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Project abstract

For many years tobacco consumption has been considered the single most important cause of preventable morbidity worldwide. Efforts to reduce the devastation of tobacco related death and illness in the EU, consist of the Tobacco Products Directive (TPD), the Tobacco Advertising Directive (TAD) and the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) from WHO.

The general objective of the Joint Action on Tobacco Control 2 will be to provide support of the implementation of TPD and TAD.

The specific objectives of the program are:

1. To ensure appropriate coordination and evaluation
2. To support dissemination of information to the target groups
3. To integrate the JATC results into national policies
4. To facilitate the exchange of good practices between Member States in order to improve implementation of the Tobacco Products Directive (TPD) and related implementing and delegated acts in a number of areas of tobacco product and e-cigarette regulation, including laboratory capacity, analysis and assessment.
5. To ensure greater consistency in the application of the TPD to ensure a fair internal market for tobacco and related products, especially regarding market surveillance and enforcement.
6. Promote activities consistent with the objectives of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.
7. To identify and assess the current legislation regarding, but not exclusively tobacco advertising and advertising of emerging products.
8. To identify and develop best practices regarding tobacco endgame strategies and for smoke-free environments.

As more and more countries step up in the game of tobacco control and prevention against tobacco related cancer, a unified Europe is more important than ever. The commitment is also showed in the approaching new EU Cancer Action Plan, where EU MS will stand together in the fight against tobacco. We, the partners of the JATC 2, are committed to championing this fight.

Work package

Work Package 1: Coordination

Start month: 1

End month: 36

Work Package Leader: DSTA

Description of work:

Objective 1.1: Ensure efficient management of the project

Task 1.1a: To monitor and guide the progress of the individual WPs to mutual shared success.

This task will monitor and guide the progress of the activities and all partners involved throughout the project. The task includes ensuring the efficient implementation of the activities, keeping a good overview of the progress through monitoring the milestones and deliverables related to the project. It is also a priority of the coordination team to ensure the efficient use and well-structured use of resources by sharing outcomes and knowledge between WPs and thereby reducing the risk of redundancy. To accomplish this the coordination team will through dialog with WP leaders share updates on the progress of all WP tasks. The coordination team will also recreate connections between WP leaders working on similar tasks. The coordination team will, when necessary ensure that information is fed into relevant tasks.

To monitor the progress, the coordination team will use the specific objectives of the project as beacons for navigation and they will further use the methods outlined in section 9, where the methods for each WP is described. The first deliverable (D1.1) will be a template, which will present all deliverables and milestones both chronological and ordered by WP, showing how they are related. Efficient management will also be ensured during the monthly meetings with the steering committee where a review of all on going work will be addressed at every meeting.

Task 1.1b: Organize and chair meetings in the Steering Committee

WP1 will host a kick-off meeting in either Brussels or Copenhagen (M1.1) for the launch of the project. The coordination team will also organize the 2nd and 3rd year consortium meetings. The purpose of the kick-off meeting will be to share and discuss the JATC 2 work plan and ensure a shared understanding of the approach, methodologies and activities to be performed by all partners. Agenda for all consortiums meeting will be created in collaboration with all WP leaders. The 2nd and 3rd Consortium meeting will be hosted in the form of virtual meeting. The consortium meeting will be recorded and archived on an EU platform so that all relevant EU authorities are able to see the recording. One of the pivotal task at the consortium meeting will be to ensure that the project is on the right course and that tasks are feeding the necessary information into other WPs. The coordination team will send out minutes after all consortium meetings (M1.1, M1.2, M1.4 and M1.5).

Task 1.1c: With the current COVID-19 pandemic in mind, develop and implement the project method "Born Digital"

This task entails making the project sustainable against travel restrictions and address the Green Agenda. The Coordination Team will develop a facilitation plan for a born digital strategy. The Born Digital strategy will entail a plan for the effective virtual management of JATC2 by utilizing existing platforms for virtual meetings.

Objective 1.2: Coordinate the financial management

Task 1.2a: This task focuses on communicating rules and guidelines for financial administration and management, support implementation of these, and supply MS with a user-friendly template where MS can fill out relevant information regarding finances, completed milestones and deliverables (D1.1, M1.4. and M1.7).

The Financial Project Manager will provide a template and guide all relevant partners in the use of this template to ensure it is easy to understand and use. The template will make it transparent how finances are spent on different categories and WPs. This task is connected to task 1.1a to make sure resources spent are in line with expectations and the expected progress of the WPs. The templates for finances, deliverables and milestones are that way connected.

Task 1.2b: Prepare financial reports for HaDEA and acquire all information and documents needed f

Work Package 2: Dissemination

Start month: 1

End month: 36

Work Package Leader: NPHO

Description of work:

Objective 2.1: To develop the plan and tools to disseminate, as widely as possible, the process, updates and recommendations of JATC 2 by producing manuscripts, policy reports, conference abstracts and digital leaflets/documentation and by organizing a final project conference to conclude the project's activities.

Task 2.1a: Creation of the Dissemination plan.

