



# Adult and Youth Smoking Rates, a measure of the effectiveness of tobacco product regulation?

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# **Recap: Why are smoking rates important? The relationship between adult smoking rates and regulation**

# To consider adult and youth smoking rates...



- Also referred to as 'prevalence' – percentage of smokers in the population
- Derived from population surveys
- Sources referenced – ESPAD\* and EUROMONITOR unless stated
- Data available for Regular and Occasional smokers. Youth definition varies
- This presentation will focus throughout on REGULAR ADULT and DAILY 15 - 16 Year old smokers
- Cultural/historical differences (especially women smokers)
- No differentiation between domestic, cross-border or illicit
- **The primary goal of tobacco control policy is to reduce smoking prevalence**

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\*ESPAD = The European School Survey Project on Alcohol and Other Drugs Reports 1995 to 2011

# Public Policy - Success criteria



## EU-TPD Review



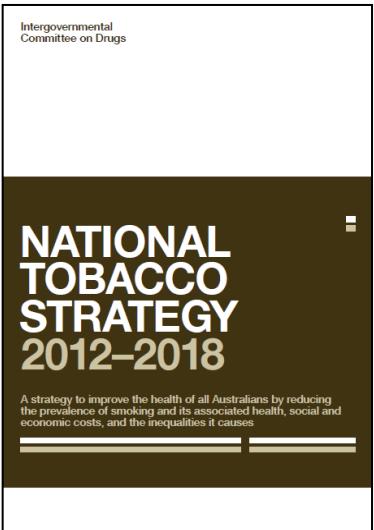
“...a high level of health protection should be taken as a base for legislative proposals ... in particular, **to reduce smoking prevalence among young people**”

European Tobacco Product Directive – 2014/40/EU Recital 8

# Public Policy - Success criteria



## Australian National Tobacco Strategy 2012-2018



“...the Council of Australian Governments committed to the following performance benchmark: 'By 2018, reduce the national smoking rate to 10 per cent of the population...’.”

**“Progress against this performance benchmark will be measured by reference to the adult daily smoking rate. This ... forms the basis for the targets adopted in this strategy.”**

# Public Policy - Success criteria



'Tobacco-free' by 2025

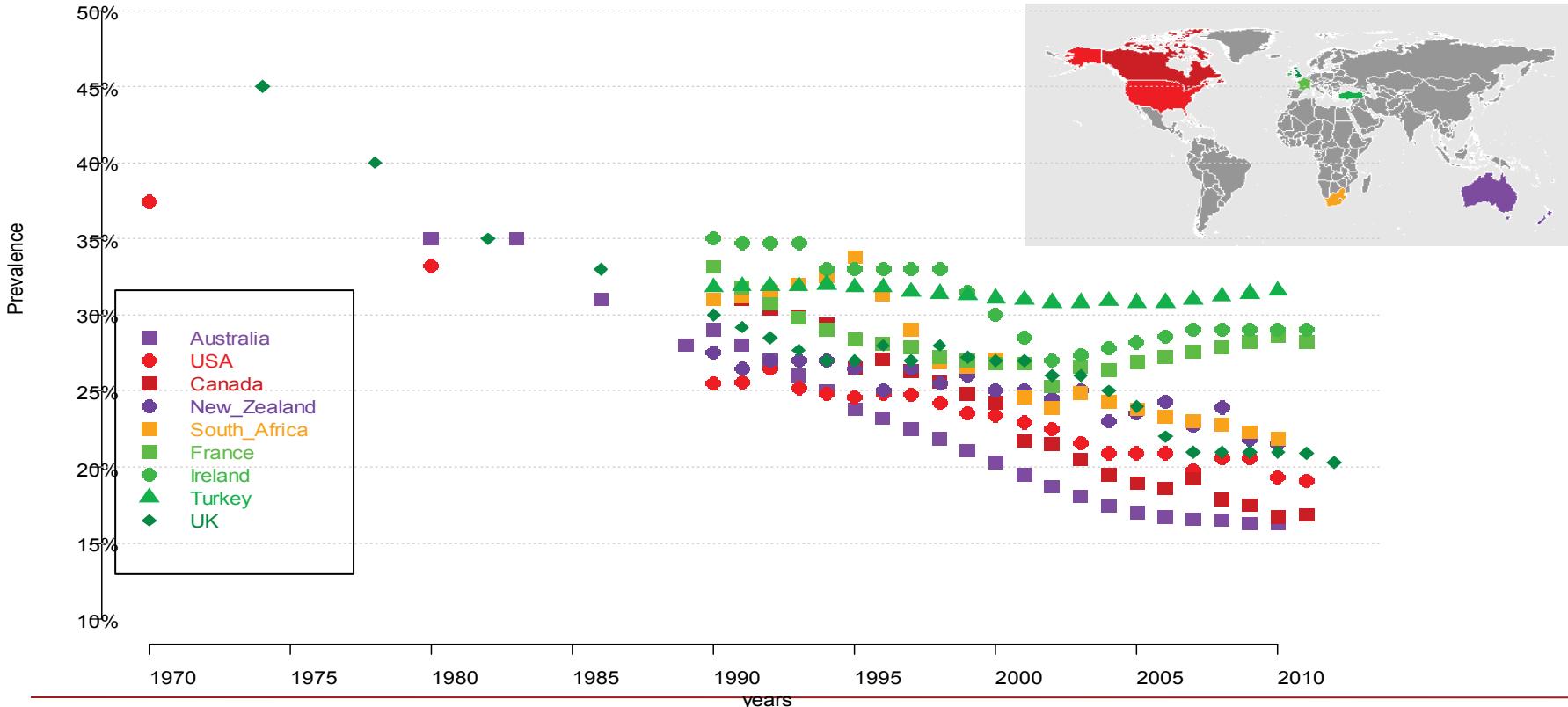


New Zealand - March 2011: Adopts the Smokefree 2025 goal (<5% incidence) for New Zealand. To achieve this goal, by 2018, daily smoking prevalence must fall to 10%



Ireland – October 2013: James Reilly, The Irish health minister publishes a plan to make the state "tobacco-free" by 2025. "Tobacco-free" defined as when less than 5% of the population smoke

# Trends in Smoking Prevalence

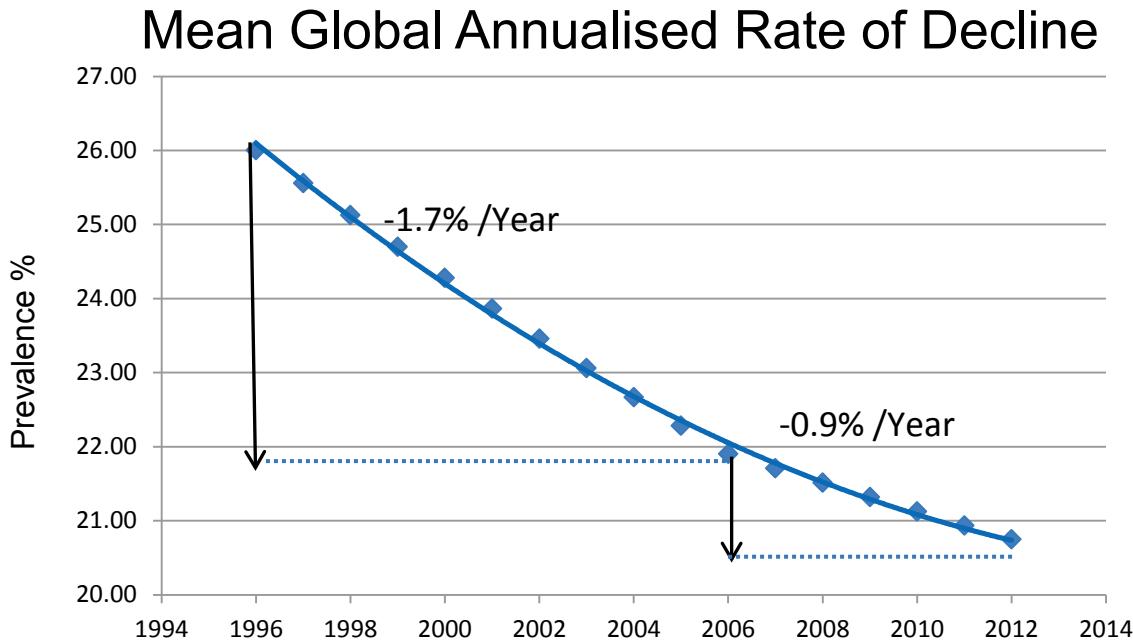


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# Smoking Prevalence and Cigarette Consumption in 187 Countries, 1980-2012



- Between 1980 to 2012 smoking prevalence\* in +15 year-olds decreased:
  - 41.2% to 31.1% for men
  - 10.6% to 6.2% for women
- Mean annualised rate of decline:
  - 1996 to 2006 -1.7% /year
  - 2006 to 2012 -0.9% /year



Smoking Prevalence and Cigarette Consumption in 187 Countries, 1980-2012,  
Marie Ng et al; Journal of the American Medical Association January 8, 2014 Volume 311, Number 2

\*Globally modelled rates

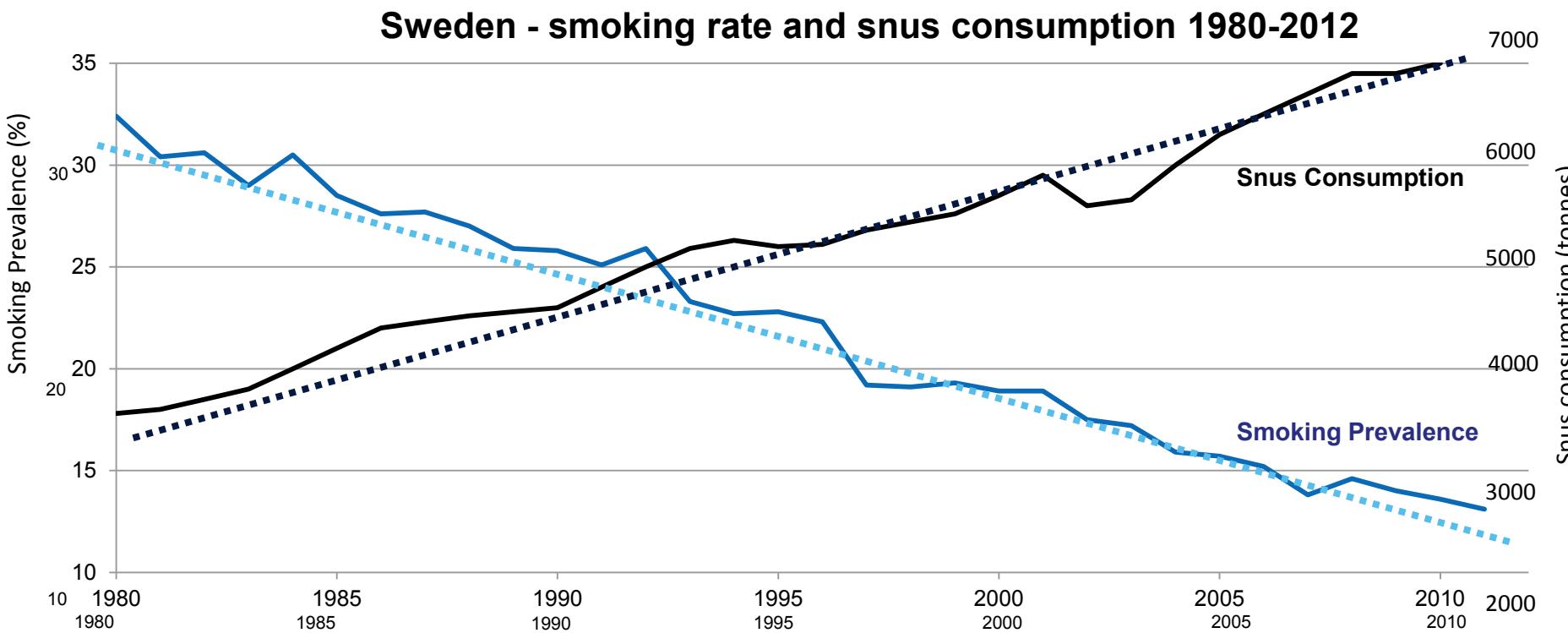
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## Authors' Conclusions:

- Global modelled prevalence declined at a faster rate from 1996 to 2006 compared with the subsequent period from 2006 to 2012.
- Despite the decline in modelled prevalence, the number of daily smokers increased from 721 million in 1980 to 967 million in 2012
- Implementation of FCTC policies is not enough; the global health community needs timely, reliable, and detailed information **on the effect of those policies**
- The **monitoring of changes in tobacco prevalence** as new policies are adopted and implemented is of critical importance
- **As tobacco remains a threat to the health of the world's population, intensified efforts to control its use are needed**

# Sweden – smoking and snus



Source: Snus Consumption - Swedish Match; Smoking Data - Swedish Central Bureau of Statistics

