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Resolution concerning non-relations with the tobacco industry

Member organisations of the ECL, mindful that tobacco consumption continues to cause the premature death of more than one million Europeans each year, resolve not to endorse or support the activities of the tobacco industry in any way. In particular, they undertake:

- Not to accept financial contributions, sponsorships or donations in kind from the tobacco industry, nor from sources linked to the tobacco industry
- Not to make grants, or otherwise provide support, to applicants already in receipt of (or willing to accept) project funding from the tobacco industry
- Not to work in partnership with agencies (such as commercial consultancies) which directly or indirectly represent or endorse the interests of the tobacco industry
- Not to attend meetings convened by the tobacco industry, or corporate responsibilities of the industry
- Not to lend their name, their credibility or their support to any activity or programme whose real purpose (however hidden or direct) is to improve the public image of the tobacco industry

Using sponsors for the funding of the activities of the ECL

Financial support can not be accepted from companies with activities related to the following fields:

- Tobacco products
- Carcinogenic products and techniques
- alcohol