH) in Istanbul in March 2014, ENSP organised a special Pre-Conference Workshop “Smoke-free environments from the Human Rights perspective”.

ENSP contributed to the wide tobacco control movement supporting initiatives from the European Health Public Forum (EUHPF), European Public Health Alliance (EPHA), EFA, Office Français de Prévention du Tabagisme (OFT) and Tobacco Free Kids. Activities included participating to meetings and events, endorsing statements or letters, and dissemination of resources and materials.

In support of the WHO FCTC Art. 14, ENSP continued its effort to widespread the European Smoking Cessation Guidelines (ESCG) by translating them into Greek, in addition to English, Romanian, Russian and Turkish.

Two technical and capacity building network meetings were organised. The first one in Bucharest gathered over 40 tobacco control experts from 17 European countries. The event included discussions on tobacco control in Romania, tobacco-free Europe and the TPD, a EHN-ENSP meeting at the Romanian Parliament and presentation of the ENSP 2014 Award – Excellence in Tobacco Control to eight Romanian experts and advocates. The second in Brussels focused on developing and strengthening the network and the governance.

In addition to SILNE and EQUIPT, two new projects also started: HEART II - Hellenic Action through Research Against Tobacco (II) to create a network of schools, teachers, students and parents to prevent smoking and change attitudes and behavior in society; and EPACTT - EuroPean Accreditation Curriculum on Tobacco Treatments supported by Global Bridges. Dedicated to advancing evidence-based tobacco dependence treatment, the aim of EPACTT was to develop an accreditation curriculum for tobacco cessation clinicians in Eastern Europe, enhance the formulation of a network of healthcare professionals accredited in smoking cessation.
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2015

GA in Athens and Vilnius

The newly elected board members at the General Assembly in April in Athens were:

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3. Niels Them Kjoer, Danish Cancer Society, Denmark
4. Prof Florin Mihaltan, Romanian Society of Pneumology, Romania
5. Stephen Lequet, Les Droits des Non-Fumeurs, France
6. Brid Leahy, ASH Ireland, Ireland

At the GA in Vilnius in October:

1. Krzysztof Przewozniak, Foundation “Smart Health - Health in 3D”, Poland was elected new member of the Board
2. Norma Cronin, ASH Ireland, Ireland, replaced Brid Leahy

In August 2015, Dominick Nguyen was recruited as the Health Policy and Communication Officer.

Highlights of year 2015

In the life span of an organisation, some years are more significant, crucial and pivotal than others. It is fair to say that 2015 was one important critical year - a year of calm after some stormy times. After a period of financial uncertainty, ENSP has finally managed to secure funding for three years, which would help implementing sustained activities.

ENSP’s main role as a network is to support its members’ work in tobacco control and now focusing on the transposition of the TPD into national law. Many countries, including Romania, France, Hungary, have started the process with national consultations and parliamentary debates. In this particularly engaging context, members’ requests included correspondence with national MPs, practical questions, information needs and promoting of stronger measures.
In 2015 ENSP was committed to monitor the WHO FCTC implementation in Europe and to support the implementation of WHO FCTC Art. 6, Art. 8 and Art. 12. ENSP went beyond what was originally planned and worked on additional FCTC articles, such as Art. 5.3 and Art. 14. This was undertaken to answer the requests and needs of ENSP members.

In December, ENSP was invited to the Romania Parliament, by national tobacco control organisations, also members of ENSP, to witness and celebrate the adoption of the new smokefree law. Despite being heavily challenged by the tobacco industry, this law banned smoking in indoor public places, including bars and restaurants, to be implemented early 2016.

The bi-annual network meeting and General Assembly was first organized in April in Athens and the topics discussed included illicit trade (FCTC Art. 15), smoking cessation (FCTC Art. 14), plain packaging (FCTC Art. 13) as well as discussing ENSP running matters.

In order to help members dealing with issues around price and tax measures, ENSP organised a capacity building workshop in Vilnius (Lithuania) in October. Members and partners were given contextual information on FCTC and TPD and space to discuss on future practical plans for implementation.

The commitment on EU funded projects continued. For the EQUIPT project, the website developed by ENSP is a window to show case all the results generated by partners. By coordinating the Global Bridges EPACTT project and being a partner in the Tob-G (Tobacco Cessation Guidelines for High Risks Groups) was launched in September in Luxembourg.
Alongside with EPACTT, ENSP proved its commitment to provide health professionals as well as other stakeholders, not only guidelines and information on the latest research in terms of smoking cessation but also training on the most effective and evidence-based services.

In October, the SILNE-R, a 36-month Horizon 2020 project – Enhancing the effectiveness of programs and Strategies to prevent youth smoking: a comparative realist evaluation of 7 European cities – was launched in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

In December, the Tack-SHS, a 48-month horizon 2020 project – Tackling second-hand tobacco smoke and e-cigarette emissions: exposure assessment, novel interventions, impact on lung diseases and economic burden in diverse European populations – was granted and had its Kick Off Meeting in Barcelona (Spain).

A new specific service under the Framework Contract signed with CHAFEA, DIRECT was awarded to ENSP - for the assessment of available evidence on toxicity, addictiveness and attractiveness of ingredients contained in tobacco and related products based on information submitted by the industry in the context of reporting obligations introduced by the Directive 2001/37/EC.

In October 2015, ENSP launched its own online scientific journal called Tobacco Prevention and Cessation to provide members, partners and stakeholders with a space to showcase their research. It is fully accessible to everyone and peered reviewed by a comprehensive Editorial Board. The novelty of this journal is the possibility offered to authors to send for evaluation manuscripts in their national language. Within three months, over twenty articles were received, nine of which were published.

With a strong commitment to scientific research, ENSP announced in April the re-activation of the Scientific Committee to map all ENSP members scientific work, write articles for the ENSP journal and start a scientific review for tobacco and young people, tobacco-free environment and policy (TPD, FCTC and other legislation).

ENSP initiated and coordinated a symposium on “Smokefree environments from the Human Right perspective” at the World Conference on Tobacco or Health in Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates) in March 2015.

ENSP attended the first meeting of the expert group to review reporting arrangements under the WHO-FCTC held in Geneva in December 2015. In preparation of the report to COP7, the scope of the group was to examine and simplify the reporting process. Out of 26 members chosen from all WHO regions, ENSP was the only NGO representative from Europe.
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2016

GA in Brussels and Ljubljana

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Highlights of year 2016

Since 2015, ENSP has been working hard in building itself up, with greater capacity and higher visibility. Additionally, to the four EU joint projects, it has been granted EUREST PLUS - European Regulatory Science on Tobacco: Policy implementation to reduce lung disease. This research international project coordinated by ENSP aims at monitoring and evaluating the impact of the TPD within the context of FCTC ratification at a European level and more specifically in 6 EU Member States (Germany, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Spain).

The year 2016 is one to remember in the field of tobacco control policy, with many important milestones, confirming the strong commitment from the European Union to this crucial topic.
On 20 May, the Tobacco Products Directive (TPD) came into force and with a series of provisions governing the flavouring, labelling, packaging and traceability of tobacco products sold in the European Union. While countries were gearing themselves to transpose the Directive into national laws, the EU made the decision to sign the WHO FCTC Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, encouraging the remaining FCTC Parties to follow suit.

The ratification was quickly followed by another notable step forward, when European Commission Vice-President Kristalina Georgieva announced the decision not to renew the European Union’s agreement with Philip Morris International (PMI), when their twelve-year contract ended.

In November, the seventh session of the Conference Of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (COP7) took place in Delhi (India), where representatives from almost every country in the world as well as the European Union (180 parties) attended to discuss, negotiate and agree measures to be prioritised until the next session in two years. Amongst the many topics deliberated during the six-day high-level diplomatic event, parties agreed on following up the 30% prevalence reduction target agreed at COP6; establishing an implementation review mechanism and progressing on fundraising for national implementation.

Within this dynamic context, ENSP had been focusing on supporting its members in advocating for strong tobacco
control measures at national level, through a number of initiatives including letters to policy makers and government representatives, strategically organised events and meetings.

ENSP organised three international and multi-stakeholder events: an international conference in April in Brussels; an event on plain packaging for World No Tobacco Day in May at the European Parliament (in partnership with ERS); and a capacity building seminar in October in Ljubljana. All together more than 500 people attended and discussed emerging issues on Tobacco Control in Europe and globally.

Particularly relevant for the Tobacco Control movement in Europe were:

- The ENSP scientific online journal “Tobacco Prevention and Cessation”, launched in 2015, which received over 109 submissions in 2016 with 34 articles and 45 abstracts published. The journal’s publications were downloaded of a total number of 8,470 times, and got increased visibility with active promotion through the monthly newsletter, website and events. The journal is a unique tool to share scientific information, latest evidence and advocacy materials.

- The Smoking Cessation Guidelines and Quality Standards, which have been developed with a team of global smoking cessation experts and are now available in English, Turkish, Greek, Romanian, Armenia, Georgian, Ukrainian and Russian. The guidelines will soon be updated and the new edition will be launched in 2017. They will be the most updated smoking cessation guidelines globally.

The ENSP logo was revised and a brand new website aligned with the new communication needs has been developed.

Five new full member organisations joined the network, in addition to individual requests.

