

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2179/09

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Subject: EU tobacco subsidies and anti-smoking campaigns

How does the Commission reconcile its financial support for anti-tobacco and anti-smoking publicity campaigns across the European Union with its financial support for tobacco farmers through the common agricultural policy? To what extent does the Commission consider that its approach risks damaging public opinion of the EU across the Member States? To what extent is the Commission considering a more rapid phase-out of tobacco subsidies than previously agreed? How much money does the Commission commit to anti-tobacco and anti-smoking campaigns on a yearly basis? Which Member States, in the Commission's view, are the most active in terms of promoting the retention of tobacco subsidies?