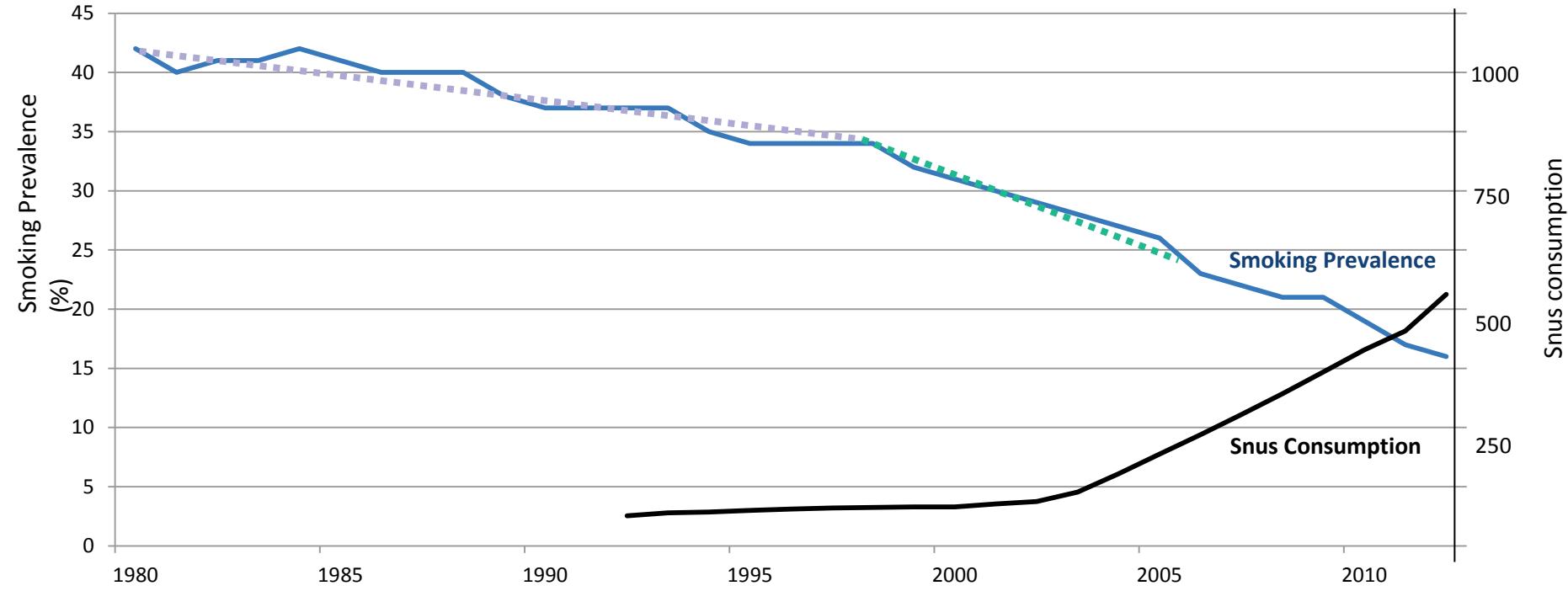
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Norway: smoking rate and snus consumption - 1980 - 2013



Source: Statistics Norway

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# **Relationship between Adult and Youth smoking prevalence rates and regulation**

# Adult vs Youth Prevalence 1999



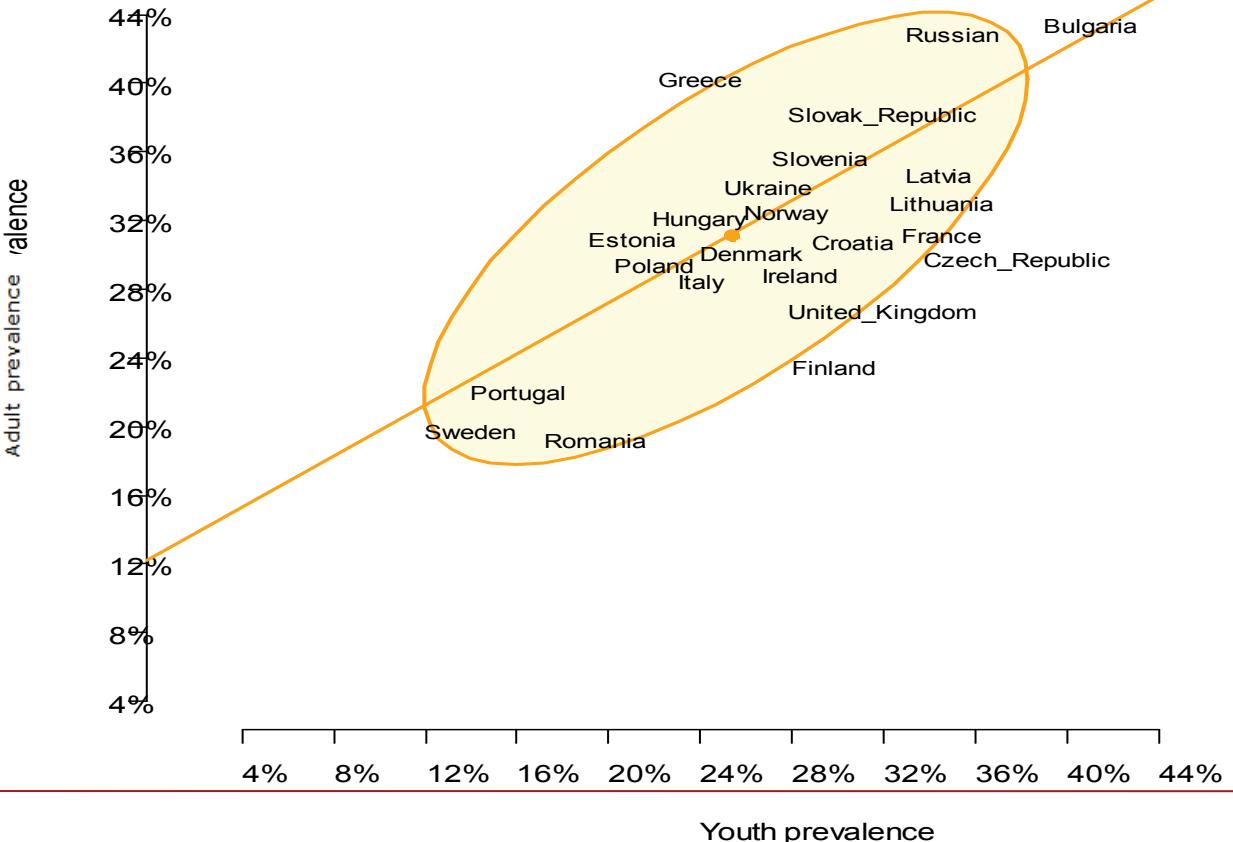
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1999:  $R^2= 0.51$



# Adult vs Youth Prevalence 2003

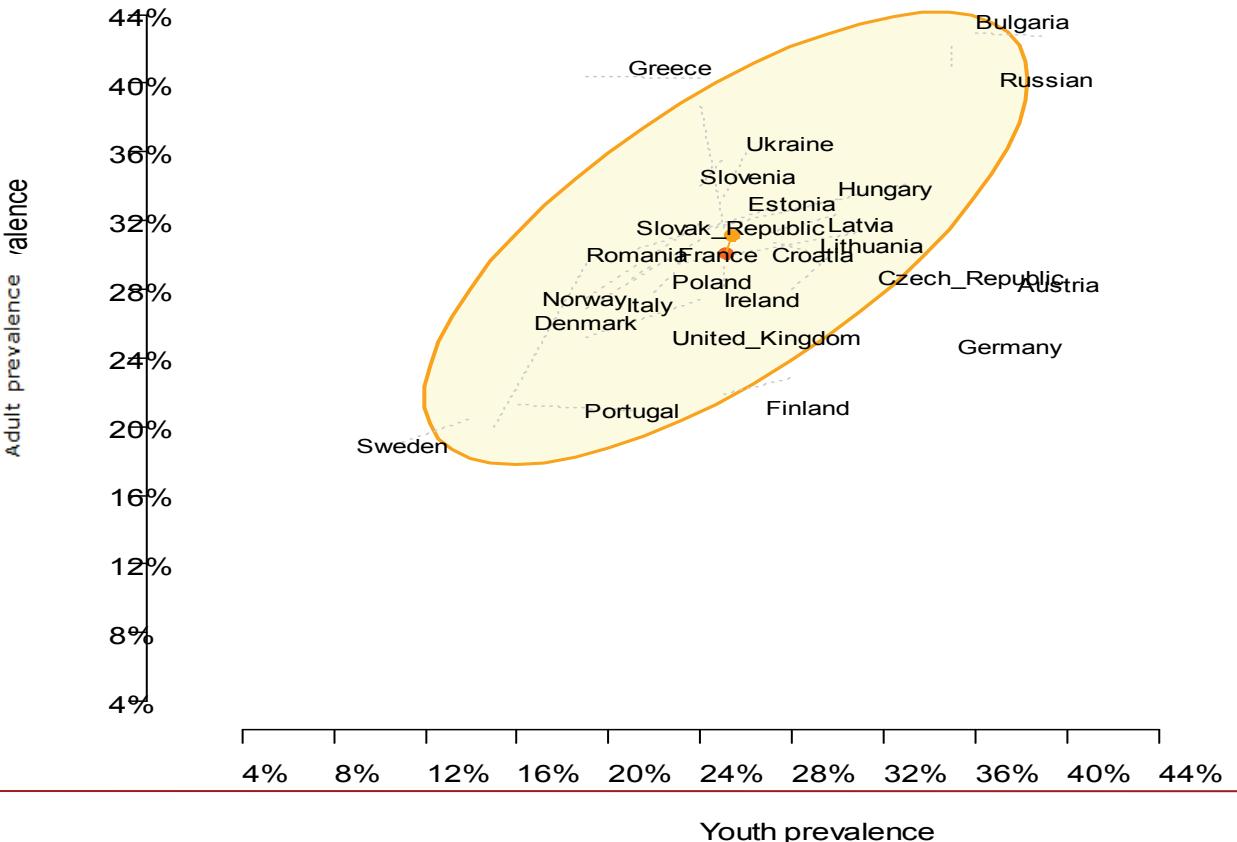


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# Adult vs Youth Prevalence 2007

