

Factsheet: Cannabis legalization

Cannabis tax

1. Proposal BvCW e.V. (2022)



Tax on THC content
10 € on 1.000 mg THC
(e.g. 22 % THC/g = 2,20 € tax)

Pro: Linking tax to THC content in each product class; inexpensive tax rate to maximize fight against illicit market

Contra: Reliable analyses and stability data necessary

2. Proposal Prof. Dr. Haucap (2021)



Fixed tax
Cannabis flower 4,5 €/g

Pro: Simple calculation; no potency counterfeiting

Contra: No cost incentive for consumers to buy less potent products

3. Proposal Green Party "CannKG" (2018)



Tax by product category
- Cannabis flower 4 €/g
- Hashish 5 €/g
- Extracts 6 €/g

Pro: Coupling of price to higher THC concentration

Contra: No coupling to THC content, differences within the product categories

4. Proposal Pivot Regulatory (2021)



Tax based on the THC content of the flowers
- High THC content 8 €/g
- Medium THC content 5 €/g
- Low THC content 2 €/g

Pro: Linking the tax to THC product class; limiting health consequences by making consumption more expensive

Contra: Too high tax rate leads to insufficient illicit market suppression

High illicit market displacement

Little illicit market displacement

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