

LATEST NEWS ON TOBACCO CONTROL!

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The latest Smoke Free Partnership infographic on tobacco industry presence in the EU policy-making environment is out.

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The infographic focuses on 4 key aspects of tobacco industry spending, namely: direct spending, consultancy spending, full-time staff and accreditations to the EU institutions. In 2017 the tobacco industry had 110 registered lobbyists compared to 85 in 2015. Tobacco lobbying remains big business in Brussels.



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2018 update
(2017 data)



Why is this important?

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How did we conduct the search?

1. Search tobacco manufacturers
2. Search trade associations
3. Search affiliations (other EU/national trade associations, consultancies)
4. Free text search for 'tobacco' and 'cigarette' in 6 languages (EN, FR, ES, IT, DE, NL)
5. Constant cross referencing, elimination of non-relevant results and cross checking of ambiguities by desk research

Is this estimate exhaustive?

No. This is a **conservative estimate of lobbying resources of the tobacco industry** for three reasons:

1. Because it is based on the voluntary EU transparency Register, it only reflects what is declared in the register.
2. The limited number of languages of the search may mean that interest representatives may not have been included in the results.
3. The register also does not cover law firms, many of which might be representing tobacco industry clients.

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