To create a dissemination plan for the development and reporting of dissemination activities [D2.3]. This dissemination plan will include detailed information of who will be contacted, what will be disseminated (key message) and include all methods needed to perform the dissemination activities of JATC 2. The dissemination strategy will pay attention to the transfer of knowledge and to the processes needed for embedding and future take-up. The visibility of EU co-financing will be ensured.

Task 2.1b: Development and maintenance of project website (based on website of

JATC) and social media accounts.

The website is conceived as 'dynamic' in the sense that continual updates will be made as the project work advances. The project website must include sufficient information for the public, researchers and regulators to be informed of the impact and progress of the project. The website will be the public face of the project. The information provided will be in nonprofessional format with the ability to identify further detailed material deeper within the website. Social media such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter will be used to further enhance dissemination activities [D2.1].

Task 2.1c: Development of communication tools and visual identity

The visual identity will be developed through project logo (updated version of the logo of JATC), project leaflets, one general leaflet on the project, a second leaflet on the project's results, templates for internal and external documents (Word, PowerPoint, letterhead, folders), E-newsletters (twice a year), and press releases. The core communication tools include logo, first project leaflet, templates [D2.1].

Objective 2.2. To set up a network of interested stakeholders involved in tobacco control in all Member States including existing networks and EU-funded or international projects, policy makers, professionals, other stakeholders and a wider audience at EU level, in order to disseminate the outputs of the Joint action through multiple avenues of communication.

Task 2.2a: Stakeholder Analysis

This task aims at mapping the stakeholders involved in tobacco control in all MS/partners including existing networks and EU-funded or international projects. An initial stakeholder analysis report will be produced in month 4. Within this task a stakeholder's network will be developed and maintained, in order to ensure that the project findings reach the relevant end users. It is critical to inform and build partnerships with; 1. EU regulators and national policy makers due to their direct relevance to the topics covered by the JATC 2. And to engage them in all aspects of the project development and dissemination as early as possible. 2. International and National Tobacco control stakeholders who will be reached through interactions at both the dissemination (WP2) and the sustainability level (WP4). 3. The researchers and other professionals as they might benefit from the use of knowledge produced from the outcomes of the JATC 2 project. 4. The public, who might benefit from the information on tobacco products and will increase their health literacy on the dangerous of tobacco use. By linking with the EU beating cancer plan further dissemination of the outcomes of this Joint Action will be achieved [D2.2].

This task is also closely linked to WP6 that focuses on knowledge sharing regarding tobacco enforcement. There will be a close collaboration between WP 2 and WP 6, due to the fact that WP 6 is building a knowledge hub network where dissemination of information also is a pivotal task.

Task 2.2.b

Work Package 3: Evaluation of the JATC 2

Start month: 1

End month: 36

Work Package Leader: AGES

Description of work:

Objective 3.1: To develop an evaluation plan in line with international evaluation standards that will outline the features of the evaluation with regard to objectives, purpose, scope and methodological approach and include a data collection plan, data collection tools as well as a work plan and the description of the planned workflow

Task 3.1a: To define the features of the evaluation and agree on indicators to measure processes, outputs and outcomes in close cooperation with WP leaders and the project coordinator.

The data collection plan as well as the data collection tools and the work plan will be established in close cooperation with the project partners, and will be described in detail in D3.1 Evaluation Plan.

The type of evaluation: The evaluation accompanies the implementation of the JATC 2 project and is conducted by one of the project partners under a separate work package. It therefore has the character of an internal evaluation. The evaluation is a combination of a process, and outcome evaluation.

The purpose: Its main purpose is to support the optimisation of project implementation with a special focus on improved communication.

The Scope of the evaluation: The evaluation follows the life span of the project. Therefore, only activities and outcomes that emerge during the project period can be tracked.

Task 3.1b: To develop a data collection plan and data collection tools in a format that allows their continuous adaptation to change of the project context and of stakeholder's needs.

In cooperation with the other project partners, instruments for data collection tools and evaluation indicators will be agreed upon (MST3.1 & MST3.3).

The methodology: For data collections and analysis, a mixed-methods approach will be used. It contains different data sources and types of data, each relating to different indicators. To assess the timeliness of output delivery, a target-actual comparison will be used. The quality of project implementation, as well as the WP members views on and satisfaction with the project progress, will be assessed via standardized questionnaires. Expert interviews and focus groups will be conducted to gain insight into important issues and to get an overview on outcomes that started to unfold during the project period.

Due to the size and complexity of the project, data collection methods need to be adaptable during the lifespan of the project.

Objective 3.2.: To implement the evaluation plan throughout the duration of the project

Task 3.2a: To implement the evaluation plan [D3.1].

During the implementation, the appropriateness of evaluation questions and the data collected are regularly monitored and if necessary refined and adapted to newly emerging needs. The communication and collaboration lines between the leader of WP3 and the other WP leaders will be defined jointly at the onset of project implementation.