The Secretariat team also grew and welcomed Andrea Glahn joined as Project Officer.
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2017

**GA in Athens**

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### International Organisations with which ENSP has partnered in one way or the other since it was founded in 1997:

- UICC - International Union against Cancer
- ECL - European Cancer League
- EHN - European Heart Network
- ERS - European Respiratory Society
- ECS - European School of Oncology
- WHO EU Region office – World Health Organisation
- WHO Committee for a Tobacco-free Europe
- WHO FCTC - Framework convention on tobacco control
- WHO European Partnership Project on Tobacco Dependence
- ENWHP - European Network for Workplace Health Promotion
- IUHPE - International Union for Health Promotion and Education
- FCA – Framework Convention Alliance
- EPHA – European Public Health Alliance
- European Union of Non-Smokers
- CPME - The Standing Committee of European Doctors
- PCN - Nurses of the EU (PCN)
- EAACI - European Academy of Allergology and Clinical Immunology
- EIWH - European Institute of Women’s Health
- IUHPE – International Union for Health Promotion and Education
- EFA – European Federation of Allergy and Airways
- ETUC – European Trade Union Confederation
- CRUK – Cancer Research UK
- HEA - Health and Environment Alliance
- Non Smokers rights
- IARC – International Agency for Research on Cancer
- EUHPF - EU Health Policy Forum
- GSP – Global Smokefreepartnership
- German Cancer Society
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“In these first 20 years, the network alternated florid and challenging times, but ENSP resisted well in the hardest periods thanks to the dedication and perseverance of those who believed and supported the idea to stay united through thick and thin, together stronger, collectively more impactful. Thanks to those people, thanks to colleagues but also friends, who never deserted us, ENSP has emerged from the difficult times more active, more determined more resourceful than ever.”
**Amanda Amos**

*INWAT Board Member, Professor of Health Promotion, Usher Institute of Population Sciences and Informatics, Old Medical School, University of Edinburgh, UK and ENSP Board Member in 2006 representing INWAT*

“I started to be involved in ENSP through INWAT in the late 90s. I was the external evaluator of the 3-year INWAT Europe project funded by the EU within the ENSP framework. We now appreciate the value of networking, but at that time when there was no internet, communication was much more difficult and there was very little done in Europe on tobacco control. So ENSP played a fundamental role in enhancing, through the network, tobacco control in Europe. I remember Sibylle Fleitmann as a great advocate. I was on the organising committee when she organized the first European conference on Women and Smoking in Paris. I was on the ENSP Board in 2006 representing INWAT. It was a difficult time for ENSP as it was going through a financial crisis. When it was decided to increase the membership fee and make it compulsory, INWAT could not afford this and so we had the leave the network. For the past few years I have been back in contact with ENSP via the SILNE and SILNE-R projects. ENSP have played an important role over the years in pulling together briefings and knowledge on what is happening in Brussels, and what is needed to influence the Member States and the EU institutions. The value of the network is intangible but very relevant to developing and consolidating relationships which are essential in advancing tobacco control in the EU.”

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**Francisco Javier Ayesta**

*Professor of Pharmacology, Director Magister on Tobacco Treatment & Control, University of Cantabria, Santander, Spain and Member of the ENSP Scientific Committee*

“When we created in Spain the Society of Tobacco Control (SEDET) in 2007, we started looking around for relevant expertise and possible partners. So we realized that it would have been relevant for us to be involved with ENSP. We have the support and information from ENSP through CNPT (Comité Nacional para la Prevencion del Tabaquismo), which is the official member of ENSP and of which the Spanish Society of Tobacco Control is a
member. It is a year that I’m a member of the ENSP Scientific Committee. Through ENSP we are informed of what happens in the EU and in other Member States and we have the opportunity to confront our work and achievements with other countries. It is encouraging to see that we are not so much behind the others and that we share the same challenges.”

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**Uliana Bakh**

*Association PROI, Director, Bosnia and Herzegovina*

“As we are the only NGO working on Tobacco Control in Bosnia and Herzegovina, it was particularly relevant to us to become member of a strong network. So, several months ago we became a member of ENSP and since then I have attended and spoken at their events and have received a lot of support from the staff and the members. Last Summer our organization initiated the open letters from the civil society to the Open Letter to the President and Government of the Republic of Croatia and the President and Government of the Republic of Serbia regarding the violation of art. 5.3 of the FCTC and assisted by ENSP we managed to collect more than 30 signatures in a few days. The secretariat is very supportive and timely responsive. So far it has been a very positive experience.”

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**George Bakhturidze**

*Chairman of Tobacco Control Alliance in Georgia, Founder of the FCTC Implementation and Monitoring Center in Georgia*

“Tobacco Control Alliance is a network of around 20 Georgian NGOs and professional associations working in tobacco control since 2002. The Alliance became member of the ENSP in 2007. It is important for us in Georgia to be part of a EU network both because we are a bridge between Europe and former Soviet Union and Caucasus and because, as Associated Member to the EU, we need to harmonise the Tobacco Product Directive soon. Being part ENSP allows us to learn from the experience of other countries. Whenever possible we are invited to participate to ENSP events and projects. This is a good way...
for us to be exposed to the latest evidence and policy development. Through ENSP we have established a collaboration with several EU Member States. ENSP and its members supported us significantly in May 2016 when the new Tobacco Control law was voted in the Parliament. I’m also member of the Editorial Board of the ENSP Tobacco Control Journal. We have the opportunity to publish a lot through this journal and it raises up our credibility with Georgian institutions.”

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**Pierre Bartsch**

*FARES, Belgium and ENSP Board Member and Treasurer (1997-1999)*

“My involvement with ENSP started from the very beginning, as I was already involved with BASP and, when it was closed by the EC, I helped setting up ENSP and became a member on behalf of FARES (Fonds des Affections Respiratoires) in Belgium. As I’m mainly interested in smoking cessation, for years I have not been involved with ENSP actively, although I have always been informed on their work. I understand that the network is focusing on EU issues, but I believe the relationship with FARES could be strengthened in the future.”

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**Tibor Baska**

*President at National Coalition on Tobacco Control, Slovakia*

“In 2000s, I joined the national Coalition on Tobacco Control in Slovakia and I became its president. At the same time, I started to closely cooperate with the ENSP. Since then we always had a very positive and collaborative relationship with ENSP. We participated in meetings and were involved in several large EU funded projects, for example, the “HPs – Healthcare Professionals and Smoking Cessation”. ENSP gave us the opportunity to be part of a large EU network to exchange good practices, but also problems and ideas how to overcome them. Now, due to lack of funding the National Coalition is “hibernated” and we are not so active anymore. I always save good memories of our collaboration.”
Panagiotis Behrakis

Board Member 2008 – 2009
President 2010-2014
Chair of the Scientific Committee (2015 – to date)

The highlights of my Presidency terms were:
The Change of the bylaws. Until 2010 ENSP accepted as members only National Coalitions based in any country of the European Region.
The ENSP GA in March 2010 changed the bylaws to allow any organization proved to be active on Tobacco Control and based in any country of the European Region to become a member. This was a very positive move as it gave ENSP the possibility to enlarge the membership basis. Among our members now we have organisations from Ukraine, Russia, Serbia, and more.
Establishment of the Scientific Committee. The Scientific Committee was established and gave impulse to gather new data and inspire new research and future development. Now we have scientific collaborations with all EU countries.
Wide and long term strategic objectives. For the first time ENSP identified two top priority long term strategic objectives, which are (i) to have the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control implemented in Europe by 2020 and (ii) to reduce the prevalence of tobacco use in Europe to less than 5% by 2040.
I also had to overcome a period of critical financial crisis. We managed to exit the crisis through an unrestricted grant from Pfizer and through a donation by a private person. Since the beginning of my Presidency we strengthen our collaboration with ERS and WHO and we have a meeting in the EU Parliament every year.

Florence Berteletti

Smoke Free Partnership, Director

“The Smoke Free Partnership worked very well together with ENSP for many years. ENSP has an impressive network and assures that the members share information on the development of their work at country level. It is a good platform to keep each
other informed on activities and research at national level. We used to have regular catch up calls with Sophie Kazan and later with Francis Grogna. Even when our positions were slightly different, we were able to collaborate and ensure the best possible advocacy outcomes. We also worked with ENSP and many of its members throughout the capacity building project TobTaxy on tobacco taxation. During the Tobacco Product Directive, despite going through a difficult time, ENSP helped in the advocacy by disseminating agreed positions, arguments and advocacy materials to its members, which was helpful. ENSP has the network to disseminate information and evidence, while SFP is focusing on advocacy campaigns and lobbying targeted at policy makers. The SFP and ENSP Boards have discussed together and agreed to continue strengthening the collaboration and working together in the future. This is especially important because many of SFP Partners are also ENSP members. This is a sign that the two organisations are not overlapping, but complement each other. In particular, we will coordinate positions on key tobacco control developments at EU level so as to ensure that they do not undermine each other.”

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**Pierre Bizel**

*MD, Observatoire de la Santé du Hainaut - OSH  
Board Member, Treasurer and Vice-President (2014 – to date)*

“As clinician, I worked on respiratory diseases for several decades now. I started to be involved with ENSP about 7 years ago and it is 4 years that I’m board member and Treasurer. What seduced me about ENSP is that unique state of mind beyond the specific issue of Tobacco Control. There is a collaborative spirit among the staff and the members based on a feeling of equality. No one tries to prevail. There is a sort of modest attitude driven by passion and self-confidence on the work developed. As treasurer, I’m doing my best to adapt the administration or the EU bureaucracy to the action. First we decide what is important and relevant for Tobacco Control in Europe and then we make sure that administration follows the rules for implementation and not vice versa.”
**Goran Boethius**

*Swedish Coalition against Tobacco, Chair Tobaksfakta, Sweden, ENSP Board Member (1997-1999)*

“It is nice to bring up old memories – from three decades of tobacco control work on different levels. In 1992 I was a co-founder of the Swedish Doctors against Tobacco. I have always been aware of the relevance of strengthening Tobacco Control in Europe. So, I willingly accepted to represent Sweden as a board member of ENSP when it was founded in 1997 under the leadership of Prof Albert Hirsch - together with some of the most experienced and knowledgeable experts in the EU. ENSP has done through the years an important job in enhancing Tobacco Control at EU level and supporting the development of Tobacco Control in Member States and beyond. At the beginning, we worked more closely with the European Commission, coordinating the submission process of EU funded projects on Tobacco Control in order to obtain “European added value”. I particularly enjoyed the friendly working atmosphere during ENSP meetings and the professionality of the staff.”