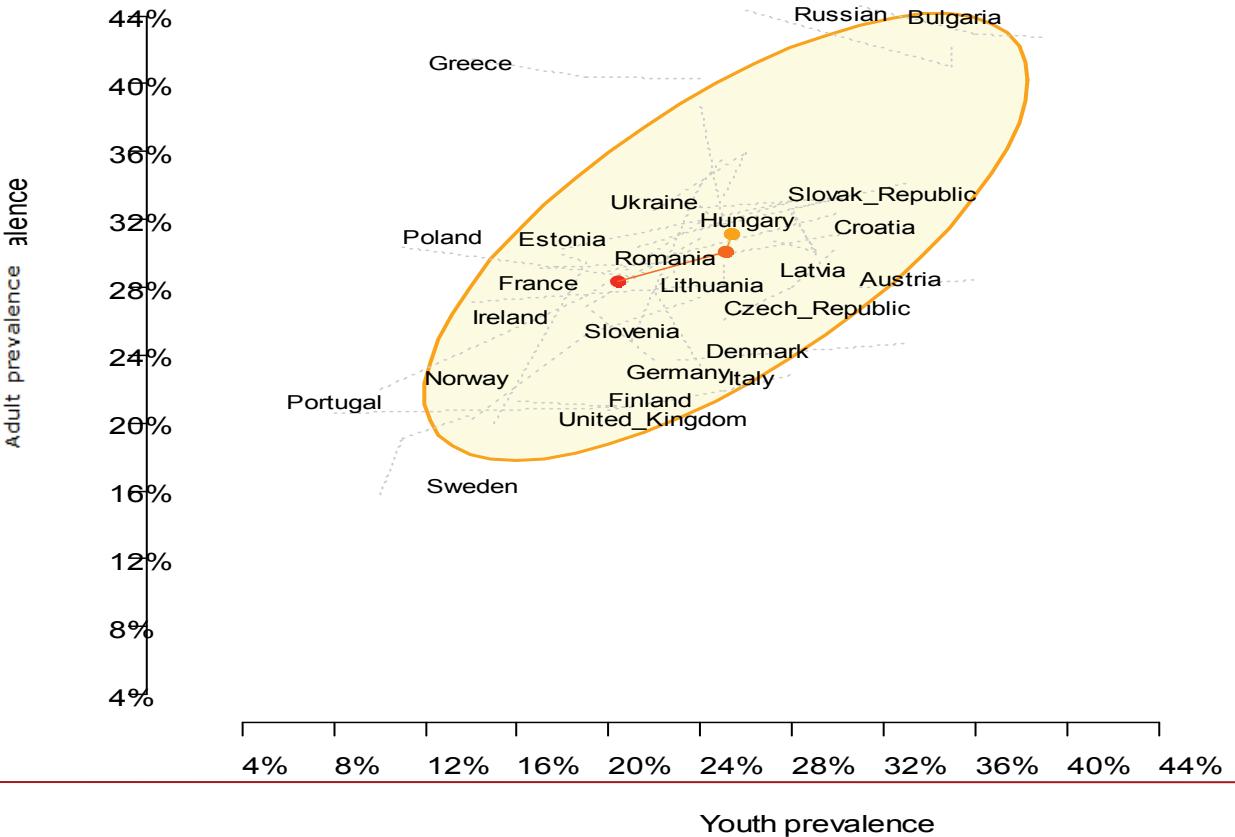


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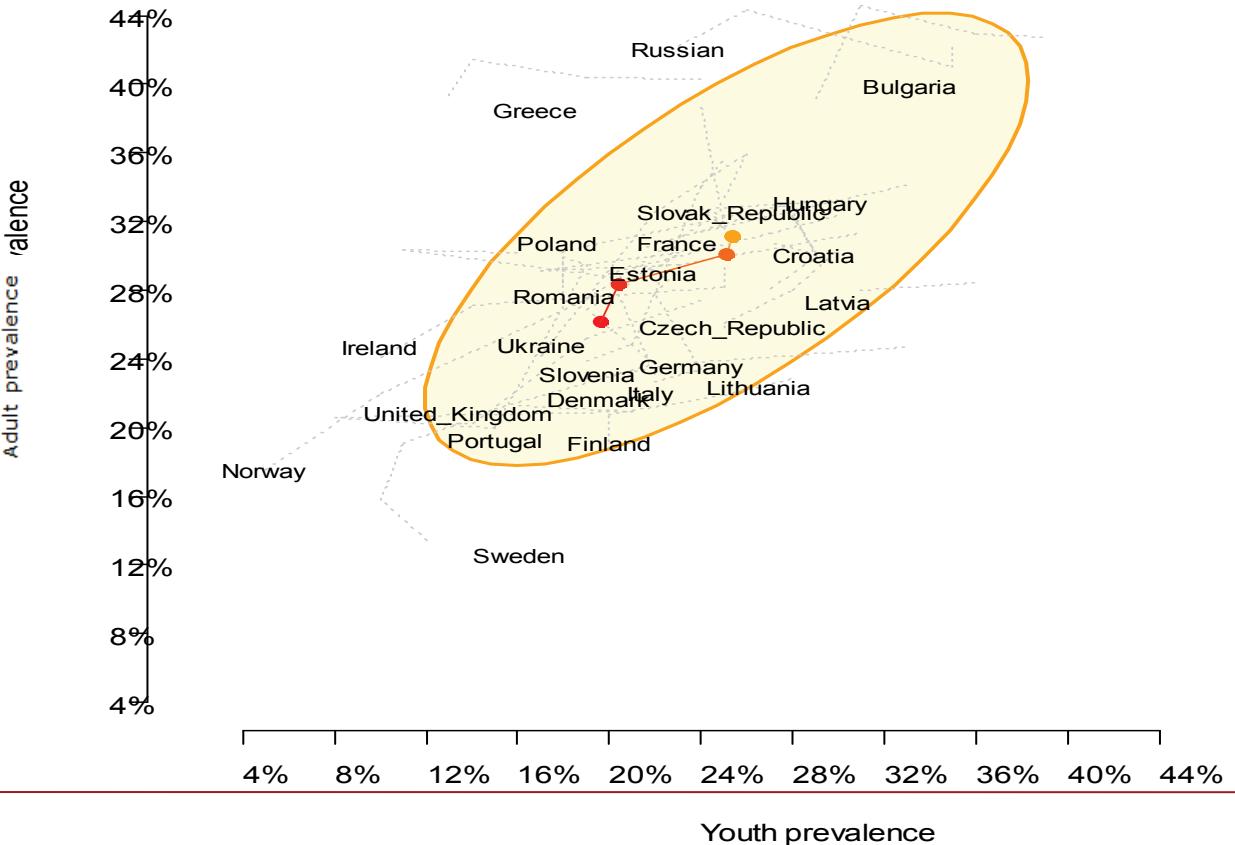


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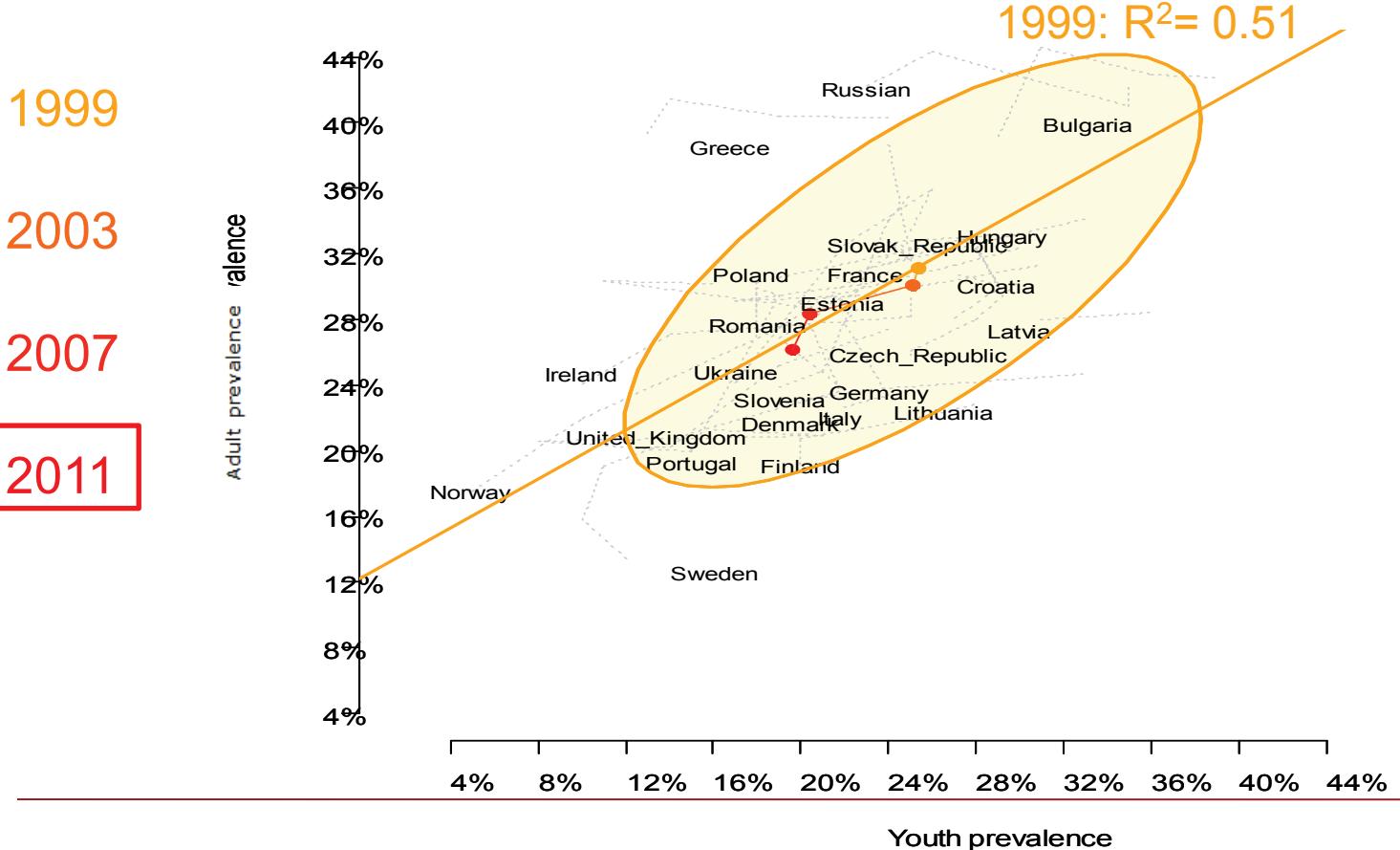
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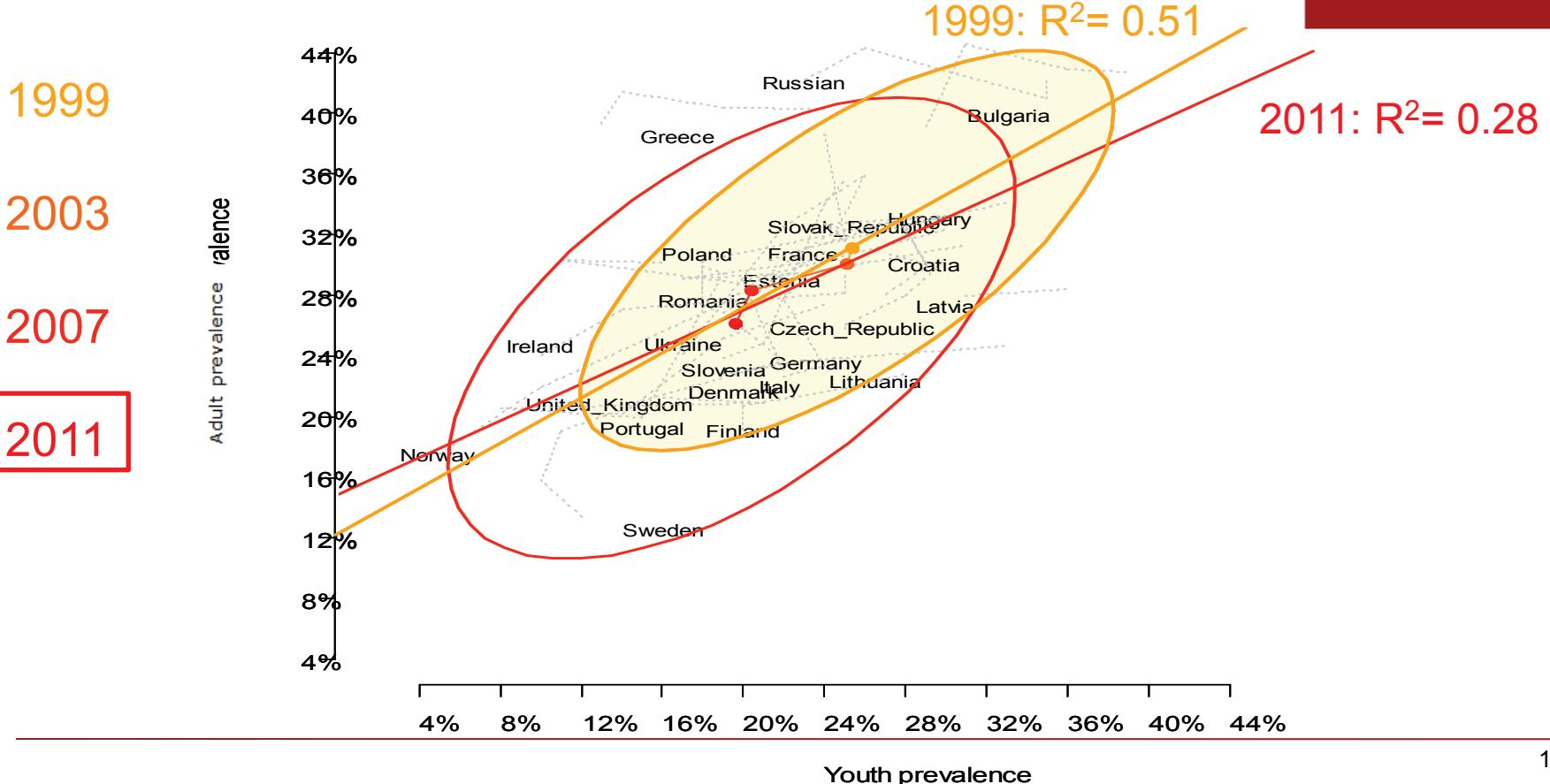
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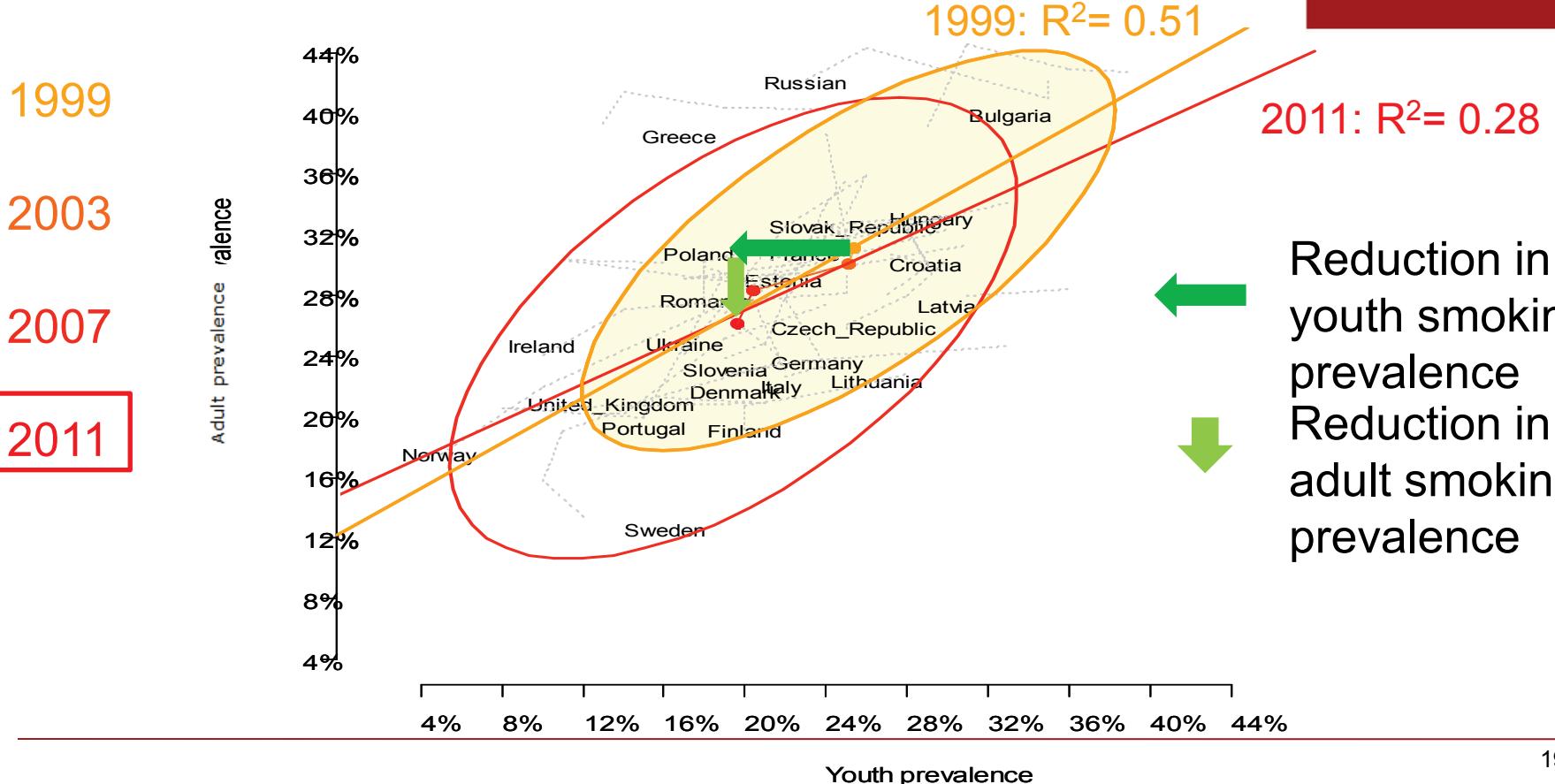
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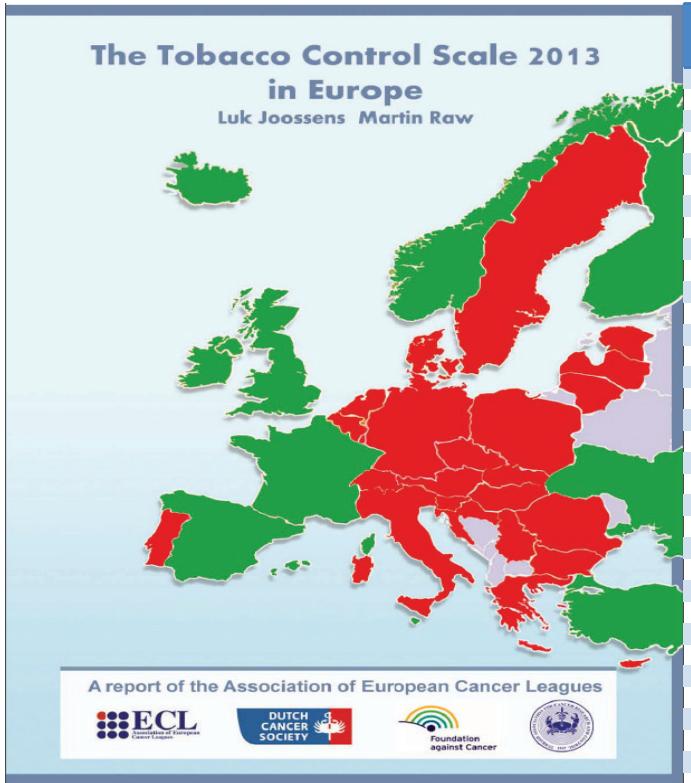
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# Tobacco Control Scorecard

