



# GNTH Standards for Tobacco Control in Healthcare Centers

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## Objectives

The Global Network for Tobacco Free Healthcare Services (GNTH) since its foundation in 1999, provides healthcare services with a systematic and comprehensive approach to tobacco free policies and management in accordance with the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO/FCTC).



With the aim of guiding integrated comprehensive action on tobacco control and providing evidenced based care to all tobacco users in healthcare services, the GNTH developed Quality Standards that have been revised and updated.



## Methods

GNTH, formerly ENSH Standards were developed in 2003 by 6 countries (France, Ireland, Sweden, Catalonia, Denmark and Germany) as part of an EU-Funded project.

These Standards were reviewed and updated over the last 16 years by international panels of experts to ensure they met the current needs of health services and tobacco management globally.

Healthcare services use the GNTH concept which includes the eight evidence-based Standards with detailed implementation criteria and the Self-Audit tool (a self-administered questionnaire) to guide tobacco management.

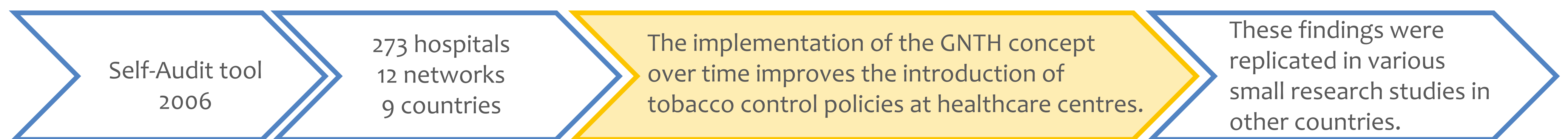


National and regional networks use the Self-Audit tool to measure implementation and monitor progress and support each other by sharing their progress in the implementation of the Quality Standards.

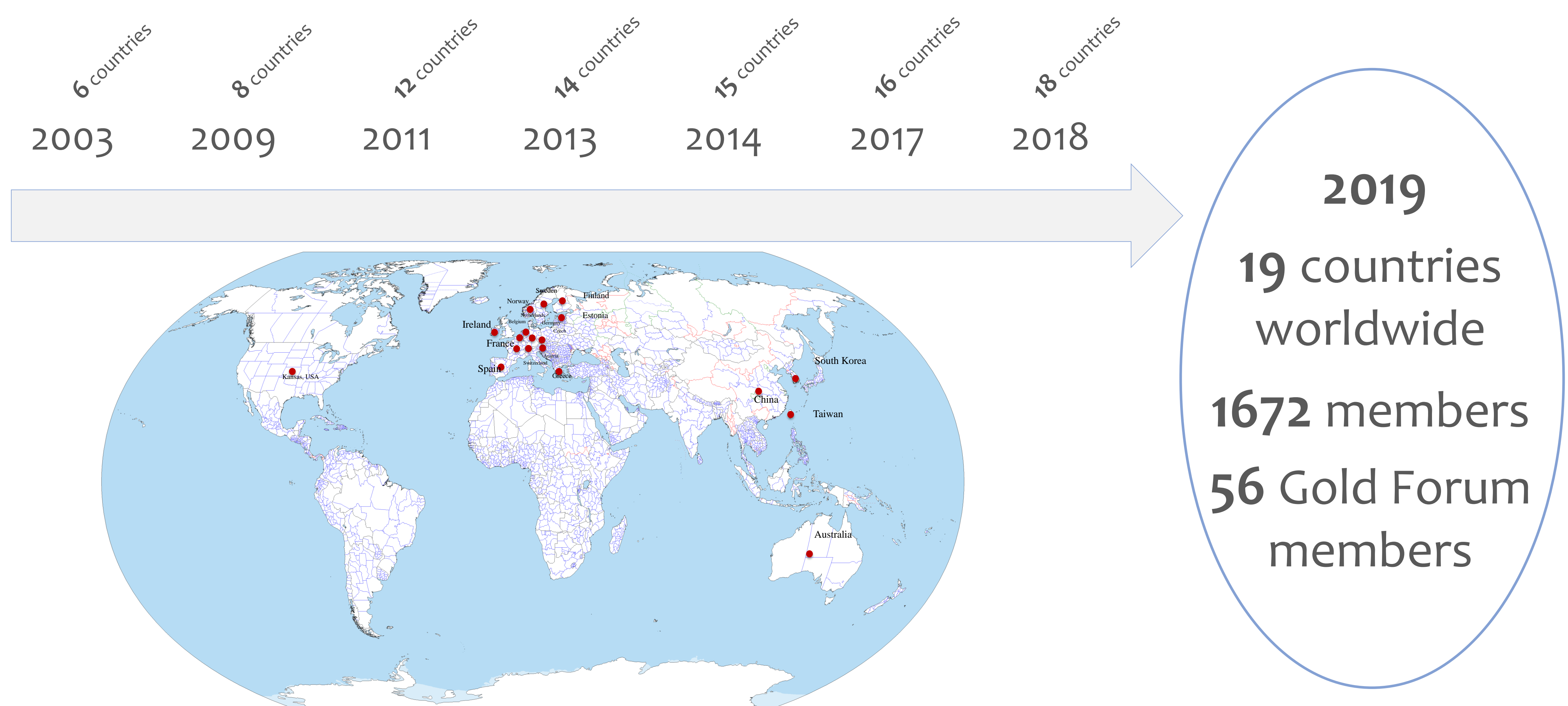
The high-level implementation of all GNTH Standards is recognized within the certificate GNTH GOLD Forum Process.



## Results



✦ Networking at healthcare services during these years has resulted in the GNTH concept being translated into 19 languages (2019) and effectively implemented in a variety of health systems in 19 countries across four continents.



✦ The GNTH Standards have guided the implementation of tobacco control policies and the denormalization of tobacco use within health services since their development. The network itself, supporting tools and GNTH awards process have helped to achieve excellence in tobacco control across a wide range of health care systems globally.

## Conclusions

The GNTH concept has been proven to support health services to implement comprehensive tobacco control policies. By implementing the GNTH concept, healthcare services and professionals will be enabled to effectively deliver on their obligations, as defined in the WHO/FCTC.

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