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**Ramona Brad**

*Project Director for Aer Pur Romania and 2035 Tobacco-Free Initiative*

“My engagement with ENSP started towards the end of 2014, when we kicked-off the effort for the smoking ban in Romania. Medical Associations had been struggling for years. A great impulse to the dialogue with national decision makers was provided by the establishment of the “Romanian Breathes Coalition”, which engaged over 250 organisations. Determinant to the success of the smoking ban, though, was the support we had received by ENSP and its regional network members. We have received over 50 letters of support in less than 2 weeks. That was impressive. Now, with the help of ENSP, we have moved a step forward and in 2016 we have launched a Tobacco Endgame Initiative in line with WHO recommendations called “2035 – Romania’s First Tobacco Free Generation”. For the future we hope to see ENSP maintaining the agility to provide technical assistance, share best practices and success stories and update the members on the tobacco industry developments such as to be better prepared to counter fight them.”
Anne Buttigieg

*Senior lecturer at University of Malta*

*Member of the Maltese National Smoking and Health Committee and Individual Member of ENSP*

“I got to know about the ENSP in 2005 when I started working on Tobacco Control at the Health Promotion Department within the Ministry of Health in Malta. Although there were attempts from my end to have the department join as a full member within ENSP, we never became full members due to lack of resources. Still, I have attended and participated in their conferences and workshops. For me this was crucial and served as a means of survival, as I never felt alone in tobacco control with the ENSP and its members. In Malta, the term of reference for Tobacco Control was mainly the Director of the department I was working in (now there is also the Environmental Health Department who is responsible for the Legislative aspect). There are no NGO’s or other entities working on tobacco cessation and education at this time and through ENSP I had the opportunity to exchange ideas and to evaluate if I was going in the right direction and was aligned with other European countries. Now it is about 4 years that I am an individual member of ENSP.”

Clémence Cagnat-Lardeau

*Director at France Alliance Contre le Tabac (ACT)*

“The French Tobacco Control Alliance (Alliance Contre le Tabac - ACT) was established in 1991 and was among the founders of ENSP. Prof Albert Hirsch, current Vice-President at ACT, was the first President at ENSP. The Alliance always had close ties with ENSP, and contributed to its activities through the presence of one of its members in the board., Most recently ENSP mobilized its members to support the full enforcement of the smoking ban in schools in France and it is now supporting a petition to promote the fight against tobacco within the Presidency campaign. The mutual collaboration has benefitted both organisations. So, we are seeking ways to strengthen even more our collaboration with ENSP in the future.”
Francisco Camarelles

Vice-President of the Board at Comité Nacional de Prevención del Tabaquismo (CNPT), Spain

“I represent CNPT (Comité Nacional para la Prevencion del Tabaquismo) in the ENSP since 2012. I particularly appreciate the capacity ENSP has to share knowledge and information from the EU level into the countries and vice versa from the countries into the EU institutions. It is very relevant for CNPT to have a direct contact through ENSP with the EU mainly to facilitate the transposition of the TPD. ENSP also provide a useful platform to compare and exchange projects, materials and ideas with colleagues in other countries. Two years ago it gave us a good basis for the Plan to end Tobacco in Spain.”

Maria Sofia Cattaruzza

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“I was asked to attend as observer an ENSP event in 2010 by the editor in chief at SITAB (Società Italiana di Tabaccologia). Since then my involvement with ENSP has increased and through ENSP also my role in SITAB has grown. I’m now part of SITAB board and I transfer information from the international Tobacco Control perspective. ENSP is a good platform to share information on successes, but also on difficulties and it is good not to feel alone in the struggle against tobacco use. ENSP helped us to raise our profile also in Italy itself with relevant institutions, such as the MOH and the National Health Institute (ISS). For the future, I hope we will work closely with ENSP on EU funded projects.”
**Luke Clancy**

*Director General, TobaccoFree Research Institute Ireland, Focas Research Institute, ENSP Board Member and Vice-President (2006-2007), ENSP President (2008-2010) and Member of ENSP Scientific Committee*

“I was introduced to ENSP by Tom Hudson when I was chairman of ASH Ireland. What impressed me in those days was the enthusiasm of people involved with ENSP despite the difficulty to enhance the decision-making process, which was very slow as there were so many different countries and cultures involved. I joined the board as Vice-President in 2006 when the main focus of Tobacco Control was on developing Smokefree Policy and Ireland had been the first country in the world voting for a 100% smoking ban in enclosed Bars, Restaurants Clubs and Casinos. So, Ireland had a voice in Tobacco Control. Quite soon, though, the economic crises that hit the world, also came to us at ENSP. Membership fees became a big issue. We had a persistent problem with maintaining the network active while maintaining a fair membership fee system. There was quite some tension among the members and a weakening in the leadership as some members changed jobs and left. So, when I had been asked to become President of the network, I negotiated the possibility to receive financial support by the pharma industry arguing that companies involved in smoking cessation could be important partners, which was not possible before, and, in the end was not needed during my term. So, I was elected ENSP President in 2008. Despite all the financial struggles, we managed to provide significant support to the development of smokefree policy in Europe, particularly to Spain, Slovenia, Greece and Russia. At the time, we also played a strong role to mediate conflicts in the National Tobacco Control Coalitions. These achievements have been particularly rewarding for me.”

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**Norma Cronin**

*ASH Ireland, ENSP Board Member (2015-to date)*

“I became aware of ENSP when I was Health Promotion Manager for tobacco control at the Irish Cancer Society, Dublin. Tom Hudson who was our CEO and who prioritised tobacco control was a co-founder and great supporter of ENSP. The ENSP network of European experts was of considerable benefit to me in my work. When I was appointed to the board of
ASH Ireland, which is a member of ENSP, I continued to exchange information and expertise with other European members and countries. ENSP facilitated access to the EU Parliament and to the Irish delegation at the EU Parliament. In recent years ENSP has increased its capacity and has become more proactive in terms of activities and communication with its members and it has broadened its outreach beyond EU Member States. It is now important to increase the involvement in ENSP of countries where Tobacco Control is more advanced, such as Nordic countries and the UK. I’m very positive about the future of ENSP, which is uniquely positioned to continue to make a significant difference in tobacco control and saving lives.”

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**Bertrand Dautzemberg**

*Pitié Salpêtrière Hospital, Sorbonne Université, Paris sans tabac and ENSP Board Member (2001-2005), Treasurer and Vice-President (2012-2014) and Member of ENSP Scientific Committee*

“I started my involvement in Tobacco Control decades ago working at the French Smokefree Hospitals and I was involved with ENSP from the very beginning still in 1995 when it was not officially created and we were an informal network under the umbrella of Europe Against Cancer programme at the European Commission. The main importance of ENSP is the network itself which allows the exchange of good practices and bad experiences among the vast variety of members. While influencing EU policies, ENSP is also influencing Tobacco Control in France, even if not directly involved in the conversation with our policy makers. There is a need of more and more ENSP in Europe to show that Europe is not just a bunch of bureaucrats. Europe goes beyond administration and it is made of people.”

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**Andrey Demin**

*President of Russian Public Health Association, Professor at Higher School of Health Administration, Institute of Leadership and Health Care Administration, Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University and Member of the ENSP Scientific Committee*
“My first contact with ENSP was through Sophie Kazan, who I met many years ago at the meetings drafting WHO FCTC, and learned about activities of this organization. At that time in my country expert community and civil society were increasing efforts on tobacco use prevention and control. However productive contacts with colleagues in Europe were not regular and Russia and many post-Soviet countries were not eligible for participation in projects with European NGOs. We started to cooperate closely with ENSP when Prof Panagiotis Behrakis became President and with Cornel invited me to attend some of their events, representing Russian community. Most recently I started working as a member of the ENSP Scientific Committee. Prior to that I have worked with ENSP and outstanding European colleagues on development of the ENSP European Smoking Cessation Guidelines, and have translated this important document upon completion into Russian. Now we are disseminating these life-saving guidelines to help hundreds of millions of citizens in Russian speaking countries, and continue involvement in more international projects put forward and coordinated by ENSP. ENSP example is also helping us to strengthen our relationship with the authorities, private business, civil society and international organizations at the Federal and Regional levels. In fact, we are grateful to ENSP for kind support of our efforts, including an opportunity for a team of leading representatives of the leading Russian Federal and Regional institutions and civil society to take part in European conference, organized by ENSP in April 2016 in Brussels, Belgium. This is helping us to develop an advanced, up to date joint position on topical issues within our country itself. We hope that we can promote use of the European Union and its Member States best practices conveyed through ENSP in the Eurasian Economic Union, and its 5 Member States and 12 countries of Central Asia and Eastern Europe. One thing that I find amazing at ENSP is the highest professional standard and exceptional collaborative spirit, exemplary dedication to serve public interest on evidence base among members and experts. We in Russia look forward to more cooperation within ENSP. Long live ENSP – authoritative and effective international civil society organization!”

**Tibor Demjen**

*Adviser to the Hungarian Alliance on Tobacco Control*

“ENSP has been vital to us during the negotiation of the Smokefree Law in Hungary in 2012. The speed and quality of the information received was impressive to me and not
comparable to the responses received through the government network. Thanks to the support received by ENSP and its members, we succeeded to introduce a new and very good Smokefree Law in Hungary. We will definitely continue our collaboration in the future.”

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**Pascal Diethelm**

*OxyRomandie, President, Switzerland*

“I came in direct contact with ENSP only recently. We were one of the first contributors to the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Journal. This kind of journal, including articles from all over Europe, was much needed and ENSP filled that gap. I appreciate the good spirit at their events and value their positive cooperation with ERS. The way they are structured expresses the diversity and capacity to reach out to all the corners of the continent. Every contribution matters and ENSP gives a voice to all the people involved in Tobacco Control at different level in the EU and beyond.”