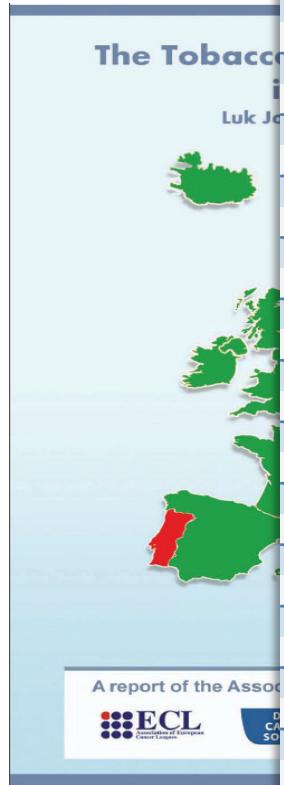


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2	(2)	Ireland	70
3	(4)	Iceland	66
4	(3)	Norway	61
5	(4)	Turkey	57
5	(6)	France	57
7	(13)	Spain	56
7	(7)	Malta	56
9	(7)	Finland	55
10	(new)	Ukraine	53
11	(9)	Sweden	48
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13	(13)	Netherlands	47
13	(10)	Belgium	47
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15	(13)	Denmark	46
15	(24)	Bulgaria	46
18	(11)	Switzerland	45
19	(16)	Romania	44
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20	(19)	Estonia	43
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The Tobacco Control Scale 2013 in Europe, Luk Joossens & Martin Raw;

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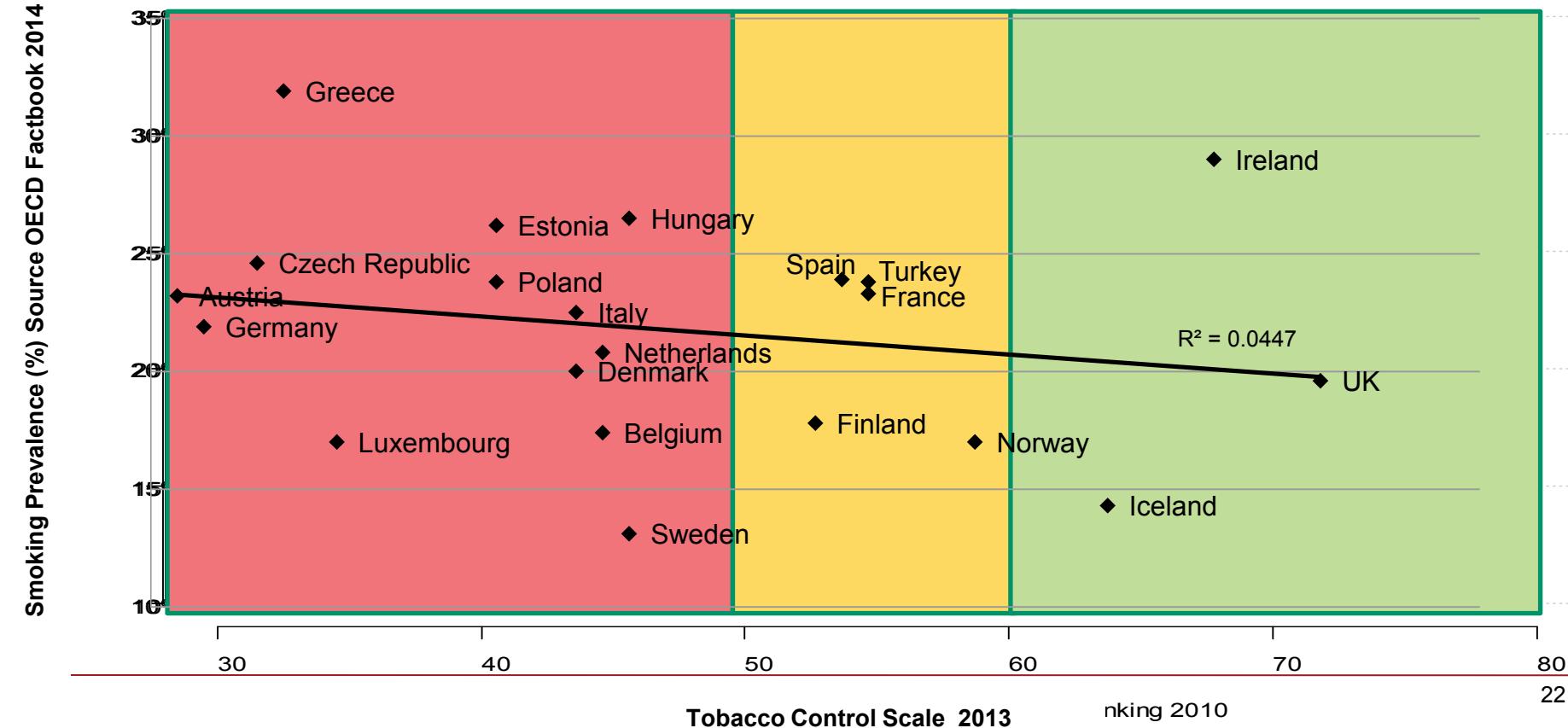
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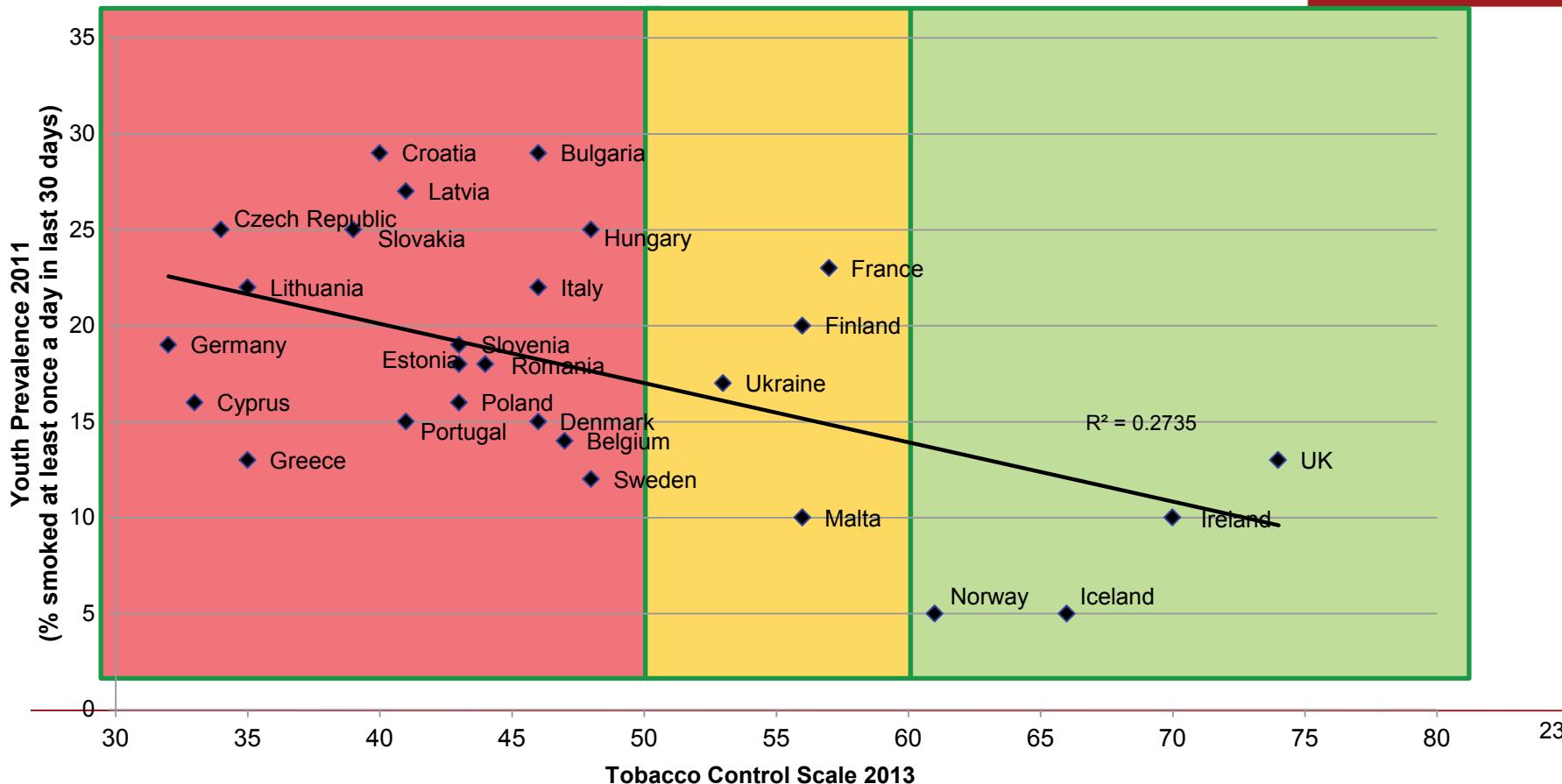
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# TC Score vs Adult Smoking Prevalence



