



Press release

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Environment Committee shows that it is truly a health committee

The European Heart Network (EHN) congratulates the European Parliament's Environment Committee and its rapporteur, Linda McAvan, for the vote today on the Tobacco Products Directive.

"We are delighted that the vast majority of the Environment Committee's members voted in favour of a strong Tobacco Products Directive" says Susanne Løgstrup, Director of the European Heart Network. "We welcome the Committee's support for health warnings that take up 75% on the front and back of cigarette packs and its support for banning slim cigarettes. We also welcome the decision to ban certain additives, including menthol".

Ms Løgstrup expresses her hope that the European Parliament in its plenary meeting in September will adopt its lead committee's report.

Note to editors:

About the European Heart Network

The European Heart Network (EHN) is a Brussels-based alliance of heart foundations and likeminded non-governmental organisations throughout Europe, with member organisations in 24 countries. The EHN plays a leading role in the prevention and reduction of cardiovascular diseases, in particular heart disease and stroke, through advocacy, networking, education and patient support, so that they are no longer a major cause of premature death and disability throughout Europe. www.ehnheart.org

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