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**Verena El Fehri**

*Director at Swiss Association for Smoking Prevention, Switzerland*

“We were involved with ENSP from the very beginning, as we were already part of BASP and the EU Action Plan against Cancer. So when ENSP was established we entered the network very naturally. We were part of the quitlines project, otherwise, being Switzerland not a Member State, we could not take part in the EU funded projects and also we have always been external to the political debate. We were a bit like a passive member. Nevertheless, we have always had a very positive relationship with ENSP. We find particularly relevant the information they disseminate through the newsletter and the website. We find it useful to participate in their meetings to share views and information on best practices with other members.”
Jorgen Falk

National Board of Health, Denmark, ENSP Board Member (2008-2013) and Member of the ENSP Scientific Committee

“I was involved from the start when the Danish Council on Tobacco and Health was established in 1988, and I was in the secretariat until 2001 when it ended and we were absorbed by the National Board of Health. At the beginning, we worked with Luk Joossens and BASP who was leading the Tobacco Control movement in Europe. When ENSP started, our chairman was interested to be a member and so we became part of it. We were a small team of 5 to 7 people to deal with a tremendously high smoking rate in Denmark, a limited budget and traditionally not very much done on prevention. So we sought inspiration and support from other countries, and ENSP provided us with the EU angle, which was very beneficial. Even if most ENSP’s members were NGOs, we always had a strong collaboration with them. We had a close cooperation with Danish Cancer Society, Danish Heart Foundation and Danish Lung Association, and especially the Danish Cancer Society was very much in favour of ENSP. We were also involved in some projects funded through the Europe Against Cancer Programme. We always thought that it was important to maintain the link with ENSP. When I became member of the ENSP board, my involvement strengthened. That was the time of the financial crises and most of the discussion in the board was about membership fees and finding new members and new funding. It was a tough period. The President Panagiotis found the money to survive at one stage. I’m happy to see now that ENSP is doing well. I must say that in my opinion we would not have been at the stage we are now on Tobacco Control in Denmark without the cooperation with ENSP and EU. The smokefree law and the advertisement ban could not have happened at that time if we did not have information, outlines, reports from other countries and distributed through ENSP. ENSP has in my understanding been fundamental for the support to the Tobacco Control movement in Denmark. There will still be a need for ENSP to set the stake high for the next 20 or 30 years, as it is important to push and support the effort to eliminate tobacco use. ENSP is an important focal point for Tobacco Control in Europe and the organization will need more staff in Brussels to become even stronger and preparing for the final Endgame of tobacco in Europe.”
**Esteve Fernandez**

*Director, WHO Collaborating Center for Tobacco Control, Tobacco Control Unit, Catalan Institute of Oncology (ICO-IDIBELL), Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health, University of Barcelona and ENSP Board Member (2010-2011)*

“I was involved with ENSP since the early days. I was part of the EU projects development process. ENSP was a factory of ideas and put people together to assemble new projects with an EU added value. I was involved at different levels in several projects and in 2001 I was asked to lead the project “Economic Aspects of Smoking in the EU”. Since then I have always been in touch with ENSP and I have grown in Tobacco Control in parallel with ENSP. I have strengthened again the relationship with them when we started to lead the Smokefree Hospital Network and we became member of ENSP. I then joined the board. ENSP had a great influence on the Tobacco Control movement in Spain supporting with technical assistance, content development and share of evidenced based research.”

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**Gergana Geshanova**

*President, Smoke Free Life Coalition*

“The national coalition from more than 30 organizations, found in 2010 when the smokefree law was challenged by the new Parliament, became involved with ENSP through some of the members which were already in contact with ENSP. We then started to be invited to meetings and to receive their newsletter. ENSP is important for us to keep us informed of what happens at local level, but also at high EU level in the EU Parliament and at the European Commission. It is nice to feel part of a big family. We need to be united to fight the Tobacco Industry, which is very strong in Bulgaria. We would like to be more involved with ENSP through new funded projects and, why not, hosting a meeting in the near future.”

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Hans Gilljam

Professor at Karolinska Institutet, Dpt of Public Health Sciences, Stockholm, Sweden

“I knew about ENSP since the early 90’ when the Doctors against Tobacco Alliance was formed in Sweden. Goran Boethius and Margaretha Haglung were involved directly with ENSP governance and action. I was involved in EU funded projects under the ENSP framework. As my main interest is on smoking cessation, I was part of the GPs Empowerment project led by Antonella Cardone and I well remember the first project meeting organized in Pisa. When I started the Swedish quitline, I was part of the EU Network of Quitlines. Later I was involved in the development of the ENSP Smoking Cessation Guidelines. Participating to ENSP meetings has broaden my horizon. I have had the chance to meet colleagues from other countries in Europe, but also from Turkey, Russia, Ukraine and more.”

Nijole Gostautaite Midttun

Lithuanian Tobacco and Alcohol Control Coalition (NTAKK) President

“Lithuanian Tobacco and Alcohol Control Coalition (NTAKK) joined ENSP about ten years ago. Our organization has participated and contributed in the annual conferences and meetings of the ENSP, has benefited from analysis and materials produced by ENSP projects, especially on smoking cessation. We are very proud to have co-hosted in October 2015 a successful ENSP meeting in Vilnius. We used this opportunity to highlight achievements and challenges in the field of tobacco control in Lithuania, as well as to provide training for the Eastern European and Baltic country participants. The highlight of the event was the ENSP Tobacco Control Excellency Awards given to EU Health and Food Safety Commissioner V. Andriukaitis, prof. V. Grabauskas, prof. A. Gostautas, NTAKK President A. Veryga, Vice-deputy of the State Drugs, Tobacco and Alcohol Control Department G. Belian and the medical doctor T. Stanikas. We also used this meeting to urge the Lithuanian Parliament and Government to ratify the Protocol for the Elimination of the Illegal Trade in Tobacco Products. ENSP and NTAKK held a common press conference together with WHO Vilnius office representative. The cooperation with ENSP has strengthened our advocacy competencies, increased international cooperation and networking. ENSP is a vital alliance in the field of tobacco control in Europe.”
Alice Grainger Gasser

Co-Chair of the Global Smokefree Partnership
Programme development Manager at the World Heart Federation

“Stronger links between European tobacco control groups and global tobacco control networks would strengthen both sides. Through its participation in the FCTC COP, ENSP provides an important platform for linking domestic tobacco control in Europe and the FCTC process.”

Margaretha Haglund

Senior adviser at Tobaksfakta in Sweden

“ENSP is very unique as it has the potential to work closely with countries going beyond what happens in Brussels. The network facilitates the consolidation of relationships between people so they can share experiences and support each other. We need to cooperate to be stronger and feel the gaps where they are and ENSP has with its networking role an important task to keep up the good spirit in the countries.”

Arusyak Harutyunyan

American University of Armenia

“I came across ENSP for the first time when I met Cornel and Constantine at the World Conference on Tobacco or Health in 2015 in Abu Dhabi. We then got involved with the EPACTT project and as a in April 2016 we were invited to participate in the EPACTT – Treating Tobacco Dependence Training course and the ENSP conference on Tobacco Control in Brussels. I experienced first-hand how fast ENSP is responding to requests and how multidisciplinary its outreach is. ENSP is very powerful in the EU and it is really
a network of people supporting other people to enhance Tobacco Control by sharing information and experience as well as through coordinated activities and joint projects. They are a big resource and are helping researchers to support Tobacco Control in Armenia.”

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**Andrew Hayes**

*UICC/ECL*

“In April 1990, I became involved with the Tobacco Control team at EU level as I helped to set up a Brussels based office of the UICC and I started lobbying at EU level. At the beginning, we were hosted by BASP, the EU network led by Luk Joossens, before we could afford our own office. Then when ENSP was set up with a clear mandate to avoid any lobbying activity, I was still in Brussels. The European Cancer Leagues offered to host ENSP, which, at the beginning was just a desk in a corner. Sibylle Fleitmann, who was working at the Belgian Cancer League was appointed to manage the network. When I left Brussels in 2004, Luk was appointed as lobbyist for the Cancer Leagues, the Heart Network and ERS. Throughout the years ENSP had to face different challenges, including the fact that it was not allowed to lobby and then the financial crisis. Despite all these difficulties, ENSP remain beneficial to the Tobacco Control movement, as it is a true network. It brings people together around a good cause. It had the ability to collect and share information amongst the members and beyond on facts and evidence, on the decision making process (how to get involved, what to do and when). It plays a strong role in capacity building and it has the ability to enable and encourage people through the development of loyal relationships and friendships among the members and stakeholders in general. I’m happy to see it growing.”

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**Luminita Silvia Hayes**

*M.D., M.Sc., ENSP Board Member in 2006, current Senior Advisor, World Health Organization, Office at the European Union*

“I first heard of ENSP in early 2000, when I was working at the Ministry of Health...
(MOH) in Romania. ENSP was managing EU funds for tobacco control, as part of the ‘Europe against Cancer’ programme. Romania was not yet an EU Member State at the time, but ENSP was seen as an opportunity to add value and resources to our efforts for implementing country’s tobacco control objectives. While at the time I had understood how important it was to build a strong partnership between the MOH and local NGOs, during a meeting with Sibylle Fleitmann in Bucharest, I had learnt another vital element for success - that of an active national coalition. It all started on a voluntary basis, evolving through achieving a formal identity of a coalition that was capable to partner ENSP member organizations in their projects, as well to join ENSP itself, in 2003. The Romanian coalition still had no funds, but the solidarity that grew in the network was amazing – particularly the support of Gerard Dubois and his colleagues, who a few years after, offered the support of the French coalition, if necessary, for the annual fee of their fellow ENSP member, the Romanian coalition. The positive and constructive atmosphere made me feel good from the beginning. The Romanian coalition, which I represented, became actively involved in most ENSP projects, subsequently benefiting from a fantastic opportunity for instant access to knowledge and experience, to participation in new research, to understanding about best practices and learning the necessary lessons. We were proud to be part of such a ‘tobacco control family’. I was elected as a member of the board of ENSP in 2006, but then had to leave only one year later when I started working for the World Health Organization. During that period, the board had become concerned about potential financial difficulties. The EC was not prepared to pay for an advocacy role of ENSP. There is now a strong team based in Brussels, working hard to re-affirm the ENSP identity in Europe and internationally. The ENSP should not lose its strength and authenticity, as a truly inclusive and open network of organisations and activists united against the tobacco industry with a two-way approach – European and national, national and European.”

**Sanne Heijndijk**

*Alliantie Nederland Rookvrij (Dutch Alliance for a Smokefree Society)*

“I could barely speak when ENSP was founded! The Dutch Alliance for a Smokefree Society was established over three years ago, simultaneous to the discontinuation of STIVORO. Given the good relationship developed between STIVORO and ENSP, it was automatic for us to join. What I like most about ENSP is that it is a platform for mutual learning. At
its meetings, we also learn a lot from countries which are not the usual suspects and from local initiatives not published in public health journals and not available on the internet, as they are promoted in the local language and not in English. ENSP is a true network with people easily accessible and approachable. They always respond to a request! I also find particularly interesting and relevant the work that ENSP does to bring research close to policy implementation and practice.”