# TC Score vs Youth Prevalence 2011



# Preliminary Conclusions

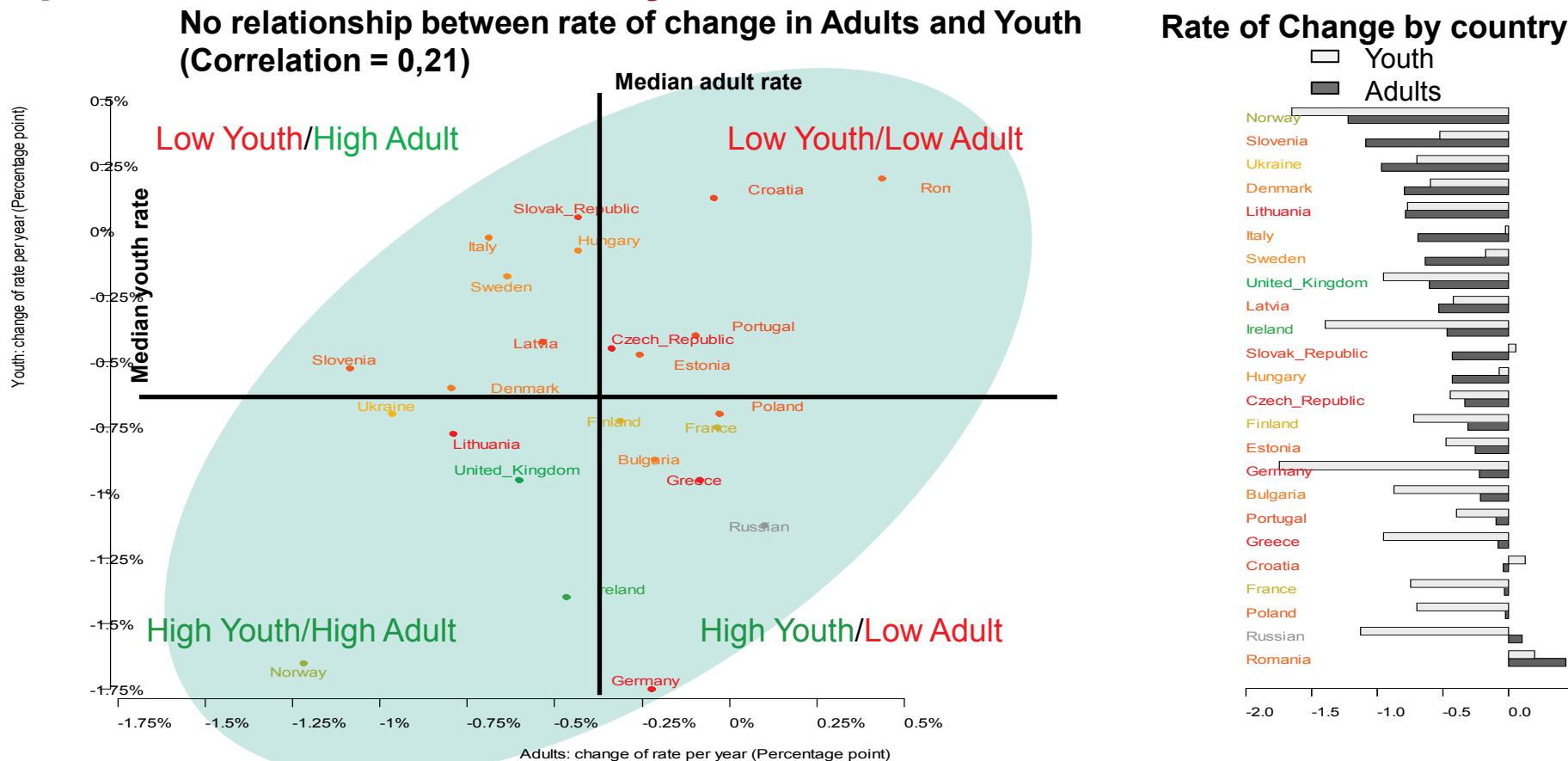


- Correlation between youth smoking and adult smoking decreased between 1999 and 2011
- Youth smoking decreasing faster compared to adult smoking

## Questions:

- Is youth smoking therefore becoming less important in determining adult smoking rates?
- Is intervention having a greater impact on youth smoking?

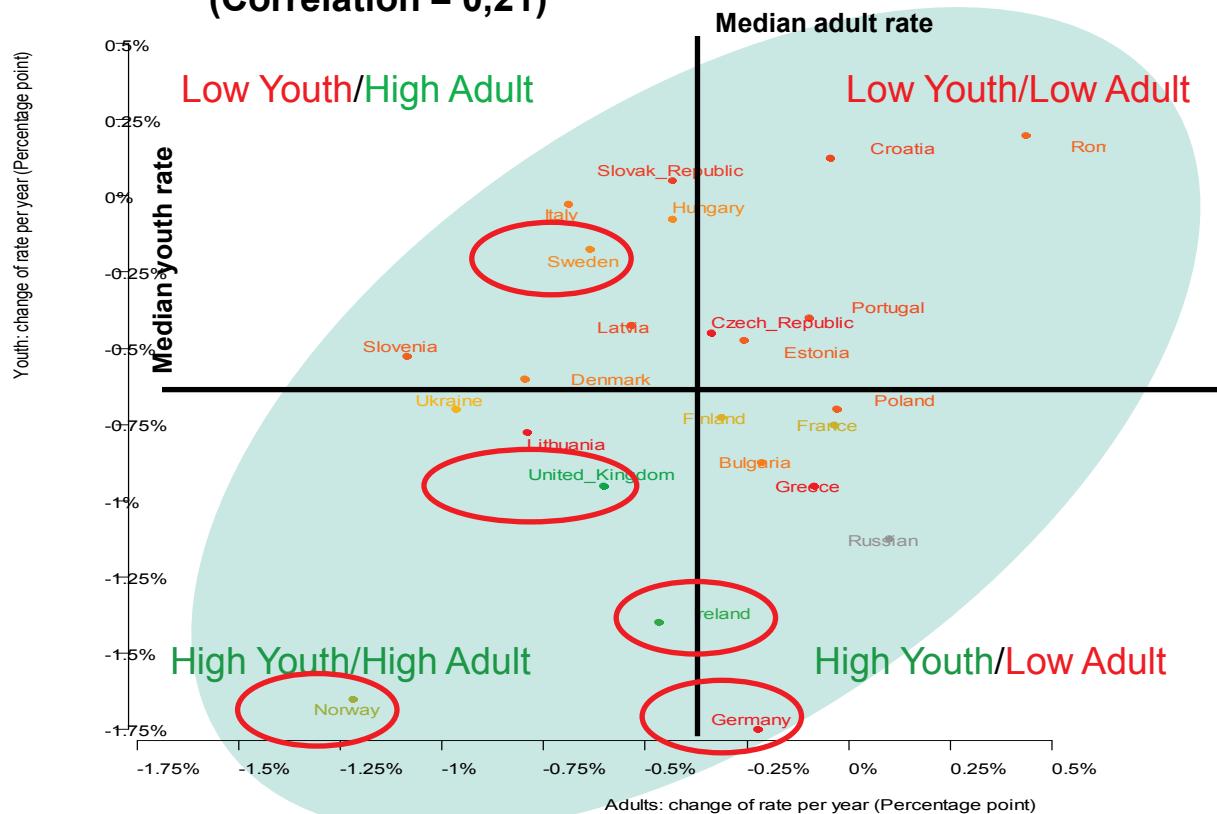
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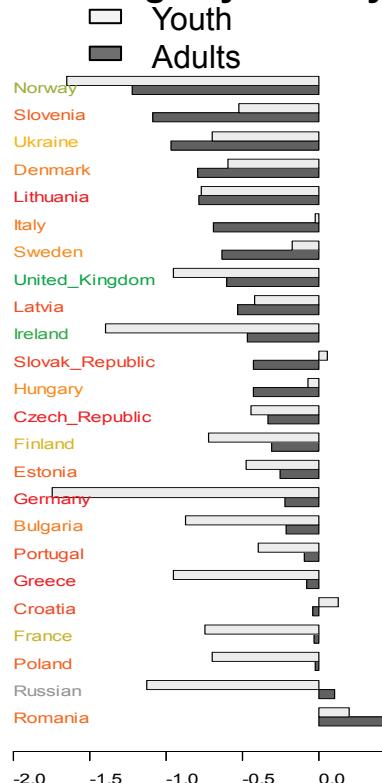
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No relationship between rate of change in Adults and Youth  
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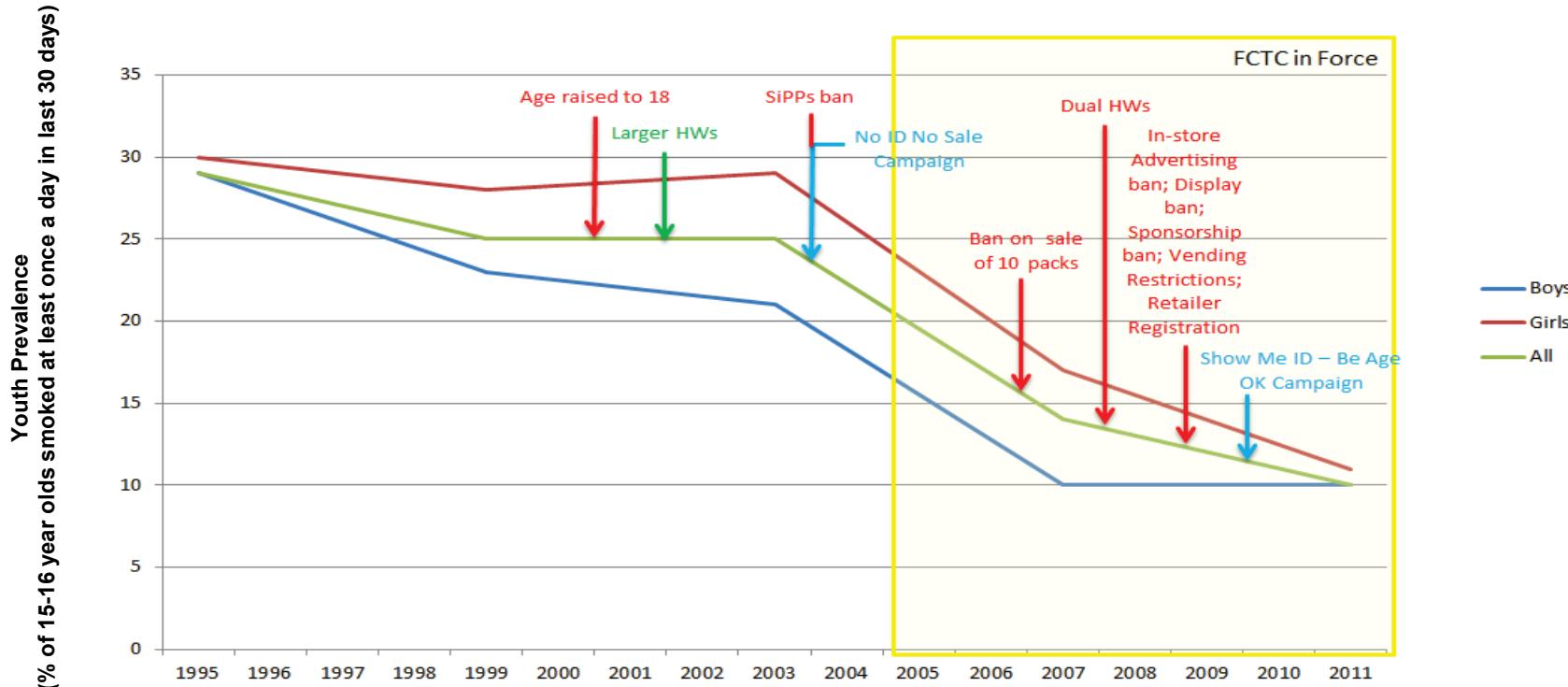


