

**Question for written answer E-001646/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Infringement cases related to the online gambling sector

In late 2017, the Commission dropped all infringement cases related to the online gambling sector. That decision could be having a negative effect on the fight against unregulated non-EU gambling services, as it encourages the further fragmentation of the already very different gambling policies that exist in the Member States.

By dropping all infringement cases, the Commission might have increased the likelihood of Member States developing policies on gambling that are inconsistent with the fundamental principle of the freedom to provide services.

In this regard, the Commission is asked to kindly answer the following questions:

Why did it decide to drop all infringement cases related to the online gambling sector?

How will its decision not to enforce EU law in the gambling sector help EU consumers?

How does its decision to disband the Expert Group on Gambling Services help national gambling authorities to better coordinate and enforce gambling legislation?