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**Albert Hirsch**

_Vice President of Alliance Contre le Tabac and First President at ENSP (1997-1999)_

“The reason why I believed it was important to create ENSP was to include the fight against tobacco into the Europe against Cancer Programme. 20 years ago, we pioneered the inclusion of Tobacco Control measures into health programmes in the EU. I mostly valued the relationship developed through ENSP with other experts in Europe with whom we exchanged good practices.”

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**Fenton Howell**

_National Tobacco Control Advisor, Tobacco and Alcohol Control Unit, Department of Health, Ireland and ENSP Board Member (2000-2001)_

“ENSP was so good for me that I took annual leave from my work to attend their meetings representing ASH Ireland. In the early days, the situation was very different from today. There were only 15 EU Member States and so less ENSP members than today. We met twice a year, once in Brussels and once in another EU country. Each meeting was linked to a scientific event, so the knowledge base was incredibly good. We had guest speakers who were at the fore front of Tobacco Control coming from Canada, Australia, US, Europe and UK. It was fantastic help. I still go back to presentations and slides from that period. I learnt a lot from them that helped my efforts in Ireland. I’m forever grateful to ENSP.”
Robert Hudson

ASH Ireland and Board Member 1997-1999

“I became involved with ENSP when I worked at the Irish Cancer Society. Despite the evidence of the damage caused by tobacco smoke on the health of EU citizens, there was no coordinated action against smoking in the EU. At the time, there was also a lot of ignorance on the impact of smoking on people’s health and it was important to strengthen the message together through a network. I strongly believed that action needed to be taken and was among those who started the engine of ENSP. I’m glad now to sit back and see how well and strong ENSP has worked out and how much work has been done to help save lives.”

Luk Joossens

European Cancer Leagues (ECL)

“Back in 1986 the European Commission established the Europe against Cancer Programme and within this programme a group of EU Tobacco Control experts met twice a year. I was then asked to set up a network. So in 1988 I founded the Belgian Association of Smoking Prevention (BASP), which later became the European Bureau of Smoking Prevention (BASP). The network was funded by the EC from 1988 until 1995, when the EC decided to create a new network which was not intended to lobbying. So ENSP was created and the first board meeting of ENSP was organized in Luxemburg in April 1996. Because of the abrupt end of BASP, I could join ENSP, but I could not be in the board at its first meeting or manage the network. Until 2003/2004 I attended ENSP meetings and reported on lobbying activities to support the development of the Tobacco Product Directive. Ten years ago, ENSP went through a difficult financial crisis and the discussion was mainly on how to fund the network. As the membership fee was quite high and I had the information first hand in any case, I attended less meetings. From 2007 until 2013 ENSP struggled to survive and again the discussion was more on survival than on tobacco control policy. Now ENSP is doing much better and I’m having a good relationship with most board members. ENSP added value to the European Tobacco Control community is the capacity to develop projects and the strong and large network of organisations involved. We should really unite forces to be stronger all together.”
Paraskevi Katsaounou

_Hellenic Thoracic Society, Assistant Professor of Pulmonary Medicine, Medical School University of Athens, Chair of Smoking Cessation Group Hellenic Thoracic Society, Chair Group 6.3 Tobacco, Smoking Control and Health Education ERS_

“It is years I’m indirectly involved with ENSP through Prof Behrakis and Dr Vardavas. My official involvement started about 3 years ago. I participate to ENSP in a dual role, as a representative of the Hellenic Thoracic Society and of ERS (European Respiratory Society). In both organisations I’m chair of the Smoking Cessation group. Being a member of ENSP gives me the security to have updated and first-hand reliable information on the latest news on Tobacco Control in the EU and Member States. The staff responds immediately if I make a request and the technical support is very good. I see ENSP expanding and fortifying with new members, new activities and projects. It is nice to feel secure and stronger with the backing up support of ENSP.”

Katie Kemper

_Executive Director, Global Bridges (at Mayo Clinic)_

“Global Bridges’ involvement with ENSP started in 2014, when ENSP joined an elite group of partners in our very first round of international grants. ENSP’s proposal to develop a multilingual, professionally-accredited training programme for healthcare professionals on the treatment for tobacco use and dependence was considered ambitious, but was ultimately successful, and attracted subsequent funding for further expansion which continues to this day. The ENSP network features broad and diverse connections encompassing the full range of MPOWER policies, within and beyond Europe, a uniquely effective complement to Global Bridges’ worldwide network and mission. ESNP members understand and leverage the synergistic relationship between treatment (the “O” in MPOWER) and other policy areas. We appreciate ENSP’s capability to function as a European hub for Global Bridges, building on existing partnerships while welcoming new Global Bridges grantees who may not have previously been ENSP members. Together, we will continue to expand and improve...
the influence of health care professionals and the reach of evidence-based treatment in the region.”

Nina Krogh Larsen

Specialist Adviser, The Danish Health Authority

“I started to work in my current position at the National Board of Health in Denmark 3 years ago. Since then the relationship with ENSP has grown, as ENSP is very important for Tobacco prevention in Denmark. ENSP keeps up the good spirit and it is inspirational to us to see what other countries and NGOs are doing in the EU. Their meetings are a great opportunity to network with colleagues. We also find their international projects very relevant and inspiring. Particularly relevant to us are the Smoking Cessation Guidelines, EQUIPT and the SILNE and SILNE-R projects. We’re happy to be part of ENSP and we’re looking forward to the new projects developments.”

Stephen Lequet

DNF (Les Droits des Non-Fumeurs), Responsible for Institutional Relations, France, and ENSP Board Member (2015-to date)

“DNF is a member of ENSP since it was allowed to individual organisations to become member. Before that I was in contact with ENSP through the French National Coalition (Alliance Contre le Tabac). Besides the exchange of good practices with other countries in the EU, what is very relevant for us, as ENSP member, is that through ENSP we can influence Tobacco Control at EU level on one side and on the other side, we get first-hand information from the EU level. We share that information with French President team, also with advisors of the Prime Minister and other relevant members of the French government, with whom we work very closely. This helps us to push EU issues at national level. We value very highly our cooperation with ENSP.”
**Satu Lipponen**

*Director of Communications and Foresight, Cancer Society of Finland and Managing Editor of SyöpäCancer magazine, Member of the Global Board of Directors of the International Cancer Information Service Group ICISG  
ENSP Board Member 2014

“I well remember when ENSP was officially launched at the first ECTOH Conference in Helsinki in October 1996 under the leadership of Prof Albert Hirsch. At the time, we were already working in Finland on ENYPAT (European Network of Young People against Tobacco) under the leadership of Prof Pekka Puska. I also remember when back in 1999 at the next ECTOH in Las Palmas Cornel received an award from Globalink as a Tobacco Control activist in Romania. ENSP had a significant role in the development of the EU Tobacco Products Directive uniting Tobacco Control activists to fast react to the Tobacco Industry aggressive interference. Relevant is also the work that ENSP did to support the development and now the implementation of the WHO FCTC. Despite the economic problems in the past, ENSP has evolved over time and has proven to be a successful and important network to have access to the EU Parliament and Commission and to move forward the scientific action in the EU”.

**Mihaela Lovše**

*ENSP Board Member 2010/2011  
Chair at Slovenian Coalition for Public Health, Environment and Tobacco control (SCTC)

“The Slovenian Coalition for Public Health, Environment and Tobacco Control (SCTC) was founded in 2003 and we always cooperated in one way or the other with ENSP. We became member in 2006 and I joined the board in 2010. Particularly relevant has been the support received by ENSP and its members in 2007, when a small political party in Slovenia brought at the discussion in the Parliament to vote to weaken the tobacco legislation enforced in August 2007. ENSP and NGOs from 6 EU countries sent letters of support with very strong arguments to all Slovenian Members of the Parliament. It was an excellent and very effective campaign. Together we won. The legislation remained unchanged.”
**Florin Mihaltan**

*Romanian Society of Pneumology and ENSP Board Member (2015-to date)*

“It is more than 15 years I am in contact with ENSP mainly though Cornel from the time of Aer Pur. Since 2015 when I was elected board Member, I started a new form of collaboration. I’m much more involved in regular meetings and the decision-making process. Particularly relevant for Romania is the support provided by ENSP to the smokefree law and, most recently, to the “New Generation without Smoking 2035”, launched by the Society of Pneumologists and the Society of Cardiologists and endorsed by the President of the Republic. We also had an active role in finalizing the ENSP Smoking Cessation Guidelines. The Tobacco Control community is benefitting a lot in Romania from ENSP. We managed to keep a strong Tobacco Control Law challenged by the Tobacco Industry in 2015 thanks to the support of ENSP and its members.”

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**Guy Muller**

*Dutch Cancer Society, International Public Affairs Consultant*

“We are involved in ENSP through the Dutch Alliance for a Smokefree Society. At ENSP they are really good at bridging the gap between research and policy. They can translate science into accessible language to policy makers.”

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**Bilir Nazmi**

*Respiratory Society Turkey*

*Member of the ENSP Scientific Committee*

“I have been involved in Tobacco Control in Turkey and abroad for over 30 years. For about 10 years, invited by Panagiotis Behrakis and Cornel, I have been collaborating with ENSP through the Turkish Respiratory Society and it is two years now that I’m member
of the Scientific Committee. ENSP has been particularly supportive for the definition of the amended smokefree law in Turkey in 2008 and thanks to the connections with ENSP I could include Turkey in a EU project on the air quality led by Luke Clancy. I find very important the European Smoking Cessation Guidelines published by ENSP as the first EU guidelines different from the US ones. Now the guidelines are also available in Turkish.”

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**Manfred Neuberger**

*Medical University of Vienna and Austrian Council on Smoking and Health*

*Member of the ENSP Scientific Committee*

“Friedrich Wiebel from Germany invited me to join ENSP in representation of the Austrian Council on Smoking and Health, at the time when the President was Albert Hirsch, so back in 1997 right at the beginning. I remember how fundamental was the work done by Andrew Hayes for campaigning and develop a relationship with the EU Parliament. Since then I have received information on the development of Tobacco Control in the EU and other countries. To be heard by our politicians, it helps to be part of a large and reliable international network. It is important to show how Austria compares to other countries in Europe and mostly to our neighbor countries, Italy, Hungary, etc. During the economic crisis, I was afraid that ENSP would lose its role of coordinating Tobacco Control in the EU. I’m glad now it is in a better situation.”

