

**Change is in the Air –  
Future Directions in Tobacco Control in the EU  
European Union Presidency Conference**

**Radisson SAS Hotel, Limerick, Ireland  
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**Conference Parallel Sessions**

Parallel sessions will be held once on Days 1 and 2 and delegates will have a choice of attending two out of the three sessions over the two days.

Each speaker will be given 15 minutes (13 minutes presentation and 2 for introduction). The session will last 1 hour 45 minutes to allow for discussion and development of recommendations.

**Session 1 – Building the evidence base – Tobacco control research in Ireland and beyond**

This session focuses on strengthening the research and evidence base in support of effective tobacco control strategies.

**The aim of the session is to:**

1. Clarify what has been done to date by whom and where
2. Identify the gaps and research needed to support continuing policy and effective interventions
3. Investigate funding sources
4. Set recommendations for research priorities over the next 5-10 years
5. Explore ways in which policy makers can be better connected with researchers

**Redefining the research agenda at EU and national level – Prof. Luke Clancy (Research Institute for a Tobacco Free Society, Ireland)**

- What needs to be done
- How do we do it
- The new tobacco research institute in Ireland

**An overview of EU funded research to date – Luk Joossens (ASPECT)**

- What research has been funded by DG Sanco of the EU Commission to date through its financial support of BASP and the ENSP, as well as through the Tobacco Fund for Research?
- How effective and useful have these research projects been?
- What recommendations should be made as to how these funding sources may be better targeted to fill research gaps and support policy and legislative initiatives at EU and national level, e.g. more use of calls for

tender and less for project proposals, fewer restrictions on how the Tobacco Fund money is used?

- How can researchers and national and EU policymakers work together to give policy makers the research they need and researchers the funding they need? Do we need better formal mechanisms for this than currently exist?

### **Research on the health effects of environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) in the workplace – Dr Shane Allwright**

#### **Current economic research needs – Dr Hana Ross (ASPECT)**

- What are the existing and emerging research needs on the economic aspects of tobacco control in the EU25?
- What specific data is lacking for the EU and especially the ten new Member States (as identified in the ASPECT project and elsewhere)?
- What is the potential and actual impact on policy of this lack of evidence?
- What other economic research work is being carried out in other projects such as ITEN and in other regions of the world, which could be a model for the EU?
- What other potential funding partners for EU researchers can be identified?

#### **How the EU and US can work together on tobacco control research – Scott Leischow**

- What are the current US funding priorities on tobacco control and interventions?
- What possibilities for joint research on tobacco control and policy between the EU and US exist?
- How can we build on the success of the ITCPEs and other projects?
- Concrete suggestions for improving the transatlantic research and policy dialogue?

#### **Discussion points for all speakers**

- What has been done up until now in Europe?
- Has it been effective?
- How can we fill in the gaps?
- Who should be funding what?
- How can we build funding and research partnerships to deliver the research agenda we need?
- How can we link policy makers with researchers at EU and national level to make sure that good research translates into effective policy?
- What are the top five/ten/twenty priorities for research 2005-2015?