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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Ivo Belet
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Online gambling in the internal market
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Amendment 1
Doris Pack, Sabine Verheyen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Stresses that protecting minors from exposure to online gambling should remain a major policy objective; ***underlines the need to implement EU-wide standards for*** age and identity verifications to prevent underage gamblers from accessing remote gambling products;

Amendment

1. Stresses that protecting minors from exposure to online gambling should remain a major policy objective; ***calls on Member States to ensure effective*** age and identity verifications ***and*** to prevent underage gamblers from accessing remote gambling products; ***calls on them to base their efforts to do so on methods which are already working well in some Member States and to cooperate closely and in good faith where cross-border problems exist;***

Or. de

Amendment 2
Petra Kammerevert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that protecting minors from exposure to online gambling should remain a major policy objective; underlines the need to implement EU-wide standards for age and identity verifications to prevent underage gamblers from ***accessing remote gambling products;***

Amendment

1. Stresses that protecting minors from exposure to online gambling should remain a major policy objective; underlines the need to implement EU-wide standards for age and identity verifications to prevent underage gamblers from ***gaining access, without, in the process, introducing checks on internet content;***

Or. de

Amendment 3
Mitro Repo, Hannu Takkula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that protecting minors from exposure to online gambling should remain a major policy objective; underlines the need to implement *EU-wide standards for* age and identity verifications to prevent underage gamblers from accessing remote gambling products;

Amendment

1. Stresses that protecting minors from exposure to online gambling should remain a major policy objective; underlines the need to implement *strict and reliable* age and identity verifications to prevent underage gamblers from accessing remote gambling products;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Rui Tavares

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that protecting minors from exposure to online gambling should remain a major policy objective; underlines the need to implement EU-wide standards for age and identity verifications to prevent underage gamblers from accessing remote gambling products;

Amendment

1. Stresses that protecting minors from exposure to online gambling should remain a major policy objective; underlines the *importance of education in raising awareness on the drawbacks of online gambling; notes the* need to implement EU-wide standards for age and identity verifications to prevent underage gamblers from accessing remote gambling products;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Raimon Obiols

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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1. Stresses that protecting minors from exposure to online gambling should remain a major policy objective; underlines the need to implement EU-wide standards for age and identity verifications to prevent underage gamblers from accessing ***and participating in*** remote gambling products;

Or. es

Amendment 6
Silvia Costa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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1. Stresses that protecting minors from exposure to online gambling should remain a major policy objective; underlines the need to implement EU-wide standards for age and identity verifications, ***and to ensure proper monitoring,*** to prevent underage gamblers from accessing remote gambling products;

Or. it

Amendment 7
Ivo Belet, Santiago Fisas Aixela, Seán Kelly

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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age and identity verifications to prevent underage gamblers from accessing remote gambling products;

age and identity verifications to prevent ***unidentified users and*** underage gamblers from accessing remote gambling products;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Or. cs

Amendment 9
Zoltán Bagó

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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underage gamblers from accessing remote gambling products;

underage gamblers from accessing remote gambling products; ***underlines the need to carry out a comparative study in order to establish which of the current age-verification models function properly;***

Or. en

Amendment 10
Chrysoula Paliadeli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Or. el

Amendment 11
Petra Kammerevert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

1a. Calls in this connection for the organisation and implementation of measures to enable children and young people to attain and further develop digital literacy;

Amendment

Amendment 12
Emma McClarkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls for more cooperation at EU level to protect all users of online gambling services from misleading advertisements, specifically minors and other vulnerable persons;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Doris Pack, Sabine Verheyen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Rejects the establishment of an internal market in online gambling with the supply of cross-border products, and draws attention to the consistent case-law of the Court of Justice of the EU; doubts the added value of an EU directive laying down minimum standards for the protection of gamblers and young people; calls, however, for existing high standards in the Member States to be genuinely enforced, and calls on the supervisory authorities of the Member States to cooperate more intensively in law enforcement;