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**Sophia Papadakis**

*Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ottawa*

*Visiting Scientist, Clinic of Social and Family Medicine, Department of Medicine, University of Crete and Co-Editor, ENSP Tobacco Treatment Guidelines & TOBG Project*

“After relocating from Canada to Greece, I was fortunate to be introduced to the work of ENSP and have the opportunity to collaborate on several ENSP initiatives
including my involvement as member of the Editorial team of the ENSP Tobacco Treatment Guidelines and the special chapters on Addressing Tobacco Use in High Risk Populations. The guidelines will be released in 2017 and will be the most updated smoking cessation guidelines currently available internationally and I believe will be a very important document for Smoking Cessation in Europe. I am honoured to have had the opportunity to work with other European smoking cessation experts in the preparation of the guideline. I am very happy to be working with ENSP in their effort to strengthen European capacity in smoking cessation. I much appreciate the collaborative capacity ENSP has developed through partnership with experts across Europe, the network is doing great things and these efforts will have an important impact of the health of Europeans.”

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**Jan Peloza**

*President No Excuse Slovenia*

“What I like most about ENSP is its responsiveness. They provide us very timely with content materials for press releases, statements or forward us best practices from other countries. ENSP itself and its members are always supportive and have provided a great help to the development of the Smokefree legislation in Slovenia. Particularly helpful for us was the organization of the ENSP General Assembly and a Tobacco Control Symposium in the Slovenian National Council in October 2016 in Ljubljana. It helped us to achieve the necessary visibility and credibility in the Slovenian environment and help us to establishment of the European Tobacco Control Youth Coalition. ENSP will always be an important international partner and we wish ENSP a happy anniversary!”

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**Michel Pettiaux**

*Financial Director of Foundation Against Respiratory Diseases (FARES), ENSP Board Member and Treasurer (2002-2006 and then 2008-2012)*
“I have started my involvement with ENSP in the early 2000. I served as a treasurer in the board and it has been an honour for me, it was never a duty. I worked closely with the staff. I have always been impressed by the dedication and enthusiasm of the team, both staff and members. It was particularly relevant for me and Tobacco Control in Belgium to be part of a so active network. Even in the heart of Europe, you can feel totally isolated when fighting the smoking habit. ENSP provided an excellent platform for discussion, share of information, links with people committed to Tobacco Control beyond the research and academic interest. Big Professors were working together and at the same level with advocates. Only united we can change our society for the better and win the fight against the harm caused by Tobacco use.”

Martina Potschke-Langer

Director of the German Smokefree Alliance and member of the management board

“I was involved with ENSP from the very beginning when I was the head of the Unit Cancer Prevention and later also of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Tobacco Control at the German Cancer Research Center. I was representing the National Coalition against Smoking. I participated with ENSP in all the negotiations in preparation of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) in late 1990ties and later ENSP became instrumental for the signature and ratification of FCTC in EU Member States. ENSP was the front group to advice the EU and the Member States on Tobacco Control and it was the only network focused specifically on TC in the EU. A very distinguished activity ENSP did was to bring NGOs of the Member States together to develop knowledge and experience in Tobacco Control topics and advocacy. Highly relevant was the capacity building training to improve advocacy skills of the members. ENSP filled the gap between medical science and the political arena. They were and are very successful in transferring the scientific knowledge into a language comprehensive to politicians. Every communication had two main targets: politicians and media. ENSP has always been a very efficient and effective vehicle to circulate information among the members and beyond. ENSP pioneered Tobacco Control in the EU.”
**Krzysztof Przewozniak**

*President of the Foundation “Smart Health - Health in 3D” and ENSP Board Member (2015 to date)*

“It is my second year in the ENSP board, although I have been collaborating with ENSP in one way or the other for more than 15 years, since I was representing there the Health Promotion Foundation or, as President, the Polish National Coalition of Tobacco or Health. ENSP has been incredibly helpful to introduce Access Countries to the EU rules, regulations and directives. In 2004 ENSP organized its General Assembly in Poland and it was the first EU Accession Country to host such an event. It has been very important for us, as it gave us visibility and credibility in the country and in Europe. Thanks to ENSP we learned how to interrelate with western European partners, EU institutions and we had access to EU funded projects. Now we are providing support to non-EU Member States, such as Russia, Ukraine, Armenia and Georgia. As President of the Smart Health Foundation, I am currently pushing ENSP to be more innovative in its approach, tools and strategy so to be as smart as the Tobacco Industry to develop a comprehensive and long term Tobacco Control strategies.”

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**Roberta Savli**

*EFA, Senior EU Policy Advisor and Deputy Director*

“My involvement with ENSP started when I joined EFA in 2011 and since then the relationship developed stronger and stronger. It has been an active period, with the TPD proposal submitted in December 2012 and the necessary preparatory work in beforehand. Working on the TPD has been the most fulfilling though challenging experience in my professional life. We received a lot of support from ENSP and we could have not done our advocacy work without their sustenance and expertise. Through participating in their meetings, we had access to the best expertise on Tobacco Control in Europe. I have always had positive feelings about ENSP, their staff and their members. There is always a positive and constructive atmosphere at their meetings and events. It has grown a lot since I first started to collaborate with them and we plan to work even closer with them on the topic of smokefree environment, which we could not do alone.”
Andriy Skipalsky
Head of the Board Center-Life Association, Ukraine

“When I became Director of Advocacy Center “Life” in 2010 I started my involvement with ENSP, as we were looking for international partners and expertise on Tobacco Control. We sent them a request and, despite we are not in the EU, they accepted us as an associated member and I was invited to their General Assembly Meetings and workshops. Since then I have attended most of their meetings, and Life’s staff also participated in some training, for which they are generously covering the costs. ENSP has been very helpful to us with their expertise, technical assistance, materials, news, advocacy and support to our campaigns also mobilizing their members. ENSP gave us the opportunity to be part of a great network and for us, ENSP is a kind window and a bridge towards Europe Tobacco Control Network, even more so now that Ukraine has signed the Association Agreement with the EU. We will continue strengthening our collaboration, hopefully, also through the collaborative implementation of EU funded projects together.”

Shkumbin Spahija and Arben Lila
Kosovo Advocacy and Development Center

“We met Cornel while establishing the national Coalition on Tobacco Control in Kosovo back in 2010/2011 at a peer to peer EU event organized by the European Commission including Western Europe, the Balkan Countries and Turkey. Since then we have used a lot ENSP website as a resource for us for science and good practices. In October 2016, we participated in the ENSP conference in Ljubljana and then applied as full member. As Kosovo is aspiring to access the EU, it is very important for us to be part of ENSP. We would need to advance in the transposition of the Tobacco Products Directive and ENSP can be instrumental to that. The network can help us to develop capacity building among public officials in the ministries, to support our strategy for graphic warnings, which will be implemented in a step wise approach, to enhance smoking cessation through training Health Care Professionals, to regulate e-cigarette consumption and to raise our credibility with our government. We want
to feel part of a community and we are looking forward to become an active member of ENSP sharing with other countries our expertise in advocating and lobbying for a full implementation of the FCTC.”

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**Hans Storm**

*Medical Director at the Danish Cancer Society*

“What we benefitted most at the Danish Cancer Society from ENSP was the knowledge about the status of Tobacco Control development in other countries and joint EU activities on some specific projects. Through ENSP we also strengthen our relationship with other experts and developed some independent projects, such as the Youth Smoking Cessation programme with The Netherlands. We found the EU campaigns old-fashioned and a step backwards”.

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**Tibor Szilagyi**

*Member of the FCTC Secretariat and ENSP Board Member (2006-2007)*

“I came to know the organization more closely when I proudly served as Board member. I was impressed to see the strong commitment of the staff, which did not give up even in difficult times when Europe-wide austerity measures endangered the organization’s financial situation. They have overcome the crisis and have revitalized the network now. The ENSP works to support many different areas where Parties to the Convention need to make progress, and they promote different approaches to such measures, including medical, academic and scientific, advocacy and policy. The membership of the organization is one of its most valuable strength: leading professionals in their respective countries, the experts involved with ENSP understand well the international scenario and utilize the power of the FCTC.”
Elisabeth Tamang

AUSSL 10 Venice, member of INWAT Europe and ENSP Board Member (2002-2005) and ENSP President (2006-2007)

“The first time I heard of the network I was still working at WHO in Copenhagen back in 1995, when it was not structured, yet. Later I was board member of ENYPAT (European Network of Young People and Tobacco) and worked in synergy with ENSP. Later I joined ENSP as one of the Italian National Coalition member and in 2002 became a board member and then I was elected President in 2006 for a 2-year term. At the beginning the strength of ENSP was to unite NGOs effort on Tobacco Control and to support the development of National Coalitions. It was particularly helpful to countries that were struggling to start the tobacco control process and introduce legislations. Then ENSP became a sort of EU incubator of projects on Tobacco Control and organised experts workshops and had the capacity to put together relevant partnerships. ENSP was also strong in disseminating information and good practice and collecting support for tobacco control policy at the European level”.

Niels Them Kjær

Head of Tobacco Control, Danish Cancer Society
ENSP Board Member (2013-2016)

“I have inherited the relationship with ENSP from Hans Storm when I got the position as Head of Tobacco Control at the Danish Cancer Society. Since then I have participated in several meetings and events organized by ENSP and they have always been inspiring. I have always had something new to bring back home. Through the network of people, I feel like I have a lot of friends around Europe. Whenever I need something and send an e-mail, I receive an answer within 24 hrs. One big challenge ENSP is facing for the future is to keep countries more advanced in Tobacco Control engaged with the network.”
**Lucienne Thommes**

*Luxembourg Fondation Cancer, Director*

“I am working at the Cancer Foundation in Luxembourg for 7 years now and one year as its director. I know our organization has been involved with ENSP practically from the start. As Tobacco Control is our primary focus in cancer prevention and we do not have a lot of staff, the relationship with ENSP is fundamental to us and it has improved over the years.