A communication and reporting plan will be agreed upon with the project partners [M3.2]. WP3 will attend the regular steering committee meetings and will be in close contact with other WP leaders. Through regular standardized questionnaires, the WP members have the opportunity to share their views on and satisfaction with project progress. Furthermore, a suggestion box will be implemented. Findings will be regularly communicated to the steering committee [M3.4 & M3.6] and arising topics will be addressed. The evaluation will have a strong focus on the individual needs of each work package and improved communication.

Task 3.2b: To collect and analyse qualitative and quantitative WP3 evaluation data. Qualitative primary data is collected for outcome measurement and quality assurance. Where possible, it will be complemented by an analysis of available secondary data.

Qualitative data will be collected through interviews, focus groups, open-ended questions within the regular questionnaires, as well as through the observation of discussions at meetings. Quantitativ

Work Package 4: Sustainability and cooperation across Europe

Start month: 1

End month: 36

Work Package Leader: ISS

Description of work:

Objective 4.1: To promote collaboration with other EU MS and national, regional and international bodies and organisations involved in tobacco control and regulatory science and policy.

Task 4.1a: To share information and expertise across the EU MS on market surveillance and inspections in collaboration with WP2 and WP6 throughout the project [M4.7]. This task will be accomplished by way of meetings [Task 4.1c] that may include webinar-based training with the goal of sharing expert knowledge. Questionnaires will be sent out prior to meetings with the aim of allowing participants to raise issues that must be addressed at meetings and developing other communication map. The purpose of the activities is to promote the sharing of regulatory and technical expertise among tobacco control enforcement agencies. This task will be accomplished in close collaboration with WP 6.

Task 4.1b: To develop collaborations with national, regional and international

bodies, stakeholders and organisations related to forward looking FCTC based and endgame strategies through a series of at least three webinars [M4.6]. This task will link closely with WP9 and will in collaboration with WP9 organise a series of webinars focusing on FCTC articles of significant importance to EU MS and will engage with international experts to highlight best practices and lessons learned so as to assist EU MS actions. In addition, exemplars in 'end game' initiatives will be invited to present their rationales and ideas at such webinars so as to help foster policy development in the EU.

Task 4.1c: To organise meetings of the competent authorities and other key stakeholders involved in tobacco control, both regionally and internationally on specific topics and sustainability of JATC 2 activities and possible contributions to Europe's Beating Cancer Plan [D4.1] in collaboration with WP6. This task will provide an important forum for tobacco control enforcement agencies to meet and discuss areas of common interest, opportunities for collaboration, emerging issues and harness important discussions on the linkages that might be made with Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and the long term sustainability of JATC 2 initiatives.

Objective 4.2: To facilitate the exchange of knowledge and best practices on the application and effective enforcement of the TPD and TAD.

This is performed through the identification of best practices, e.g. by adequacy, relevance, equity, transferability, with i.e. a questionnaire for EU MS competent authorities and other relevant stakeholders [M4.4], and through the development of guidance documents, how-to-guides and other documentation that may assist EU MS in the sustained implementation of JATC 2 actions.

Task 4.2.a: To identify and disseminate best practices on the application and enforcement of the TPD, TAD and smoke-free environments, and development of guidance documents [M4.3], how-to-guides and other documentation or manuals for tasks aiming at harmonisation of technical approaches or representing best practices in tobacco regulatory science in collaboration with WP5, WP8, WP9 and other WPs.

This task will be developed through three actions. First, the "Guidance document on how to identify best practices in tobacco control" will be prepared. Best Practices is a horizontal element in JATC 2, with specific activities to be developed in WP4 (TPD and TAD), WP8 (smoke-free environments) and WP9 (end-of-game strategies). Therefore, it is important to have a guide at the beginning of JATC 2 that establishes a common procedure during JATC and useful in the future for its correct implementation. It is a methodological document that makes it possible to identify actual best practices (evaluated and recognized by official bodies) and potential best practices (not yet evaluated and recognized by official bodies). Besides it will also have a quick tool to evaluate these possible best practices as actual best practices.

Work Package 5: EU-CEG data and enhanced laboratory capacity for regulatory purposes

Start month: 1

End month: 36

Work Package Leader: ANSES

Description of work:

Objective 5.1: To support NCAs in EU-CEG data handling and propose improvements to enhance user experience

Task 5.1a: To apply both legal and technical aspects of data & information sharing within JATC 2, by reusing and extending the agreement and procedures developed for the same purpose during the previous joint action (JATC, WP5). According to existing procedures, datasets will be made available for sharing by the EU Commission inside each national repository of the Member States Reporting Tool (MS-REP), which is the back-office portal available for NCAs to access EU-CEG data. This task will also define an additional and novel framework for NCAs to share themselves their raw/pre-processed data, results and other confidential information through a S CIRCABC secured extranet open to WP5 partners and NCAs that have signed the data sharing agreements [D5.1, M5.1].