## Rate of Change by country



# Ireland

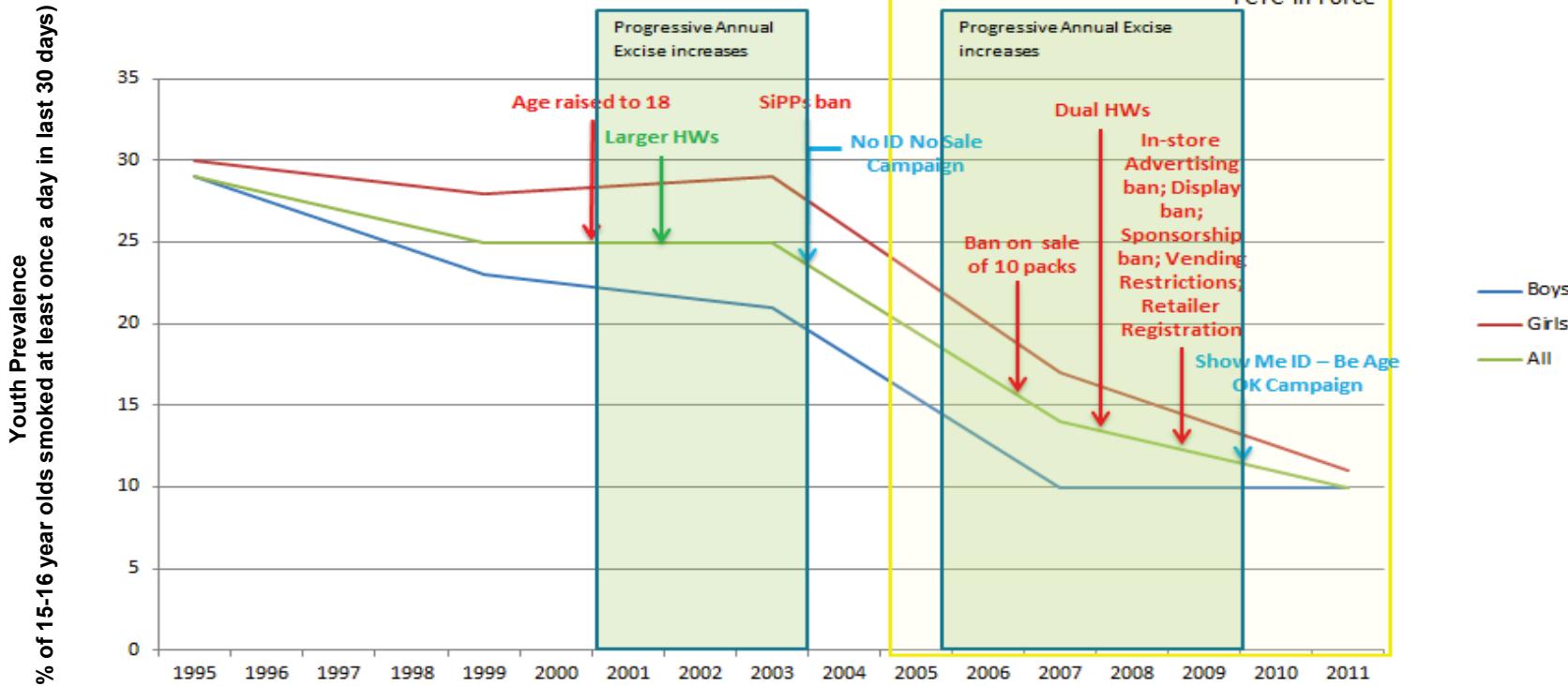
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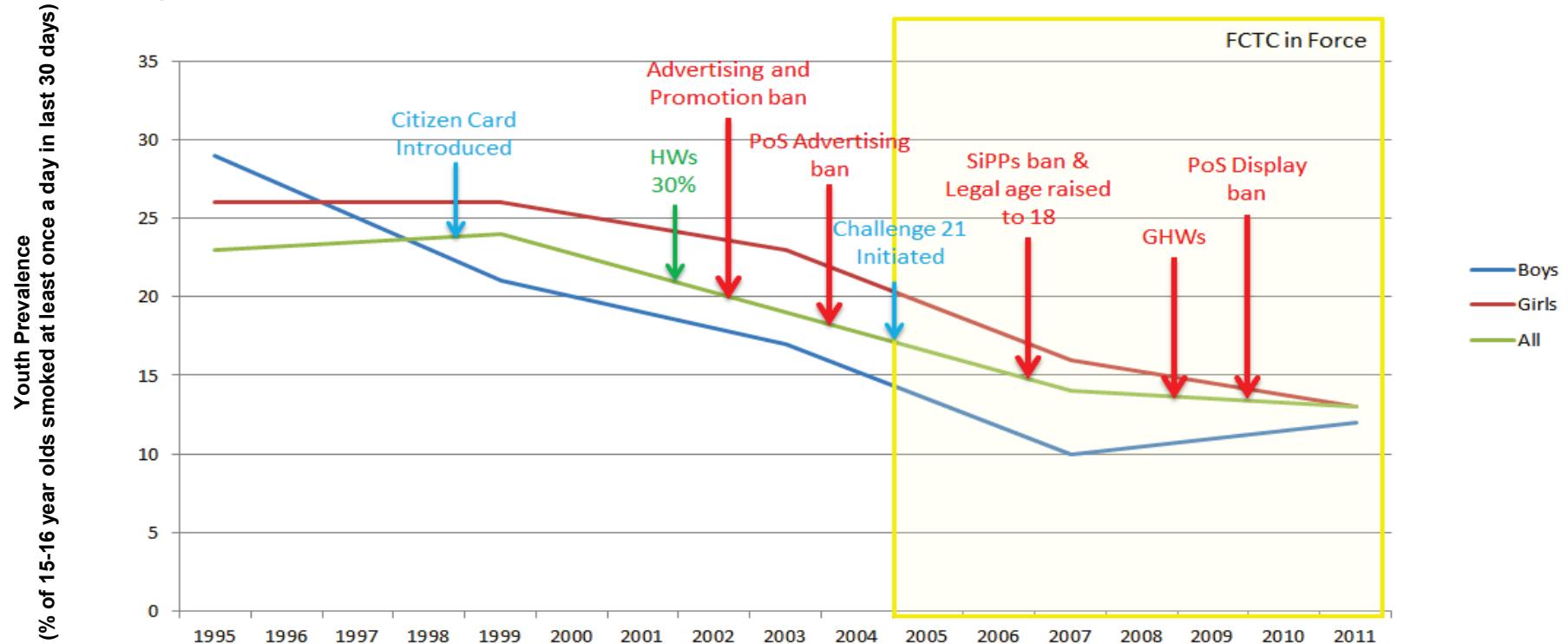
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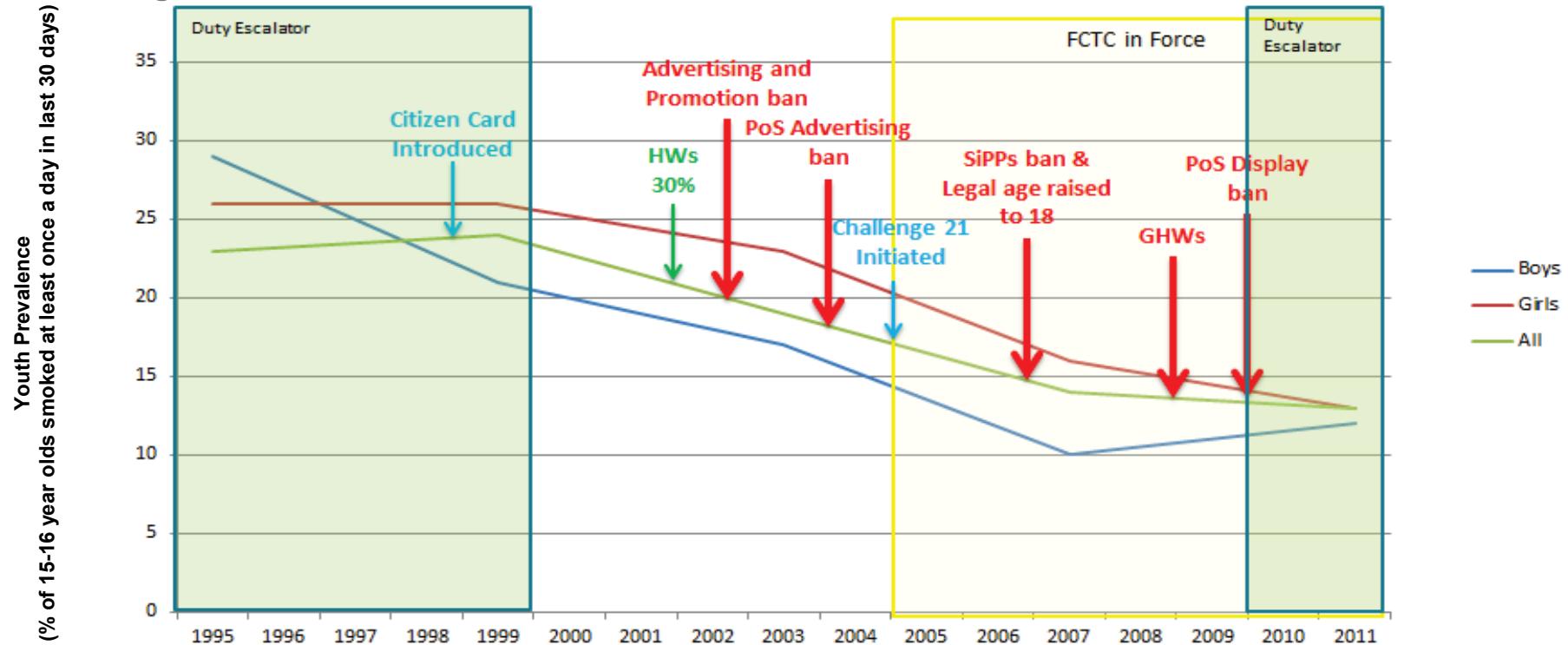


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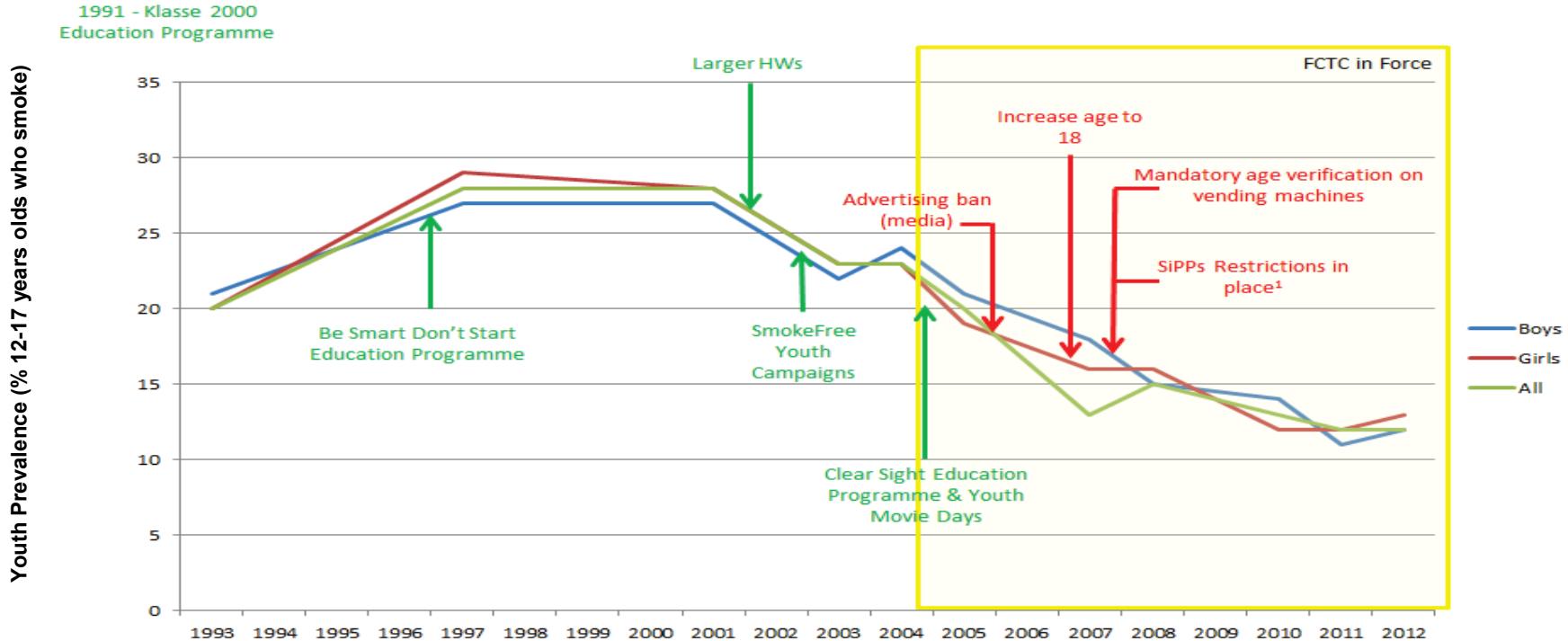


