

Regional priority goal III

*[Reducing respiratory disease
and asthma by improving
indoor and outdoor air quality]*



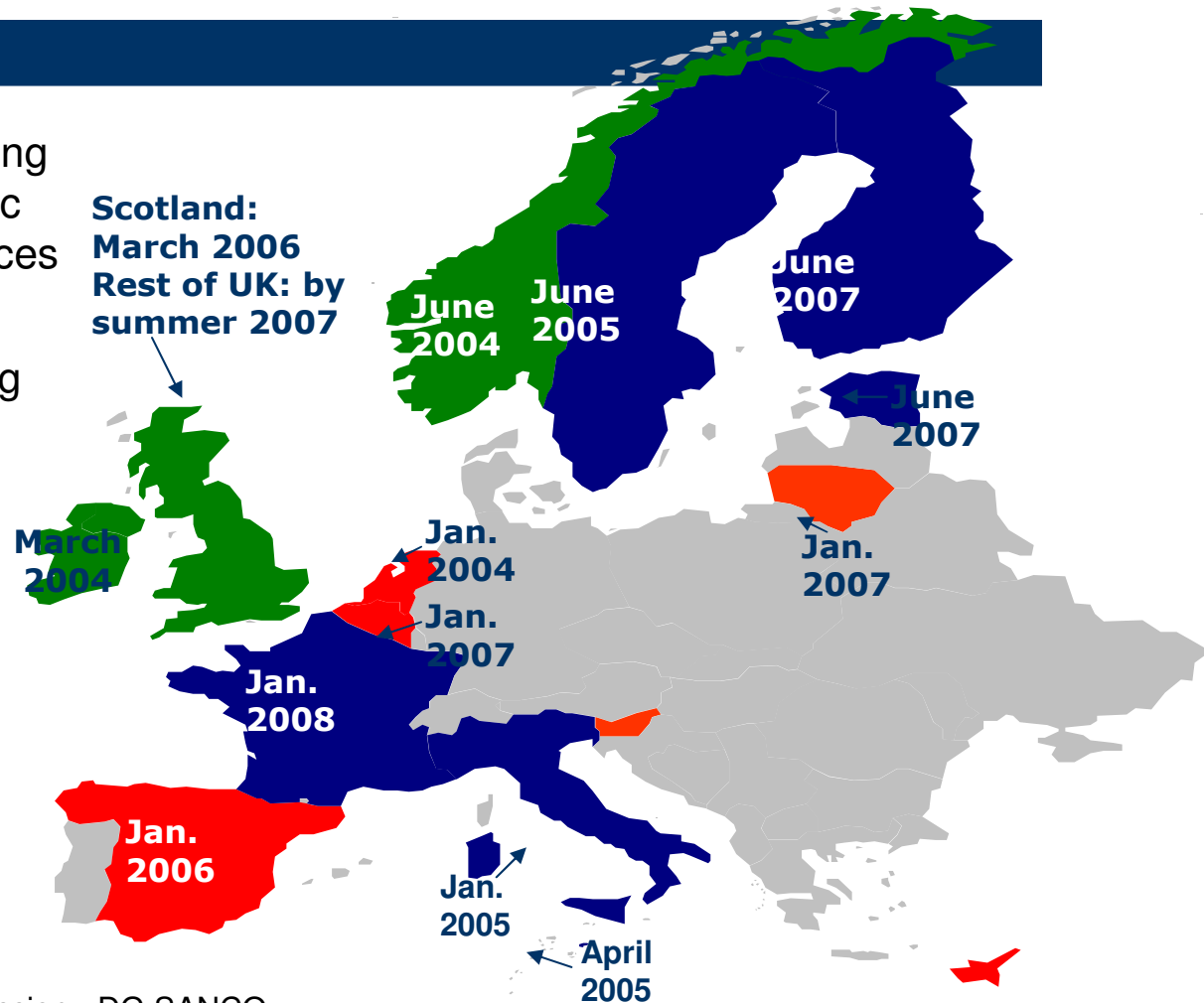
Environmental Tobacco Smoke

National smoke-free regulations

Total ban on smoking in all enclosed public places and workplaces

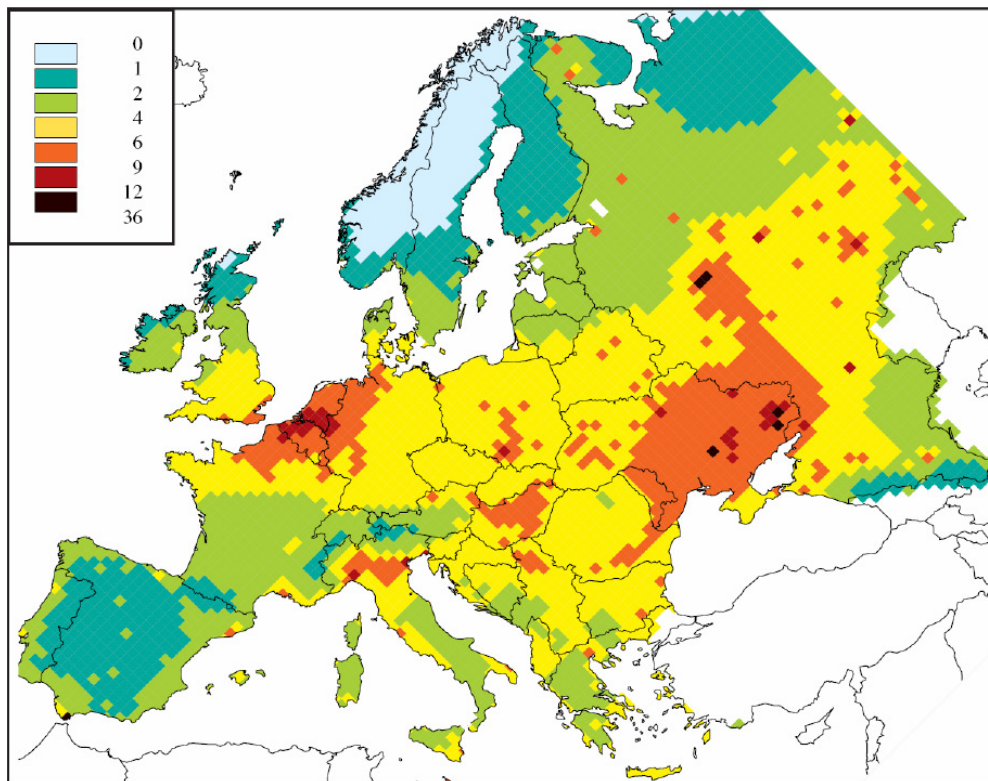
Total ban with the possibility of creating **special smoking rooms**

Various exceptions for the **hospitality sector**



Source: European Commission - DG SANCO

Loss in life expectancy attributable to exposure to fine particulate matter – 2020



Every hour, at least one person dies of asthma in Western Europe.

Outdoor air pollution costs us our children's future

- 350,000 people die each year in the EU from air pollution.
- The financial burden of asthma in the EU amounts to nearly €17.7bn
- We now know children living close to busy roads have an approximate 50% increased risk of experiencing respiratory illness, including asthma and reduced lung function over their lifetime.

Indoor air pollution from kerosene stove in a school in Armenia



Government Action Needed

- Urgent measures have to be taken by Governments to switch clean energy sources
- Provide access to these for the most vulnerable
 - Social support for families with children
- Appropriate legislation on indoor air quality norms and enforcement in schools

Priorities for 2009



- Tackle air pollution and climate change together - better public health for free

Priorities for 2009

- Enforce the banning of smoking on public transport.
- Ratify and enforce of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. CONTINUE TO MOVE EAST

Priorities for 2009

- Ensure a level of protection greater or equivalent to that of WHO International Ambient Air Quality Guidelines,
- Our children have a basic right to clean air.

Priorities for 2009

- Access to clean energies for the poor
- Ban toxic substances from building products, furniture and consumer products.



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- We all need to take our children's health based on better respiratory health as a priority to Transport, Development and Energy Ministers.