We prefer the orientation it is taking now, more towards sharing of knowledge and technical support. We count on ENSP to have first-hand and reliable information that we can use when lobbying our national government. Being a doctor myself, I find particularly relevant the support on issues other than medical, such as taxation for instance. When our Minister of Finance signed an agreement with Philip Morris on Illicit Trade, we sent him a letter to protest and we could have not done it without the support of ENSP and its members, which helped put together relevant facts. I also find it very helpful to hear about success stories and challenges in other countries in Europe at our meetings. We will happily continue to be member of the ENSP and we would encourage them to work more in the field of prevention.”

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**Antigona Trofor**

*Assoc. Prof at University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Grigore T. Popa”, Iasi, Romania*

“The landmark of my involvement with ENSP is 2011/2012 when I started to collaborate with them on the Smoking Cessation Guidelines. Since then I have been involved in several other projects, such as EPACTT, TOB G and EUREST plus. In the meantime, I became an Associate Member and attended several of their meetings. I particularly appreciate the networking capacity and the support in advocacy and training they provide.”
**Lies Van Gennip**

*CEO/Chair of Nictiz, National Centre of Expertise for Standards and eHealth, Netherland, former Stivoro CEO and ENSP Vice-President (2010-2012)*

“I replaced Trudy Prince at STIVORO in the Netherlands. So I inherited my involvement with ENSP. Before taking up a role with high responsibility, I wanted first to get acquainted with the environment and the people. So later in 2010 I joined the board as Vice-President. I always appreciated the commitment of ENSP to collect and share facts on Tobacco Control issues to all its members. I particularly valued the evaluation report of WHO FCTC country implementation that ENSP published at the time. It was a quite powerful tool to support country based advocacy and lobby activities. You could easily compare how one country was doing versus another country. It has been particularly useful to us in the Netherlands when the government decided not to fund anymore STIVORO hoping to challenge the whole TC movement. I used it as a proof of the need to continue TC action despite the strong opposition of the government. During my time ENSP was having some serious financial issues. We were in a transition phase and we were looking for a new funding model, moving from EU funds to other resources. I’m very happy to see that now ENSP has overcome those difficulties and has even strengthened its role at EU level and beyond. I would like to compliment all the staff and members who made this success possible and the continuation of ENSP a great achievement.”

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**Constantine Vardavas**

*Hellenic Cancer Society*

“I started to collaborate with ENSP when I was still in the US at Harvard University, but supported tobacco control activities in Greece. Later I was involved with ENSP on a tender submission and recently on “EUREST PLUS”, a Horizon 2020 project which gives ENSP a direct leadership role in monitoring the implementation of the Tobacco Products Directive in Europe and is supporting the natural evolution of ENSP from an advocacy organization to a scientific body that uses science to support advocacy. I also played a key role in the strategic development of the ENSP scientific journal, Tobacco Prevention and Cessation, an important
step towards the strategic development of ENSP. For the future, I see ENSP strengthening its scientific and educational activities to play a fundamental role in providing the EU Member States with a common approach to the implementation of the Tobacco Product Directive.”

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**Joan Ramon Villabi**

Head, Quality and processes, Public Health Agency of Barcelona
President of the Advisory Council on Tobacco Control of Catalonia*

“I joined the ENSP during a very important period for Tobacco Control in Spain. The tobacco prevention movement was at its beginning, and ENSP played a fundamental role to help us move forward towards more comprehensive strategies, beyond school education and smoking cessation, and focusing in policies such as smokefree areas and fiscal policy. We learned a lot in the ENSP.

A good memory I still have of the support ENSP has given to the Spanish National Coalition on Tobacco Control (CNPT) is that we received the NGO award from WHO on World No Tobacco Day 2003. With our total surprise, ENSP nominated us for the effort made to put tobacco control on the national political agenda and for mobilizing governmental support for the tobacco advertising ban. At the time, I was the President of the CNPT, and I personally collected the award in Madrid during a meeting we had in the Ministry of Health. It raised our profile with the government and for the media”.

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**Brian Ward**

*European Respiratory Society, Director of Advocacy and EU Affairs*

“Since the early years there has always been a strong interconnection between the European Respiratory Society (ERS) and ENSP. They were both among the founding
members of the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) and respiratory doctors were and are involved in both organisations. When I started in ERS, the link was even stronger, as Luke Clancy was the President of ENSP and the Chair of the Tobacco Control Committee at ERS. Since then the relationship between the two organization has strengthened more and more and now we have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to work together on Tobacco Control issues. We have always looked at the collaboration with ENSP in a very positive and supportive way, as we do not have a specific Tobacco Control mandate specially on advocacy and at National level, with a presence in all the EU countries. ENSP is more focused and together we can be more impactful in the fight against the health harm of Tobacco products use. Even more so in the future, as the European Commission has shown no interest in setting up new public health initiatives and collaboration is fundamental and strategically vital for all of us. We also appreciate how ENSP is expanding its action towards Eastern countries non-EU Member States, as more progress needs to be made in those countries.”

**Friedrich Wiebel**

*Chair at German Medical Action Group Smoking or Health (GMASH) and Board Member 1997*

“The German Medical Action Group Smoking or Health (GMASH), which I am chairing, has been a longstanding member of the Europe Against Cancer Programme. When ENSP evolved from the Programme, GMASH became a member of the network - quasi by default. In the early years, ENSP was funded entirely by the EU Commission. As a consequence, the network had to refrain from lobbying the Commission for any regulatory tobacco control actions. Instead, its activities were focused on smoking cessation and education and on supporting EU Member states to develop national coalitions, in particular in new Member States from Eastern Europe. Since GMASH was strongly oriented towards legislative tobacco control, I frequently felt out of place. This changed, when the EU Commission stopped funding ENSP and the network grew more “independent” shifting its attention toward legislative tobacco control. At the same time, ENSP had to rely on membership fees. Unfortunate for Germany! Neither GMASH nor any of the other German NGOs involved in tobacco control were able to raise the required fees. This was – and still is – embarrassing as German NGOs have greatly profited from the network receiving vital information and
ample support for its national actions. In the future, I envision a strong role for ENSP in
the implementation of the EU Tobacco Directives and FCTC at national and European
levels. I wholeheartedly wish that German NGOs will actively participate in these activities
as soon-to-be full member of the network.”

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**Stacey Williams**

*Head of Cut Films, Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation, UK*

“In 2016 we were invited by ENSP to attend a focus group organised on the SILNE-R project
in Brussels. That was a good entry into ENSP work. After the focus group, we met with
ENSP staff in London and we decided to become member. Our membership fee is not really
viewed as a cost, as it goes into the travel costs to attend their events. We find it particularly
useful to be part of ENSP, as we have the opportunity to present our work at their events,
to see good practices on Tobacco Control and challenges in other countries. Their meetings
are quite informative. They have a variety of speakers on different topics and they provide a
great platform to network. I also find the questions received during presentations particularly
intriguing, as they are asked by people doing similar work and who are interested in knowing
more about what we do, this then challenges the way we do things. Being member of ENSP
also raises our profile. We are aiming at further strengthening our collaboration with them.”

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**Dmitry Yanin**

*Chairman of the Board, Confederation of Consumer Societies, KONFOP, Russia*

“We have been working on Tobacco Control for about 10 years and it is 1 year that we are
collaborating with ENSP. We believe that it is important to develop a cooperation with
other networks internationally, so to gather best practices to show our Policy Makers that
it is possible to improve our Tobacco Control legislation and make Tobacco Control more
effective in Russia. Yes, we could get some of the best evidence on line, but it is different
when you collect the information from the ground and first hand through a membership.”
Witold A. Zatoński

MD, President and Founder Health Promotion Foundation, Poland
Scientific Editor-in-Chief Journal of Health Inequalities
Full Professor of Medicine Higher Vocational State School in Kalisz, Poland
ENSP Board member 2004

“At the end of the ’80s Poland had the one of the highest smoking prevalence in the world. 75% of men and 30% of women smoked. As a result, the rates of tobacco-related diseases in Poland were soaring. After the collapse of authoritarian communism, in the ‘90s the anti-tobacco civil society movement managed to lead a mass mobilisation against smoking. With a new democratic Parliament in place, we could start a constructive dialogue with our politicians. At the beginning, we received a lot of support from WHO, US and UK, but there seemed to be fewer ties with the EU. Initially, the ENSP only had members from Western Europe, but this has changed. With time, the ENSP helped us a great deal to build the capacity necessary for the tobacco control movement in Poland and Eastern Europe to develop and grow further. Today, some of the core work of the ENSP is conducted in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet states. I believe that the gap in tobacco control between western and eastern Europe is closing.”
A Word from the Staff

Andrea Glahn

ENSP Project Officer

“I started to work with ENSP in March 2016. Since then I have learned a lot about a topic I was not familiar with. I have learned about the MPOWER, the FCTC and the TPD. Given the very small office, I had to cover a variety of tasks.

I was soon positively surprised by the passion, the very nice welcoming and working environment. A big challenge of the job is to meet every member’s needs, as the members are so many, with different backgrounds and from countries where the level of implementation of tobacco control varies considerably. However, I really enjoy that everyone at ENSP has the same goal. Meetings are fundamental to keep the network united and I’m glad to have the opportunity to work with so many different people.

I arrived at a time when ENSP was changing and growing. I hope this positive development will continue further ahead.”

Michael Forrest

Former Communications Officer at ENSP

“I am so happy and privileged to have been a small part of this wonderful European movement that has shaped, and continues to shape, our continent. It has always been a pleasure to work with you all and I continue to read your news avidly. If I were to put into one phrase what I learned at ENSP, it would be: keep on pursuing your goal no matter how many obstacles you face. Thank you for having been such an important, and much cherished, part of my life. With warmest wishes from Montréal, Quebec.”
**Sophie Kazan**

*PhD student and former staff at ENSP as Information Officer and then as Director of Communication*

“The ENSP was going through an exciting time of great change, while I was there in early 2002 until summer 2004. The Framework Convention for Tobacco Control was being put together at the UN in Geneva and 10 new countries where preparing to access the European Union. These were the main topics at the ENSP AGMs that I attended in Athens (2002), Helsingor (2003) and Krakov (2004). Originally recruited by Sibylle Fleitman as the Information Officer, I gradually moved into a more policy-led role, building capacity, explaining to new members about how European legislation worked and promoting coordinated action. Francis Grogna and I worked as a team after Sibylle’s departure, together with the fantastic Sophie Van Damme, Paloma Martin and Edward Riley.