Task 5.1b: To set up common tools and workflow for EU CEG data handling by each NCA at their national level, starting from what is already available from MS REP: Excel daily exports and monthly XML product files updates. This task will lead to the design of a procedure to feed local databases with national EU CEG data using open source platforms and code scripts (e.g. SQLite, R/R-Shiny...) for data integration, transformation, data cleaning and visualization, taking into account the needs from all NCAs and the previously acquired experience and skills from some NCAs in this area. The data workflow, the toolbox needed, the dashboards produced and the guidelines will be designed so that end users with a very minimum knowledge in computing or databases can implement them successfully [D5.2, D5.3, M5.2, M5.5].

Task 5.1c: To build criteria along with reference and mapping tables to check, clean and enhance the data as reported by submitters in EU CEG, for more robust subsequent analyses. Particularly, this task will focus on developing and updating, inter alia, reference tables for chemical substances as reported in the ingredients or the emission parts of the submission files. These reference lists will be shared between NCAs and reused for the EU wide data analysis for the purpose of objectives 5.2 and 7.1 [D5.7, M5.4, and M5.7].

Task 5.1d: To support NCAs with implementing EU CEG data handling procedures through a virtual helpdesk based on a discussion forum and questions and answers (Q&A) consolidated in a FAQ under an S CIRCABC secured extranet open to all EU Member States NCAs and WP5 partners. Within this process, two workshop webinars will be held to share NCAs' experience and user oriented needs about EU CEG data handling. Then, a questionnaire will be sent to the NCAs in which their opinions and experience about the new procedures will be requested during the project [D5.5, M5.2, M5.6, and M5.8].

Objective 5.2: To assess tobacco products information as submitted via the EU-CEG

Task 5.2a: To consolidate EU wide curated datasets for analysis with respect to categories of tobacco products, novel tobacco products, herbal products for smoking and e-cigarettes. These datasets will be used for analyses in tasks 7.1 and 5.2 and made available securely through an S CIRCABC extranet [M5.4, M5.7].

Task 5.2b: To perform a univariate to multivariate descriptive analysis of tobacco products information in an EU wide cross comparison perspective and focusing on time trends for different parameters of interest identified in task 5.1d. In particular, this task will be dedicated on tobacco additives that either may confer a characterising flavour or contribute to product attractively: their occurrence in the products according to their launch/withdrawal status on the market or increased sales volumes will be investigated. Descriptive analysis for other product categories will be run in WP7 [D5.4].

Task 5.2c: To assess regulatory compliance and consistency of EU CEG data according to both legal framework and business rules for data validation. T

Work Package 6: Enforcement of tobacco product regulation

Start month: 1

End month: 36

Work Package Leader: DSTA

Description of work:

Objective 6.1: To identify and map all EU authorities with in the field of tobacco regulation.

Task 6.1a: To identify all EU authorities working with tobacco regulation at the following levels: policymaker regulators, researchers and tobacco inspectors [M6.1]

Task 6.1b: To create an extensive map with contacts to all relevant EU tobacco regulation authorities divided into the following categories: policymakers, researchers, tobacco inspectors [D6.1]. In addition, to creating a contact map, WP6 will also conduct a stakeholder analysis of the subgroups with the aim of determining the best course of action regarding knowledge sharing. The stakeholder analysis will i.a. reflect on best models for knowledge sharing, the type of knowledge required by each subgroup and what formats for knowledge is most suitable for the different subgroups. The findings from the stakeholder analysis and the contact list will be shared with other WPs.

Task 6.1c: Establish contact with relevant EU authorities with the purpose of proposing a knowledge sharing community and to determine what needs the EU authorities may have for a knowledge sharing community. The needs assessment

will take the form of a questionnaire that is distributed to all relevant contacts. The questionnaire will help to clarify what gaps of knowledge within tobacco enforcement that WP6 should especially focus on addressing. The questionnaire will also gather information on the preferred format for knowledge sharing such as virtual meetings, meetings divided into subgroups or topics, webinars, newsletters etc. [M6.2].

Objective 6.2: To establish a network of tobacco regulation authorities with the purpose of enhancing knowledge sharing between enforcement authorities across the EU.

Task 6.2a: Following the outcomes of the questionnaire from task 6.1c, WP 6 will propose a knowledge hub network, where relevant EU authorities can share knowledge and experiences concerning enforcement. The network will, pending an analysis of the needs of EU authorities, may be divided into network groups of policymakers, researchers and tobacco inspectors [M6.3]. In addition an evaluation plan will be developed to monitor the progress and effect of the Knowledge hub network. The evaluation plan will take the form of questionnaires that will be sent to the participants of the network. Depending the analysis of the feedback from participants, the model for the proposed network may be continuously adjusted to accommodate the needs of the participants.

Task 6.2b: This task will focus on developing a roadmap for the design of meetings. The purpose of the design is to ensure a lively and active knowledge sharing community. The knowledge hub network should not only to be a one-way channel of information but should allow for active engagement from EU authorities to enhance and strengthen the cooperation between EU Member States. The development of the meeting design shall ensure an open and active dialogue concerning everyday issues regarding tobacco enforcement. The roadmap will offer guidelines for transferability of enforcement knowledge. This is to ensure that the information shared is applicable, usable in practice and bases itself on EU authorities' actual experienced issues regarding tobacco enforcement [D6.2].