Or. de

Amendment 14

Ivo Belet, Sabine Verheyen, Olga Sehnalová, Santiago Fisas Ayxela, Seán Kelly

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the Commission to include in its recommendations on responsible gambling advertising a ban on advertising for online gambling services aimed at minors, in particular on social media;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Ivo Belet, Piotr Borys, Olga Sehnalová, Santiago Fisas Ayxela, Seán Kelly

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the Commission to set up a common, EU-wide self-exclusion program whereby players can voluntarily and in a simple manner exclude themselves from all gambling websites operating in the EU; this feature should be made clearly visible on all websites offering online gambling services;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Takes the view that physical activity

and sport are essential to the development and health of human beings at every stage in their lives, contributing to their social, physical and mental development and thereby playing a key role in personal empowerment, and should accordingly be considered a right;

Or. fr

Amendment 17
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Takes the view that a growing number of sports are being run solely for profit, along market lines, and that clubs are increasingly being forced to compete on this basis; points out that this is resulting in profound changes in the world of sport, with sports agents becoming little more than brokers, professional sportspersons' pay soaring to dizzying heights and online betting rapidly increasing, is conducive to match fixing and corruption and is seriously undermining the ethical foundations of sport;

Or. fr

Amendment 18
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Recalls that almost 2 % of the European population suffers from gambling

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Or. cs

Amendment 19
Marek Henryk Migalski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Recalls that almost 2 % of the European population suffers from gambling addiction; is concerned that easy access to online gambling websites is likely to increase this percentage, especially among young people; considers, therefore, that efficient preventive measures should be enforced, *such as the implementation of strict deposit limits*;

Amendment

2. Recalls that almost 2 % of the European population suffers from gambling addiction; is concerned that easy access to online gambling websites is likely to increase this percentage, especially among young people; considers, therefore, that efficient preventive measures should be enforced;

Or. pl

Amendment 20
Petra Kammerevert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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young people; considers, therefore, that, ***in addition to prevention through education and advisory services, as well as by means of transparency regarding the real probability of winning***, efficient preventive measures should be enforced, such as the implementation of strict deposit limits;

Or. de

Amendment 21
Emma McClarkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Recalls that almost 2 % of the European population suffers from gambling addiction; is concerned that easy access to online gambling websites is likely to increase this percentage, especially among young people; considers, therefore, that efficient preventive measures should be enforced, such as the implementation of strict deposit limits;

Amendment

2. Recalls that almost 2 % of the European population suffers from gambling addiction; is concerned that easy access to online gambling websites is likely to increase this percentage, especially among young people; considers, therefore, that efficient preventive measures should be enforced ***for vulnerable consumers***, such as ***self exclusion mechanisms and*** the implementation of strict deposit limits;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Mitro Repo, Hannu Takkula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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young people; considers, therefore, that efficient preventive measures should be enforced, such as the implementation of strict deposit limits *and loss limits set by the player himself*;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Lorenzo Fontana

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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Amendment

2. Recalls that almost 2 % of the European population suffers from gambling addiction; is concerned that easy access to online gambling websites is likely to increase this percentage, especially among young people; considers, therefore, that efficient preventive measures should be enforced, such as the implementation of strict deposit limits *and stringent controls over minors, who, also through the new technological instruments such as smartphones, tablets, etc. could evade controls more easily*;

Or. it

Amendment 24
Ivo Belet, Piotr Borys, Sabine Verheyen, Santiago Fisas Ayxela, Seán Kelly

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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increase this percentage, especially among young people; considers, therefore, that efficient preventive measures should be enforced, such as the implementation of strict deposit limits ***and that every gambling product offered by the gambling operators online is evaluated by the Member States and can be prohibited if there is a substantial threat for the consumer;***

