

# Breathing new air into your company ...

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## Occupational Health Services act against tobacco-related cancer



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## Occupational Health Service (OHS)

Law of 1946  
Founder text on the organization of occupational medicine

Requires all employers to set up a medical service in the workplace



Occupational Health Service (OHS)

- To avoid any health deterioration of employees in relation of their work
- To evaluate the occupational hazards by the knowledge of the workplace
- To advise employers and employees in management of prevention and safety

The Council Directive of June 1989 introduces measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work

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## Europe in smoke ...

The European laws on the ban smoking



Ireland : Pioneer since 24th March 2004

Netherlands : 1<sup>st</sup> June 2004

Italy : 10<sup>th</sup> January 2005

Spain : 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006

Belgium : 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006

France : 1<sup>st</sup> February 2007 (1991 : Evin Law)

United Kingdom : Since 2007

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## The origin of project



**2000**

Regional Public Health Plan  
"Picardy against cancer"

**2003**

National Public Health Plan  
under the former President Jacques Chirac

**2001-2004**

Project initiated by MTA (OHS) "Improving Health in the workplace"

**2004-2007**

Regional Project by the Occupational Health Services (OHS) of Picardy

**"Entreprises de Picardie en santé"**  
Picardy Enterprises in health

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## Introduction

This approach is part of the National Public Health Plan against cancer

This action took place in Picardy

Action is focused on tobacco co-factor in occupational cancer

The aim is :  
- to promote health in the workplace  
- to accompany employees of enterprises by enforcing the decree to ban smoking

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## Overall target



The prevention of preventable cancers, especially those related to tobacco consumption

By means of primary prevention activities carried out within enterprises

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## Specifics targets



1. To help reduce tobacco consumption in the workplace
2. To protect non-smokers (passive smoking)
3. To create a healthy working environment and promoting a healthier lifestyles
4. To contribute to the identification of behaviors related to tobacco consumption
5. To promote access to information for all employees
6. To strengthen the skills of professionals in project methodology and prevention of smoking

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## Develop Partnership



Institutional partners



Financial partner (national)



Health promoter (regional)



Preventeur in addiction and alcohol



Evaluator



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## Well-known enterprises have participated in this project



26 ENTERPRISES

16 000 EMPLOYEES



And smaller enterprises...

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## Actions in companies



Advise



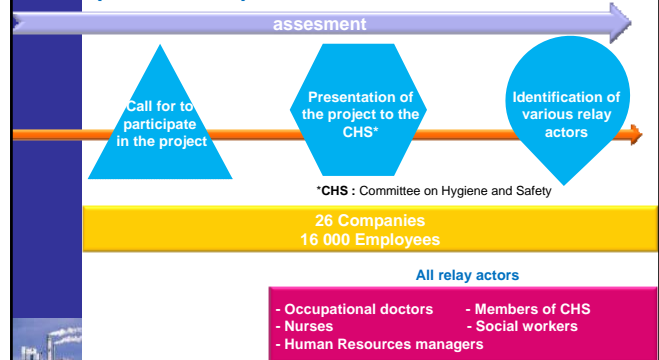
Information



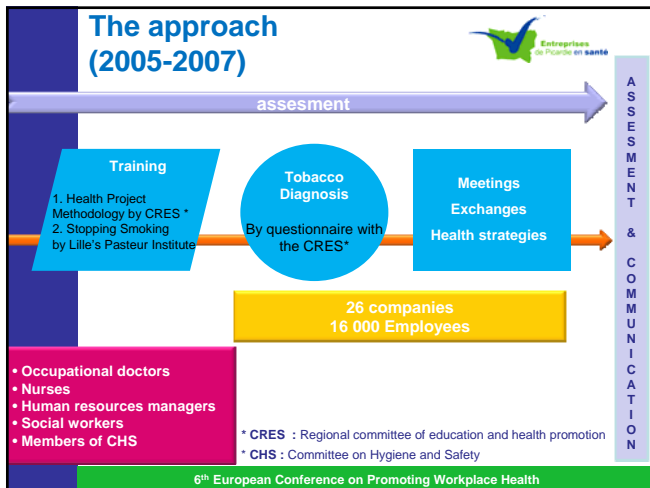
Detection

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## The approach (2004-2005)



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## Conclusion

**Improving the health of employees in Picardy by preventive actions within companies**

**Improve the involvement of occupational health professionals working in H&S prevention**

**Strengthening the prevention of occupational and environmental cancers**

*"Occupational health and public health share stakes and methods which many aspects are common. This argues for a model of cross-impregnation rather than a dominance of one over the other."*  
William DAB. Former General Director of Health.

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