Task 6.2c: The knowledge hub network will convene twice a year in each subgroup in the form of virtual meetings. The knowledge hub network will also provide information on the ongoing work from WP4, WP5, WP7, WP8 and WP9. The knowledge-sharing hub network will also focus on incorporating training slots into meeting to ensure that participants come away with concrete and valuable tools that they can use. This will be accomplished in close collaboration with WP4. The agenda for the meetings will be set in close collaboration with WP4, WP7, WP8 and WP9. Relevant EU authorities will also be consulted prior to meetings to allow for their input regarding what enforcement i

Work Package 7: Health impact and regulatory implications of e-cigarettes and novel tobacco products
Start month: 1

End month: 36

Work Package Leader: RIVM

Description of work:

This task addresses e-cigarettes, novel tobacco products and other products. It includes:

- e-liquids and vaping devices, including e-liquids without nicotine and CBD containing e-liquids
- novel tobacco products and associated devices (i.e. heated tobacco products) as described in the TPD
- herbal products for smoking as described in the TPD
- novel products that may not fall under the TPD description, such as nicotine pouches and flavour cards

This selection may be adapted based on the results of T7.1b.

Objective 7.1: To gain insight into the variation of novel tobacco products, e-cigarettes and other products between countries

Task 7.1a: To explore and compare product level data on novel tobacco products, e-cigarettes and other products from different EU Member States.

EU-CEG data analysis of novel tobacco products, e-cigarettes and other products will be conducted as part of task 5.2a WP5. This will result in a dataset with information on unique and/or emerging product characteristics. Data will include for example for each product type the number of submissions in EU-CEG, submission types, number of manufacturers, number of brands or varieties, number and type of flavourings, nicotine levels, nicotine salts and other relevant data. Based on processed data files obtained from WP 5 (M7.1 first set of data and M7.4 complete dataset), product characteristics (e.g. brands, flavours, nicotine concentration, devices, ingredients) of novel tobacco products and e-cigarettes will be described and compared between countries (D.7.2).

Task 7.1b: To investigate differences in regulation of novel tobacco products, e-cigarettes and other products across Member States

Differences in implementation of the TPD and additional Member State specific regulations have resulted in differences in tobacco product regulation between Member States. For example, some Member States require approval of novel tobacco products before they can enter the market, whereas other Member States exercise a notification procedure. Moreover, several Member States may prohibit the use of specific e-liquid flavours. In addition, there may be differences in HTP regulation between Member States. Other related aspects may also differ between Member States, such as differences in taxation, plain packaging; pictorial or written warnings; or whether a product falls under regulations for smoking prohibition. To gain more insight into the regulations that are applied EU-wide and regional differences, a brief questionnaire will be developed and sent to Member States (M 7.2) to collect information on Member State specific legislation for e-cigarettes and novel tobacco products. Based on the results of the questionnaire a report regulation of novel tobacco products and e-cigarettes in different EU Member State will be drafted (D7.1) The results of this task will help interpretation of the

differences between Member States that follow from the EU-CEG data (T7.1a).

Objective 7.2: To evaluate the use, abuse potential and health risks of novel tobacco products and e-cigarettes

Task 7.2a. To develop a framework/ approach to evaluate the use, abuse potential and health risks of novel tobacco products and e-cigarettes.

This task aims to define properties of products that determine its health impact by their effect on abuse liability (i.e. combined effect of the products attractiveness and addictiveness) or toxicity of constituents or emission. Analysis of data on user perception and product properties allows for identification of emerging issues and trends in relation to health impact, including but not limited to the role of flavours, technical design and additives. In order to timely signal issues and understand health impact, a common, systematic approach for identifying health impact of novel tobacco products and e-cigarettes will be developed (MST 7.5), based on the evaluation framework for novel tobacco and related products developed by R

Work Package 8: Smoke-free environments and tobacco advertising, promotion, and sponsorship (TAPS) legislation in Europe

Start month: 1

End month: 36

Work Package Leader: ICO

Description of work:

Objective 8.1: To outline and disseminate best practices and the evidence to protect the population from exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke and aerosols produced by electronic cigarettes and other novel products and to identify, adapt and assess novel challenges to smoke-free environments.

Task 8.1a: The elaboration of a position paper on best practices and challenges to protect the EU population from SHS exposure.

This position paper will be elaborated after conducting a systematic consultation [M8.1] with experts and MS representatives on existing best practices, barriers and opportunities to protect the EU population from SHS exposure. An open questionnaire will be initially elaborated by ICO-IDIBELL with IRFMN and ISPRO. After review and agreement by all WP8 partners, the questionnaire will be delivered online (programming by UIC) to at least four tobacco control experts and stakeholders in each MS. All WP8 partners will be requested to warrant responses from their MS. The information will be processed and synthesized by ICO-IDIBELL, CIPH and OKPI, and shared for comments with all partners. The results of the consultation will be made available through a web-based repository designed [M8.4] by CIPH and ICO-IDIBELL with the participation of all WP8 partners. ICO-IDIBELL will write a first draft of the position paper that will be discussed with all WP8 partners.