Or. en

Amendment 25
Rui Tavares

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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2. Recalls that almost 2 % of the European population suffers from gambling addiction; is concerned that easy access to online gambling websites is likely to increase this percentage, especially among young people; considers, therefore, that efficient preventive measures should be enforced, such as the implementation of strict deposit limits; ***believes that the introduction of school courses on the best uses of the internet could make users more adept in protecting themselves against addiction to online gambling services;***

Or. en

Amendment 26
Chrysoula Paliadeli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Recalls that almost 2 % of the European population suffers from gambling addiction; is concerned that easy access to online gambling websites is likely to increase this percentage, especially among young people; considers, therefore, that efficient preventive measures should be enforced, such as the implementation of strict deposit limits;

Amendment

2. Recalls that almost 2 % of the European population suffers from gambling addiction; is concerned that easy access to online gambling websites is likely to increase this percentage, especially among young people; considers, therefore, that efficient preventive measures should be enforced, such as the implementation of strict deposit limits ***and controls on advertising to determine whether promotional material is false, misleading or 'deceptive' regarding earnings or encourages the false impression that gambling is a reasonable strategy to improve a person's finances;***

Or. el

Amendment 27
Marco Scurria

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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Amendment

2. Recalls that almost 2 % of the European population suffers from gambling addiction; is concerned that easy access to online gambling websites is likely to increase this percentage, especially among young people; considers, therefore, that efficient preventive measures should be enforced, such as the implementation of strict deposit limits, ***in addition to the prevention of gambling among young people in schools and in social and cultural meeting places;***

Or. it

Amendment 28
Raimon Obiols

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Welcomes the introduction at EU level of an online trustmark for legal operators as an effective way of protecting consumers;

Or. es

Amendment 29
Petra Kammerevert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Considers that measures should be taken to ensure that the more vulnerable members of society do not have their subsistence jeopardised even further as a result of gambling;

Or. de

Amendment 30
Petra Kammerevert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Stresses that on-line gambling is particularly addictive because of the anonymity of on-line gamblers, the constant availability of on-line gambling and the lack of any social control;

Amendment 31
Petra Kammerevert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Calls for live sports betting in which gamblers can bet, on-line and anonymously, on constantly changing odds and events and which as a result is extremely open to manipulation, to be banned;

Or. de

Amendment 32
Petra Kammerevert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2d. Calls for advertising of on-line gambling games to be permitted only for gambling products which are legal; considers that it should never be permissible to advertise by exaggerating the probability of winning;

Or. de

Amendment 33
Petra Kammerevert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2e. Calls for an assessment of gambling products at Member State level, accompanied by stricter regulation or even banning of dangerous gambling products; stresses that technical regulation is also important to prevent gamblers from becoming intoxicated by gambling, for example;

Or. de

**Amendment 34
Mitro Repo**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses the importance of funding from gambling for public interest causes (sport, culture, social projects, research and other causes of general interest); calls for the specific features and the sustainable contributions from lotteries to society to be recognised and taken into account in any coordinated approach at EU level; stresses also the importance of the lotteries sector for indirect employment generation;

Or. en

**Amendment 35
Olga Sehnalová**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Points out that online gambling, owing to its easy accessibility, poses much greater risks to vulnerable consumers and particularly young people, and that this form of addiction is less visible than is the case with traditional gambling;

Or. cs

**Amendment 36
Olga Sehnalová**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Stresses the important role of education and awareness-raising on the subject of online gambling and its consequences among minors; calls for operators to be obliged to display clear, prominent and explicit warnings to minors stating that it is illegal for them to engage in online gambling;

Or. cs

**Amendment 37
Olga Sehnalová**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 c (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Calls for limits to be imposed on financial transfers from the accounts and credit cards of minors to the accounts of gambling companies;

Amendment 38
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2d. Stresses that defining a non-harmful format for advertising and rules on its dissemination is key to preventing people under 18 from gambling and combating problematic and compulsive gambling;

Or. cs

Amendment 39
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2e. Believes that advertising must be carried out in a socially responsible manner and should contain explicit warnings concerning the consequences of compulsive gambling;