I remember visiting ENSP members, particularly in Latvia, Poland and Slovenia, to supporting countries in their effort towards the development of Tobacco Control policies and FCTC ratification negotiations. The negotiation around the FCTC added a new dimension to ENSP beyond Europe and it was a pleasure to coordinate with our various European partners, with other European stakeholders and with Haik Nikogosian and his team at WHO Europe. I have very good memories of my work with ENSP, of the wonderful, committed people that I met and friends that I made.”

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**Paloma Martin**

*ENSP former staff between 2003 and 2007 before as Project Manager and then as Research and Strategy Manager*

*Project Advisor at the Research Executive Agency (REA) of the European Commission*

“I love being challenged, and my experience with ENSP was definitely a challenge! My skills and confidence in project management, research and strategy drastically improved with the help and guidance of the ENSP board, all the dedicated Members of the ENSP, and my colleagues. The ENSP has given me the opportunity to work in..."
many topics and in many levels within the tobacco control community. We learned a lot from day to day and jumped hurdles that we thought were not capable of; like getting 100% of our research funded by the EC, maintaining a solid, informed ever enlarging Membership base, and keeping the ENSP independent of pharmaceutical funding. The ENSP grouped likeminded individuals who were passionate about what they did, and this reflected in the dedication and interest in making the pursuit of great goals - as the ‘smoke free workplaces’ - a reality for most EU Member States. Personally, the ENSP was a building block in constructing my career and has given me the knowledge, direction and means to achieve many goals at later positions. It did not only provide me with the hard skills and experience to pursue a career in the European Commission, it also bestowed me some NGO mentality that I am still infusing into my current job. I congratulate them for their 20 years of existence, and wish them to continue with their excellent work”.

Dominick Nguyen

_ENSP Health Policy and Communication Manager_

“After 12 years in NHS and the Department of Health in London, of which 10 in smoking cessation and tobacco control, I was ready to change city and try a new career path. So I moved to Paris and started working in the private and profit making sector. After three years in the private sector, which made me realise that it was not what I wanted, I was already contemplating the possibility to go back to public health, when I heard of the vacancy at ENSP. I applied and started working in August 2015. Within the first few months I passed from officer to manager and I got immediately emotionally involved with ENSP. Since then it has been an escalation. It is a truly win win situation. ENSP came into my life at the right moment, just as I arrived to ENSP when they needed a person like me. I enjoy the freedom of movement to make this network grow. Everything I do is impactful and receives support. The more I give, the more I get. I feel part of ENSP. I believe that the human added value to the network is often undermined, although it is what makes our team work harder and closer. This is why for the future I think that, while looking for financial sustainability in an environment where misconception about Tobacco Control is growing, we should
continue strengthening the links between people via capacity building to our members. ENSP can succeed only if its members are empowered to implement strong tobacco control measures in their respective countries.”

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**Mariann Skar**

*Secretary General at Eurocare and former ENSP staff as Project Leader*

“I have enjoyed a lot working at ENSP with a so active group of colleagues under the leadership of Francis, who has always been very inspiring, despite all the financial difficulties during that period. A very interesting project at the time was a project on women and smoking “Exposing the Evidence – Women and Secondhand Smoke in Europe”. So, I worked a lot with INWAT and specifically with Amanda Amos, Sarah Sanchez and Patti White. I left ENSP because the financial insecurity was unbearable at the time and the pressure was too high, but I have always kept in touch with ENSP staff, especially with Francis, and save very good memories of that period.”

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**Polina Starchenko**

*Communication and office assistant*

“When I saw the vacancy advertised, the name ENSP rang a bell. I had heard it about 3 years ago, when I was still a student at the Leuven University. After some experience in the field of environment and social entrepreneurship, I was looking for a new challenge in the non profit sector and ENSP seemed to me the perfect fit. From the very first day I really felt welcomed by the whole Network and I truly liked the working atmosphere. Respect, cooperation and passion for a common cause are key at ENSP, which immediately made me feel 100% committed. I hope to grow professionally under the guidance of colleagues in the Secretariat and under the leadership of the Board. I also hope to make a contribution, alongside my European colleagues, to help decrease the number of deaths caused by tobacco.”
Sophie Van Damme

Former ENSP Staff and covered different positions

“I have been very happy to contribute to ENSP, especially during its first ten years, when it was thriving and quite pro and interactive with a high membership level and staunch solidarity among the national coalitions against tobacco. At a certain point back in 2010 it appeared that no more EU funding could be made available. This was quite a difficult moment for me, I was ready for a new professional orientation and decided to focus on translation work up to the present day. I would like to wish ENSP all the best of success for the future in promoting tobacco control and smoking prevention in Europe.”
**ENSP Staff through 20 years of action**

**Sibylle Fleitmann** (Secretary General 1997-2003) - On July 1, 1997 a European Manager/co-ordinator was employed as a first permanent staff member with a one-year contract. A second working contract was issued upgrading the position to Secretary General of ENSP until March 2003, when she resigned.

**Sophie Van Damme** (1998-2011) - A part time assistant joined ENSP on November 1st 1998 who later became events and Information Officer and covered many other positions. She left ENSP in May 2011.

**Francis Grogna** (1998-2015 and Secretary General 2003-2015) - A financial co-ordinator was engaged in March 1998 (one-year contract). He covered several roles and was nominated temporary Secretary General from March to July 2003 and permanent Secretary General from August 2003 to 2015 when he resigned. He's still now consulting on financial spects.

**Erin Meyer** (2000-2001) – part time information officer appointed in 2000 and was replaced in February 2001 on her maternity leave by Ms Hilary Solly. She resigned after the maternity leave.

**Sophie Kazan** (2002-2004) - April 1st 2002 a full time information officer was employed who later became Director Strategy and Communication until November 2004, when she left on maternity leave and then resigned.

**Paloma Martin** (2003-2006) - Project coordinator who later became Manager, Research and Strategy from July 2003 until 2006.


**Ana Camôes** (2007-2008) - Employed in 2007 as Administration and Finance Assistant (full-time), responsible for office management, logistics, reporting on grants, events logistics, as well as administrative and financial services.

**Mariann Skar** (2007-2008) - Project Leader (part-time), responsible for administration and organisation of the ongoing projects, EU projects observatory, management of project grants, organisation of research and strategy priorities.

**Michael Forrest** (2007-2014) – 2007 to June 2008 returned to ENSP in September 2009 Information Officer (full-time), who is responsible for information dissemination throughout the network, press releases, information releases, drafting of the European News Bulletin, updating the ENSP website, communications, drafting reports and minutes and management of publications.

**Cornel Radu Loghin** – 23 March 2009 – TODAY – Appointed as Policy Manager, became then Director of Policy and since 2015 Secretary General.

**Dominick Nguyen** – August 2015 – TODAY - Health Policy and Communication Manager.

**Andrea Glahn** – March 2016 – TODAY - Project Officer

**Polina Starchenko** Feb 2017 – TODAY - Communication and office assistant.
ENSP Budget over 20 years
2001-2002 (11 projects)

- Tobacco Control Resource Center: 9%
- Smoking Cessation training of Health Professionals working with fire brigades: 3%
- International Network of Women Against Tobacco (INWAT): 10%
- 2nd European Symposium on Smoking in Pregnancy and Passive Smoking in Children - From Prevention Therapy to Intervention Practice: 7%
- The GPs Empowerment project: 12%
- Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) exposure in a sample of Smoke free cities: 6%
- European Network for Smoking Prevention (ENSP): 16%
- A Look on Anti-Tobacco Legislation in Restaurants and Bars: 8%
- Research into the labelling of Tobacco Products in Europe: 8%
- GLOBALink: Telecommunications for European smoking prevention: 12%
- European Network of QUITlines Year 2: 5%
- Survey of the economic impact of smoking in Europe: 4%
ENSP FRAMEWORK PROJECTS – BUDGET DISTRIBUTION

2002-2003 (12 projects)
- ENSP Core Grant: 15%
- 3rd Conference on Smokeless Tobacco: 2%
- European smoke-free hospitals network 2002-2003: 8%
- European network of Quitlines Year 3: 7%
- Tackling socio-economic inequalities: 6%
- Measurement tool for tobacco control: 6%
- Protecting workers from ETS: 8%
- Globalink: 10%
- Quit&Win: 8%
- WCTOH 2003: 14%
- EUROScrip: 9%
- Gaps in training dentists: 3%

2003-2006 (8 projects)
- ENSP Core Grant: 25%
- European smoke-free hospitals network: 11%
- ETS: 11%
- Youth & adults: 2%
- HP & smoking cessation: 11%
- TCRC: 15%
- Quill: 12%
- Globalink: 12%
I hope you have enjoyed going through the monograph. We intended to provide a picture of how the network started, developed and strengthened through 20 years of intense action, common battles, incredible achievements and constant mutual support for a life free of Tobacco use.

I proudly can say that I have been, in different ways, at different stages and on different levels, part of the network since the very beginning in 1997. I have in fact worked with most of you in several projects initiated and led by ENSP or met you at one of the events organised by ENSP. This made the challenge to prepare the monograph easier. It was fun to have had the chance to speak with over 100 stakeholders from across Europe and beyond and recalling the many good feelings of winning battles against the Tobacco Industry or of overcoming difficult times together.

We wanted to showcase the wealth of the network which is given by highly committed to the cause and enthusiastic professionals, advocates, policy makers and individuals. This is why I made a great effort to speak with so many of you. Unfortunately, I could not speak with all of you or could not include all the nice photos or images, as I would have liked. I had to give a time and space limit to this monograph, but, as I enjoyed it so much, I’m sure we will together find a way to keep the monograph “live” on line adding more quotes and photos.

So, to conclude, let’s start soon working on the next ENSP quarter of a century Anniversary!
Looking back at the last 20 years, it is almost impossible to talk about tobacco control in Europe without mentioning the involvement of at least one ENSP member. At every level, from international to the very local one, ENSP members have played a vital role to change policies, as well as culture. But the work has always been a concerted effort for a common accomplishment. This is the very essence of a network, an interconnected group that acts in a consistent and coordinated way. Each node adds value, each link adds strength.”

Cornel Radu Loghin
ENSP Secretary General