The position paper will include key messages, challenges, recommendations and conclusions and it will constitute D8.2.

Task 8.1b: Sharing and dissemination of best practices and challenges to protect the EU population from SHS exposure.

Liaising with NPHO, responsible for WP2 (dissemination) and DSTA, responsible for WP6 (enforcement on tobacco regulation) along with CIPH, IRFMN and IPHS through regular online meetings, ICO-IDIBELL will do a selection of 10 experiences (based in the systematic consultation, M8.1) informing on what, how, why and when the above-mentioned best practices are in place. These 10 experiences will be the presented for debate in a Scientific Symposium [(M8.3] within a Conference/Congress on Tobacco Control in Europe (ECToH, WCToH, or ENSP Conference). As a result of the inputs received during the Symposium, NPHO, CNPT and ICO-IDIBELL will prepare a document and a video summary of best practices to be shared for comments with all WP8 partners. This document will be also part of D8.2.

Objective 8.2: To assess and create the framework for the expansion of smoke-free environments in Europe, including but not limited to outdoor areas and some private settings.

Task 8.2a: Assess the barriers and opportunities of MS to implement national and transnational interventions to enforce and expand smoke-free environments (SFE). The consultation within task 8.1a [M8.1] will include key questions for the current assessment. The questionnaire will explore national and transnational context barriers and opportunities for SFE in different settings. This task will be done by the same collaborators in charge of Task 8.1a and following the same methodology and will be the basis for Task 8.2b, including the systematization of the barriers and opportunities in a web-based repository.

Task 8.2b: Elaborate and disseminate a “weight of evidence” paper on the evidence for supporting the expansion of smoke-free environments to other indoor and outdoor areas.

A “weight of evidence” paper will be elaborated based on the results obtained during the consultation conducted within the Task 8.2a that will be further enriched by revising other existing evidence for supporting the expansion of smoke-free environments to other indoor and outdoor areas. This review will be done by IRFMN, in collaboration with IPHS and ICO-IDIBELL and shared for comments with all WP8 partners. The final document will be submitted as D8.1 and disseminated in a dedicated Webinar [M 8.5], organized by NPHO, IPHS and CNPT with support of ICO-IDIBELL

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Work Package 9: Best practices to develop an effective and comprehensive tobacco endgame strategy

Start month: 1

End month: 36

Work Package Leader: THL

Description of work:

- This work package focuses on
o national tobacco control strategies that include a tobacco endgame target; and
o forward-looking policy measures that aim at tobacco endgame and exceed the requirements of the WHO FCTC, but are not yet included in national strategies.

Objective 9.1: To identify and assess tobacco endgame strategies and forward-looking tobacco control policies for the European region

Task 9.1a: To identify and map forward-looking tobacco control policies and tobacco endgame strategies using a questionnaire developed in cooperation with WP4, and using existing sources such as the WHO FCTC Implementation Database. This task will produce an overview of the existing national tobacco endgame strategies and of other adopted or planned policy measures aiming at tobacco endgame, with specific focus on the countries in the European region. The information about the strategies and policy measures will be synthesized in relation to i.a. the national definition of the tobacco endgame, target year, funding of the strategy, types of policy measures included or planned, and plans for the implementation and evaluation of the strategy. In addition to using existing information sources in the search for the strategies and policies, a questionnaire (M4.4 of the WP4) will be sent to MS competent authorities and other relevant stakeholders. The questionnaire will also serve in the identification of the contacts for the key stakeholder interview in the tasks 9.1c, 9.2a and 9.2b, and in the identification of the encountered and perceived enablers and constraints in the task 9.2b. This task will contribute to D9.1.

Task 9.1b: To assess the inclusion of cessation support (WHO FCTC Article 14) to national tobacco endgame strategies.

This task aims to analyse how the countries that have adopted tobacco endgame strategies have integrated tobacco cessation support in their strategies. The focus will be on established plans, programs and other initiatives to increase tobacco cessation in the general population and in special vulnerable groups. It will also be to improve the treatment of nicotine dependence, to reach the set tobacco endgame targets in the countries. This task will contribute to D9.1.

Task 9.1c: To synthesize the available evidence and identify the needs for future research on the effectiveness of new or recently introduced policies through literature review and key stakeholder interviews.

In this task, the scientific evidence related to the policy measures identified in task 9.1a will be reviewed. Additionally, the literature search can provide insights to new potential policy measures that have not yet been included in national tobacco endgame strategies. The literature review will serve to identify the needs for future research, and it will provide the basis for the recommendations in D9.2. The stakeholder interviews will complement the findings from the literature review by providing insights to the research needs from the perspective of regulators and

policymakers.

Task 9.1d: To assess the feasibility of their translation into the development of national policies and strategies in the European region, taking into account different national contexts and capacities for tobacco control.

