

**Question for written answer E-004367/2017  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Fight against smoking in France

According to a study conducted by the French National Public Health Agency, cigarette consumption is still particularly high in France. In 2016, 34.5% of the population in the 15-75 age bracket smoked tobacco, 83% of whom did so daily, which is a 'much higher proportion than in neighbouring countries'. In France, smoking is the direct cause of 73 000 deaths each year.

Yet, according to the British think-tank the Institute of Economic Affairs, France has the third strictest anti-smoking policy in the EU. It appears that France has already implemented the recommendations made by the World Health Organisation for the World No Tobacco Day on 31 May, particularly with regard to the pricing and taxation of tobacco products.

1. Does the Commission have any recommendations on how French anti-smoking policy can be made more effective?
2. Does the Commission intend to take ambitious measures against cross-border tobacco tourism and the sale of smuggled cigarettes?