

List of Projects

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Tobacco taxation in Eastern Europe 2025-2026

Bloomberg Philanthropies

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The project is a continuation of the project 'Tobacco taxation in Eastern Europe'. After establishing a regional research and service hub in Central, East and Southeast Europe (CESEE), network partners will continue to conduct analysis of tobacco taxation and related issues in their countries. Besides coordinating the network, wiiw directly supports capacity building in the region, in order to create local evidence and support country-level tax reforms. wiiw also aims to extend the network to further (lower-) middle-income countries (MICs) in the region.

The spatial impact of EU policies

European Commission, DG Regional Policy

October 2023 - January 2025

The objective of this study is to assess the impact of the EU initiatives and policies, such as the Common Agricultural Policy, the Common Fisheries Policy, the European Research and Innovation policy (Horizon 2020), the EU Emissions Trading System etc., on economic and social cohesion in the EU. The results of the study will contribute to the current discussion on the reform of EU Cohesion policy by providing insights into: • potential cohesion trade-offs, synergies and complementarities between EU Cohesion policy and other EU policies and initiatives • how to further develop the "do no harm to cohesion" principle and • how Territorial Impact Assessments can be further developed to improve policy coordination. These aspects will be explored not only through the lens of territories, but also that of social groups, thereby investigating whether the reduction of inter-regional disparities goes hand-in-hand with the reduction of intra-regional inequalities. The consortium under leadership of wiiw will also analyse funds disbursed under regional State aid, with a particular attention to the amounts of aid channelled to EU regions under this regime to enhance regional development.

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The aim of this project, funded by the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use, is to establish a regional service and research hub to conduct analysis of tobacco taxation and related issues in Central East and Southeastern Europe (CESEE). wiiw looks to identify and build the capacity of policy think tanks in selected countries, in order to create local evidence and support country-level tax reforms. The focus lies on (lower-) middle-income countries (MICs) in the region.

Analysis of the Fiscal and Health Impact of Increasing Tobacco Excise Taxes

The World Bank

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The aim of this rapid-response research note, funded by the World Bank, was to estimate the fiscal and health benefits from raising tobacco taxes in Ukraine, which is contemplating tobacco tax reform at this challenging time for the country's public finances. Our findings reveal that, depending on the chosen scale and speed of the increase, as well as variation by tobacco product, tobacco tax reform would boost total tobacco tax revenue in Ukraine by between 39.3% and 68.9%, while preventing between 65,000 and 165,000 smoking-related deaths.