In this task, the results from tasks 9.1a, 9.1b and 9.1c will be reviewed in the context of the current tobacco control status of the countries in the region. The current status will be assessed by utilizing existing informational sources such as: the implementation data of the WHO FCTC, the WHO tobacco control country profiles, and the European Tobacco Control Scale. The assessment will result in a list of policy options suitable for countries at different levels of implementation for key tobacco control measures. These levels may be, for instance, countries that are currently implementing the basic requirements of the WHO FCTC; countries that are advanced in the implementation of the WHO FCTC and its guidelines;

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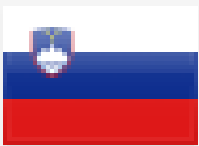
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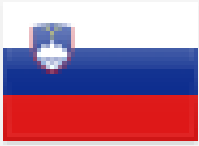
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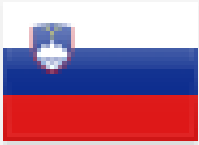
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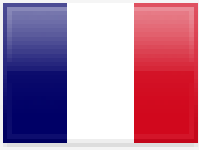
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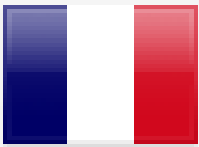
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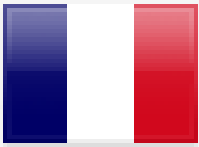
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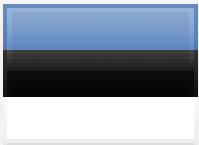
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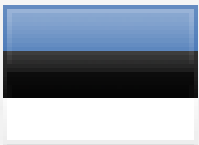
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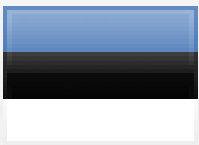
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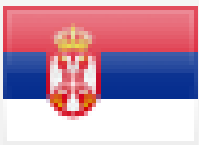
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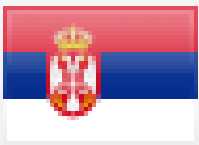
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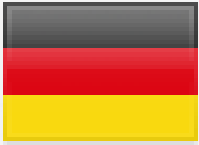


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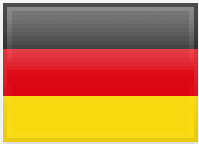
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Short report (e.g. 10 pages) version of the final report, for non-specialist audience. Serves to inform decision makers and non-technical parties of the JA objectives and results.

First periodical technical and financial report

DSTA

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This report describes the activities carried out, milestones and results achieved in the first half of the project

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Visual Identity

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Main tool to display information about the JA. project logo (updated version of the logo of JACT1)- project leaflets- E-newsletters (twice a year), and press releases - website and social media accounts

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Mapping of the stakeholders involved in tobacco control in all Member States and at EU-Level

Dissemination plan

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Report (dissemination plan for the development and reporting of dissemination activities)

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A consistent plan for the evaluation work of the Joint Action

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Midterm evaluation in order to inform project partners about identified strengths and weaknesses of project implementation and to provide recommendations for possible improvements in the second project phase

Final Evaluation Report

AGES

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)
Expected on: 30/09/2024

Evaluation of the outcomes of the JATC2 with a focus on the utility for European Tobacco Control activities

Policy dialogues on sustainability of JATC2 actions and possible contributions to Europe's Beating Cancer Plan

HSE

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)
Expected on: 31/05/2024

A Report to gather the contributions and recommendations from the Joint Action and to possibly contribute to the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan

Sustainability plan, policies and scenarios for long-term sustainability

ICO

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)
Expected on: 31/07/2024

A Report to plan and ensure the sustainability and the continuation of the activities after the Joint Action

Establish the framework for a cooperation with the European Commission on the JATC2

deliverables contribution to Europe's Beating Cancer Plan

DSTA

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 31/08/2024

A Report to contribute efficiently into the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, a platform and frame for cooperation with the EU Commission should be established

Agreement and procedures for EU CEG data sharing

ANSES

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 31/03/2022

Based on JATC1 outcome in this field, this report will establish the legal requirements and sustainable procedures for EU-CEG data sharing and other information exchange activities

EU CEG data integration from MS REP to local databases at national scale

ANSES

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 30/06/2022

This deliverable will consist in both IT tools and the related procedure for NCAs to integrate their own EU-CEG data from XML format in a local database
Report & Library of code scripts

Mapping of the EU network of independent laboratories capacities

ISS

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 31/03/2023

Report establishing the list of EU independent laboratories with their capacities regarding analysis of tobacco and related products

How-to guides & toolbox to analyse EU CEG data at national scale

ANSES

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 30/09/2023

This deliverable will consist in both IT tools and the related how-to guides for NCAs to analyse their own EU-CEG data stored in a local database Report & Library of code scripts

Descriptive analysis of EU CEG data on tobacco products at EU scale

ANSES

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 31/03/2024

This report will present the enhanced descriptive analysis of EU-CEG data on tobacco products across Europe

