

Key facts and findings

Illicit tobacco trade

(production & smuggling)

negatively impacts

public health



undermines efforts
to lower tobacco
consumption

EU finances



€13 billion estimated
annual loss to EU and
national budgets

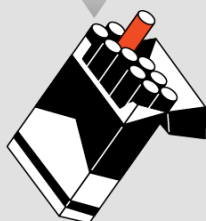
security



fuels organised
crime

Increasing illegal
production across the EU

More sophisticated
smuggling
methods



More and more
new tobacco
products

Illicit trade accounts for almost
1 in 10 cigarettes
(2023)

National
authorities

Bodies involved
in combating
illicit tobacco trade

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OLAF
EUROPEAN ANTI-FRAUD OFFICE

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EUROPEAN PUBLIC
PROSECUTOR'S
OFFICE

What did we find?

No reliable data on
the size, structure
and economic
impact of the illicit
market

Different approaches
and gaps in
cross-country
cooperation

Fragmented EU
initiatives without
clear direction

**EU fight against
illicit tobacco
trade is not up to
the task**