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# Germany

High Youth/Low Adult

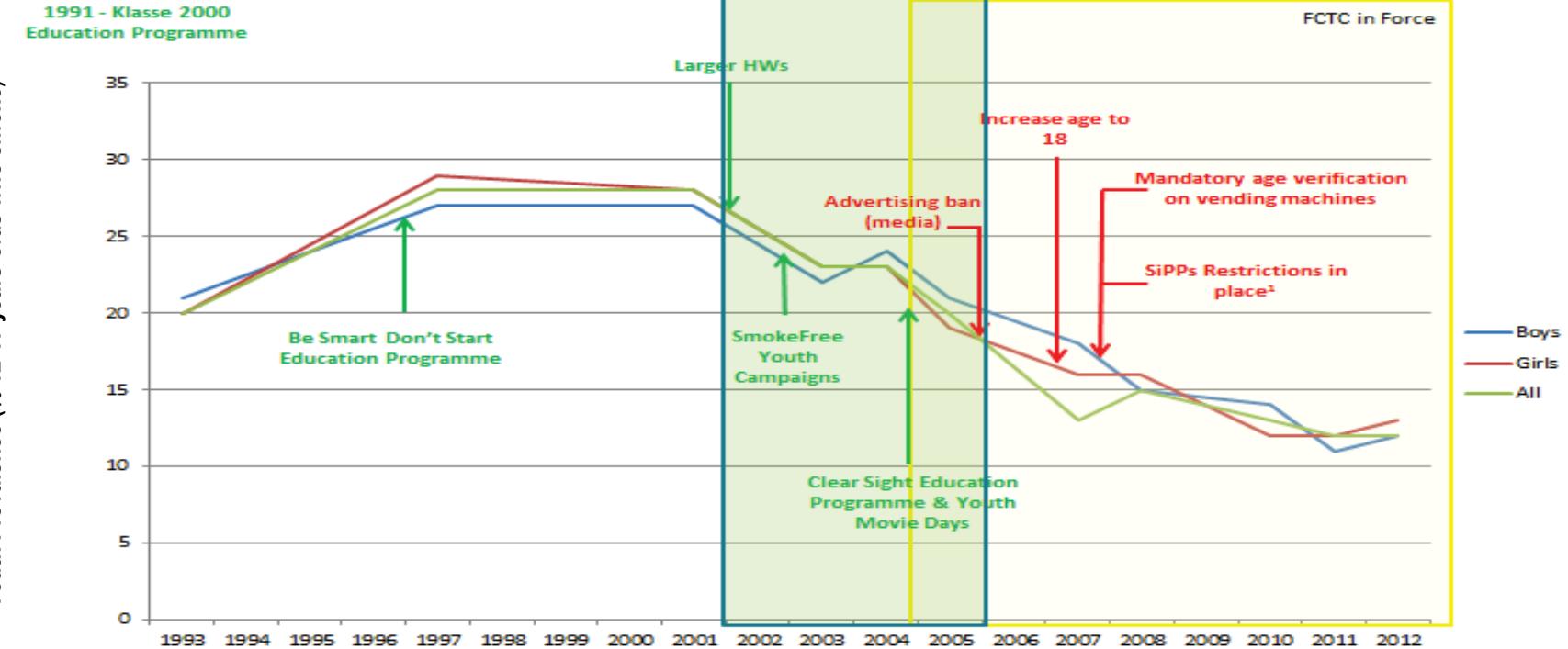


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## Education Programmes



- **Klasse 2000** – largest national education programme to promote health, addiction and violence prevention in elementary schools
- **Clear Sight** – education on risks associated with smoking, focused on ages 12-18
- **Be Smart, Don't Start** – competition in school classes to encourage young people aged 12-15 to remain smoke-free
- **Smoke-Free Campaigns** – provides online resources and information to increase the number of non-smokers
- **Youth Movie Days** – events in cinemas focussing on nicotine and alcohol

Since 1991, over **930,000** children reached.

Reached **16,089** people at their events in 2012, alone.

**130,000 school classes** have participated since 1997-1998.

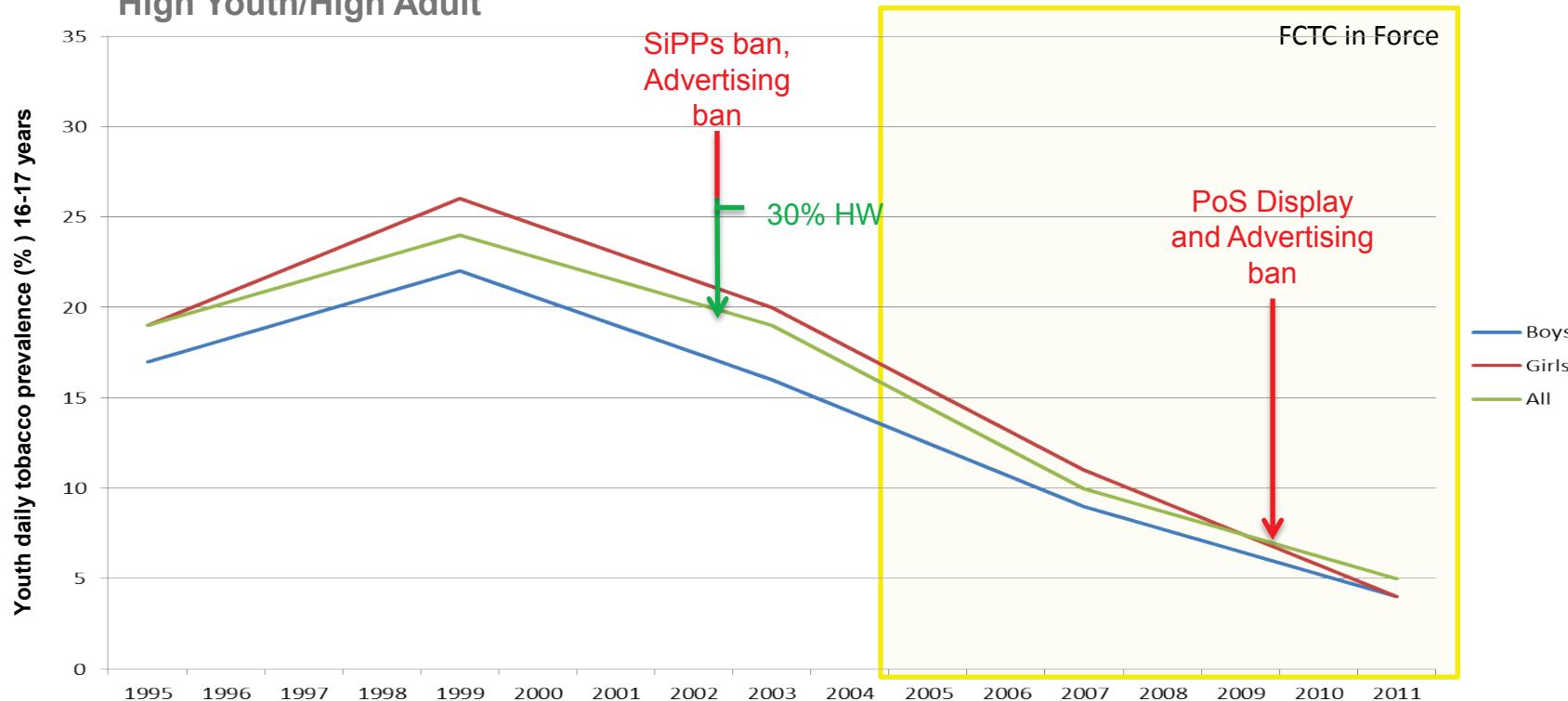
**62,000** visits to its online platform in 2012 recorded.