Descriptive analysis of product composition and emission results from both EU CEG data and independent laboratory tests

ISS

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 31/03/2024

Based on a set of analytical results shared by independent laboratories completed with available EU-CEG data, this report will make their synthesis for a large set of chemicals occurring as ingredients or emissions

Monitoring EU Member States NCAs experience in assessing their own EU CEG data

ANSES

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 31/05/2024

This report will assess the needs of the NCAs, their progress in EU-CEG data handling throughout the project and their feedback on the tools developed

Monitoring regulatory compliance and discrepancies in EU CEG data at EU scale

ANSES

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 31/07/2024

This report will summarise the monitoring of several indicators of consistency and regulatory compliance based on EU-GEG product submissions

EU CEG reference tables

ANSES

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 31/08/2024

Database and report related to the final and most comprehensive version of various datasets curated during the project (e.g. reference table for substances as ingredients or emissions) Report & Database

Library of substances and fingerprints resulting from untargeted analyses on tobacco and related products

ISS

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 31/08/2024

This deliverable will compile the database of product chemical fingerprints and provide a first chemo metric analysis of this database Report / Database

Create roadmap for an active knowledge sharing network

DSTA

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 31/03/2022

Important ensure an efficient facilitation of the knowledge sharing network
Report

Creation of an archive for storing information on tobacco enforcement using existing EU platforms

DSTA

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 31/05/2022

Important to enhance the enforcement on tobacco regulation across EU MS

Analysis of the viability of using existing platforms as a knowledge database after the completion of JATC2

DSTA

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 31/03/2024

Important for ensuring the sustainability of knowledge sharing after the completion of JATC 2 Analyse

Hosting twice yearly knowledge hub meetings for each subgroup

DSTA

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 31/08/2024

The knowledge sharing network is a pivotal action to ensure the efficient sharing of knowledge on the enforcement of tobacco regulation Meetings month 6 - 35

Minutes twice yearly from the knowledge hub meeting sent out to all participants

DSTA

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States

and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)
Expected on: 31/08/2024

The minutes twice yearly from the network meetings will ensure that information shared during the meeting is stored month 6 - 35

Report on regulation of novel tobacco products and e-cigarettes in different EU Member States

RIVM

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 30/09/2022

To investigate differences in regulation of novel tobacco products, e-cigarettes and other products across Europe

Overview of novel tobacco products and e-cigarettes in different Member States

RIVM

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 31/03/2023

To present an overview of the variety of novel products and e-cigarettes across Europe

Report on relevant health risks for novel tobacco products, e-cigarettes

RIVM

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 30/09/2023

Health risk profiles based on ingredients and emissions are described for each group of products

Report on product use, familiarity and of novel tobacco products and e-cigarettes

RIVM

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 30/09/2023

To assess product use, familiarity and perceptions

Scientific publication on evaluation of health impact and regulatory implications of novel tobacco products and e-cigarettes

RIVM

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 31/03/2024

To describe the health impact and regulatory implications of novel tobacco products and e-cigarettes Scientific publication

Report on adverse events related to e-cigarettes across Member States and suggested approach for harmonised data collection across EU

RIVM

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 31/03/2024

To provide tools for a harmonized data collection approach across the EU

Information sheets on evaluation of health impact and regulatory implications of novel tobacco products and e-cigarettes

RIVM

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 31/07/2024

To develop information sheets to inform regulators about products or product classes Information sheets

"Weight of evidence" paper on the evidence for

supporting the expansion of smoke-free environments

ICO

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 31/03/2023

Elaborate and disseminate a "weight of evidence" paper on the evidence for supporting the expansion of smoke-free environments to other indoor and outdoor areas

Position paper on best practices for SHS & SHA protection and evidence supporting the expansion of smoke-free environments

ICO

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 31/08/2023

The position paper will elaborate on best practices and challenges to protect the EU population. It will include key messages, challenges, recommendations and conclusions.

Position paper for a new TAD

ICO

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 29/02/2024

The elaboration of a position paper on a new Tobacco Advertising Directive

Report of tobacco endgame strategies for the European region.

THL

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 31/03/2023

To identify and assess forward-looking tobacco control policies and tobacco endgame strategies for the European region

Recommendations for research on forward-looking tobacco control policies and tobacco endgame strategies

THL

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 29/02/2024

To synthesize the available evidence and identify the needs for future research on the effectiveness of new or recently introduced policies

EU Tobacco Endgame Toolkit to disseminate best practices in the development, implementation and evaluation of forward-looking tobacco control policies and tobacco endgame strategies

THL

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Expected on: 31/07/2024

To define and introduce the concepts of forward-looking tobacco control policies and tobacco endgame to policymakers in the European region

Templates for management of finances, deliverables and milestones

DSTA

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Published on: 10/03/2022

Effective digital tool to manage and control all deliverables

Create a contact list of all authorities within the field of tobacco regulation across EU

DSTA

Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control (JATC 2) (JA-01-2020)

Published on: 10/03/2022

Important in order establish a network with relevant tobacco regulation professionals Contact list