**140,000** participants in 2012

<sup>1</sup> Bundestag Antwort BuReg Anfrage Grune Takasteuer, 7 April 2014

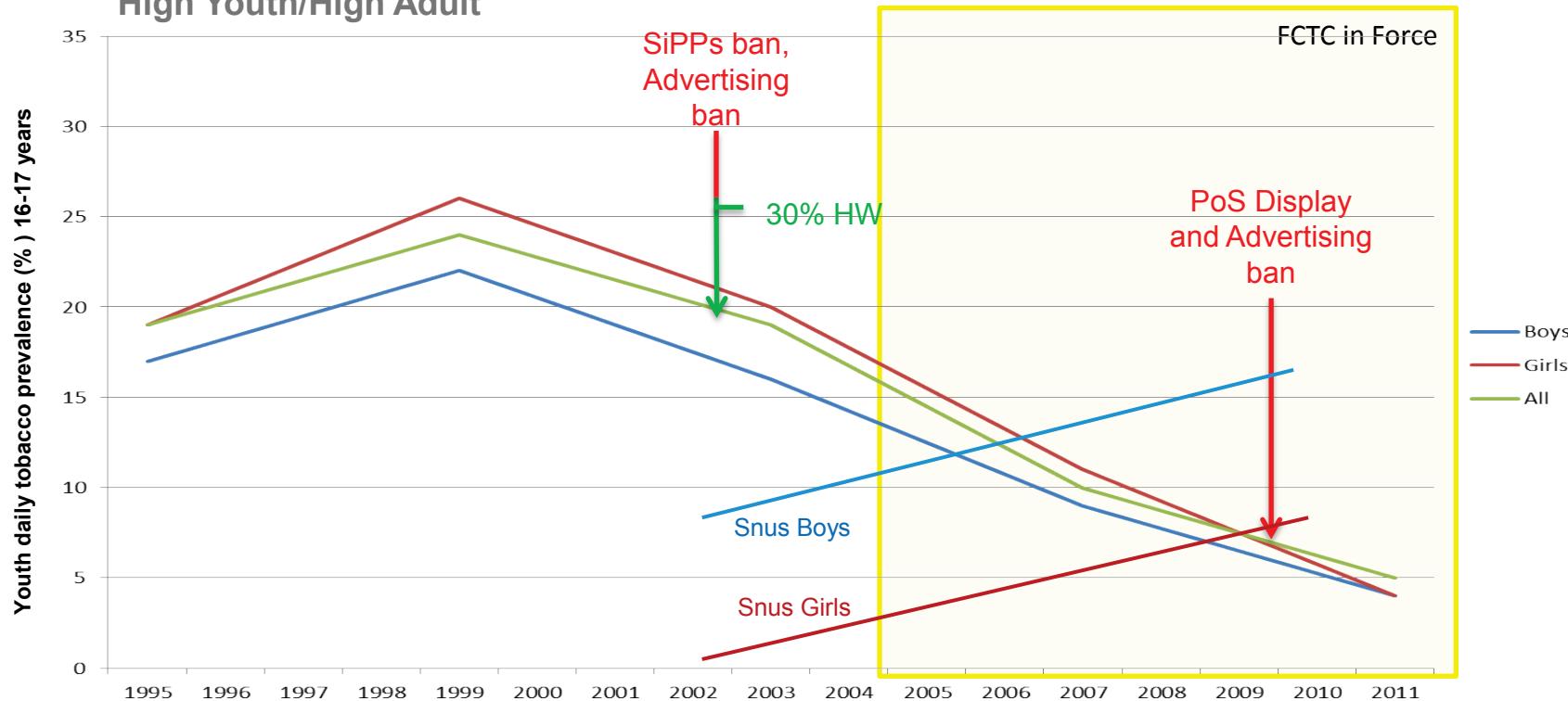
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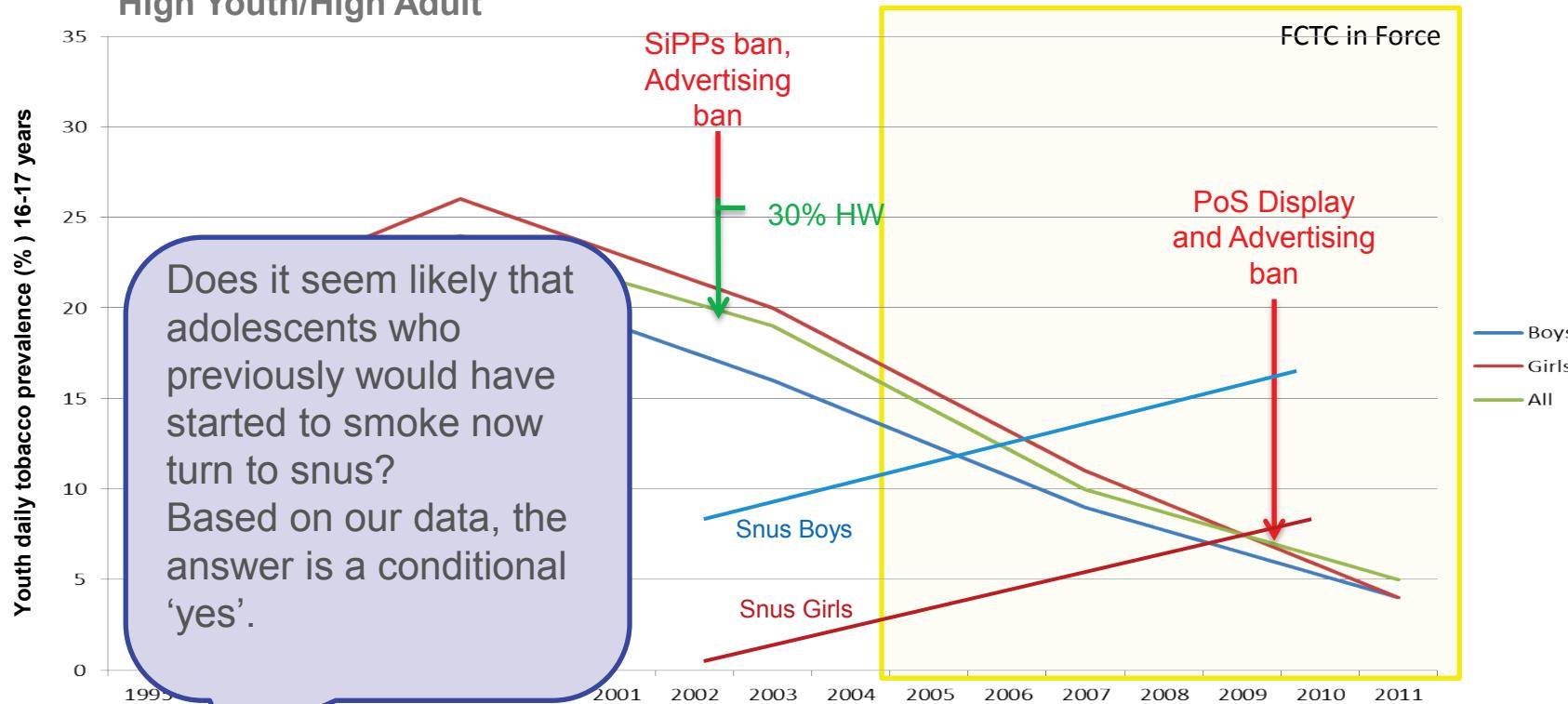
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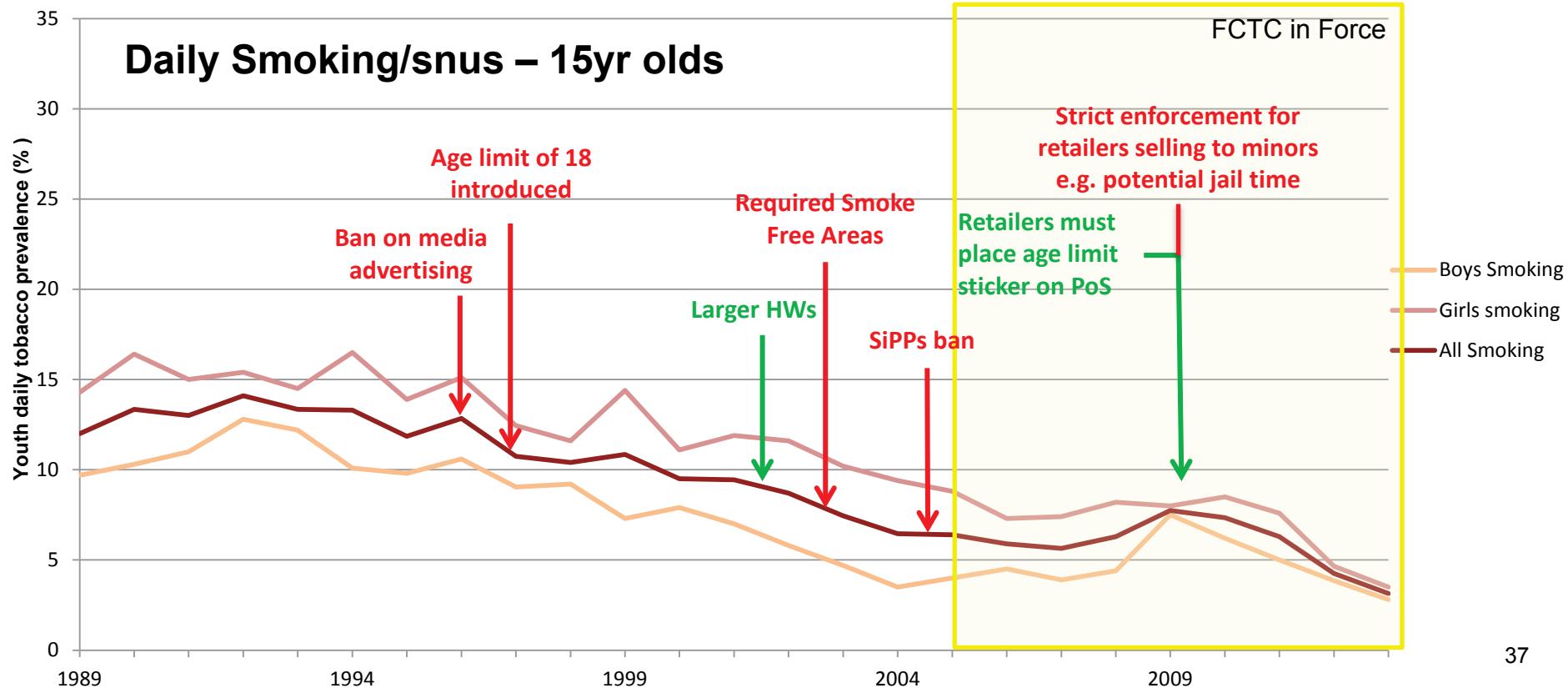
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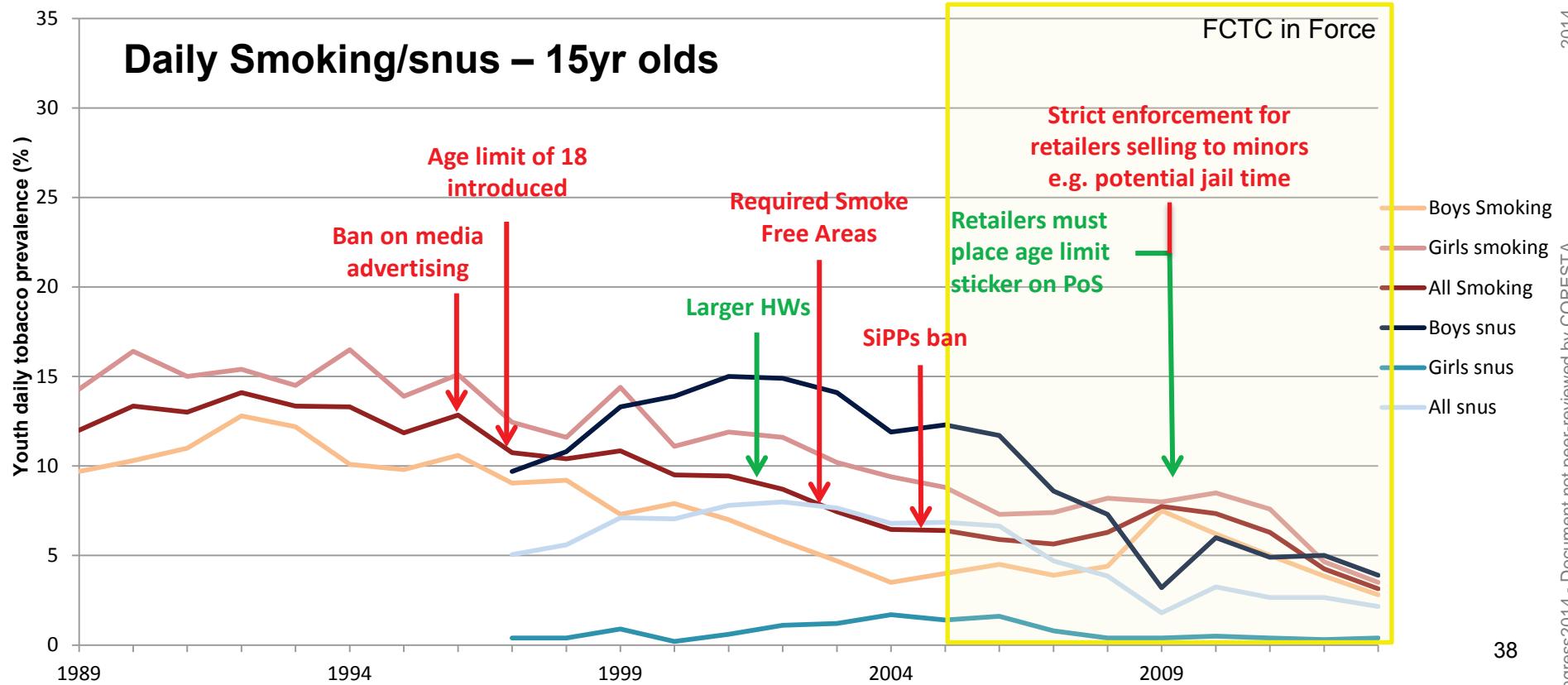
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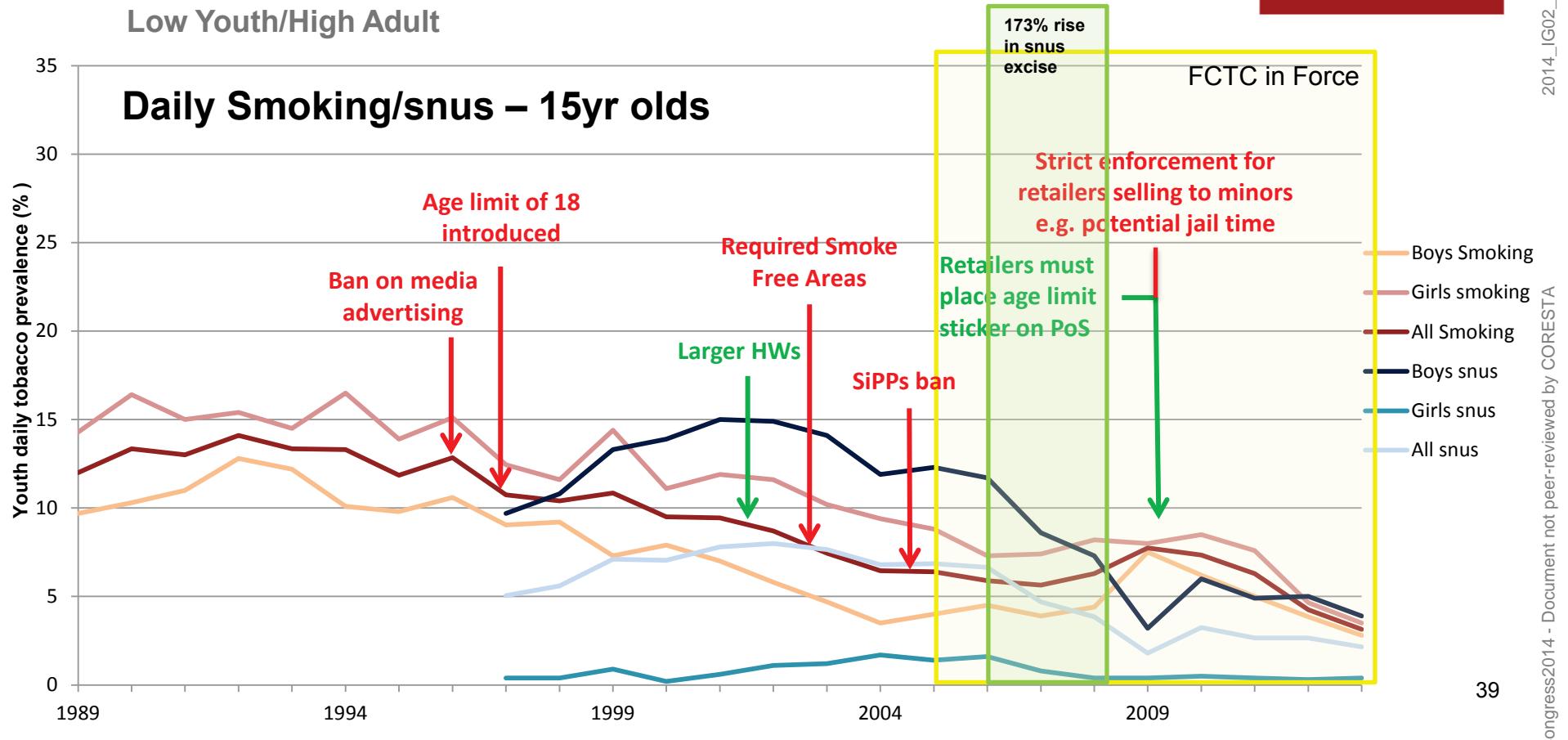
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# Sweden National Data



Low Youth/High Adult



# Sweden ESPAD Data

Low Youth/High Adult

Youth daily tobacco prevalence (%)

## Daily Smoking – 15-16yr olds

Ban on media advertising

Age limit of 18 introduced

Larger HWs

Required Smoke Free Areas

SiPPs ban

173% rise in snus excise

FCTC in Force

Strict enforcement for retailers selling to minors e.g. potential jail time

Retailers must place age limit sticker on PoS

Boys  
Girls  
All

1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011

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# Final Conclusions

- Adult and youth smoking rates are diverging
  - Intervention has more impact on youth smoking
- Certain interventions have had a consistent impact on youth smoking
  - Information on risks of smoking
  - Education
  - Industry/retailer led initiatives at point of sale
- Fiscal policy appears to reinforce youth smoking reduction
- Intense regulation has a limited effect on youth smoking rates:
  - Smoking bans
  - Display bans
  - Advertising Bans
  - Graphic health warnings
- Excise/regulatory strategies must support alternatives to smoking
  - Impact of snus decline on youth smoking rates in Swedish males
  - Alternatives to smoking: Regulators need to consider implications for strategy towards under 18s.