Or. cs

Amendment 40
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Points out that, in accordance with the Court of Justice judgment of 8 September 2009 and with the subsidiarity principle, Member States are entitled not only to regulate gambling but also to maintain or establish state monopolies on online gambling, or even to impose a general ban on such activities in order to protect the public, in particular minors;

Or. fr

Amendment 41

Marie-Christine Vergiat, Lothar Bisky

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Takes the view that Member State regulation, in particular in the form of state monopolies, helps to keep gambling operations within controlled channels and thus to guard against the risk of fraud or crime in the context of such operations;

Or. fr

Amendment 42

Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses that, while effective regulation is required to protect minors and prevent gambling addiction, this cannot substitute measures aimed at

educating and empowering individuals to take ownership and responsibility of their own actions with regard to online gambling;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Sabine Verheyen, Doris Pack

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Recommends that Member States set a minimum percentage of gambling revenues to be redistributed to organisations which seek to prevent, or which provide counselling on, addiction;

Or. de

Amendment 44
Silvia Costa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Takes the view that there is a dangerous correlation between periods in which the economic crisis is at its most acute and an increase in gambling; considers it necessary, therefore, to monitor the phenomenon of gambling addiction and gambling-related diseases in a continuous and ongoing manner;

Or. it

Amendment 45
Silvia Costa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Believes that the advertising of gambling is often biased and misleading and can lead to unhealthy and harmful behaviour; considers, therefore, that it should become more responsible and should be regulated in order to limit its more invasive effects, which affect first and foremost the most vulnerable people;

Or. it

Amendment 46
Ivo Belet, Sabine Verheyen, Santiago Fisas Ayxela, Seán Kelly, Emma McClarkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Recommends that a clear distinction be made between gambling activities and other forms of online entertainment; services which combine distinguishing features of the gambling sector must fall under appropriate gambling legislation and fully respect age and identity verification mechanisms;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Ivo Belet, Sabine Verheyen, Olga Sehnalová, Santiago Fisas Ayxela, Seán Kelly

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Urges operators, as a compulsory requirement, to include, on the homepage of gambling websites, a link to online information about gambling addiction and opportunities to obtain related professional assistance;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Iosif Matula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Draws attention to the need to draw up efficient methods of betting supervision, bearing in mind the rapid development of the online environment, but also highlights the importance of protecting users' personal data against abuse;

Or. ro

Amendment 49
Marek Henryk Migalski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Regrets that sport only receives a low financial return on commercial betting activities although it constitutes the main activity area for online gambling;
recommends, therefore, the setting of a common minimum percentage of gambling revenues to be redistributed to sports federations, that have to ensure

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sustainable financing for grassroots sport;

Or. pl

Amendment 50
Emma McClarkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. *Regrets* that sport only receives a low financial return on commercial betting activities although it constitutes the main activity area for online gambling; *recommends, therefore, the setting of a common minimum percentage of gambling revenues to be redistributed to sports federations, that have to ensure sustainable financing for grassroots sport;*

Amendment

3. *Notes* that sport only receives a low financial return on commercial betting activities although it constitutes the main activity area for online gambling; therefore *encourages gambling operators to contribute a share of their* gambling revenues to *sport* federations;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Ivo Belet, Sabine Verheyen, Santiago Fisas Ayxela, Seán Kelly

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Regrets that sport *only* receives a low financial return on commercial betting activities although it constitutes the main activity area for online *gambling; recommends, therefore, the setting of a common minimum percentage of gambling revenues to be redistributed to sports federations, that have to ensure sustainable financing for grassroots sport;*

Amendment

3. Regrets that *in most Member States the sport sector* receives *only* a low financial return on commercial betting activities although it constitutes the main activity area for online *betting; asks the Commission to launch an initiative for the recognition of the property rights of sports competition organisers to be recognised, so that sports federations are ensured a fair financial return; recommends setting a common minimum percentage of sport*

betting revenues to be redistributed to sports federations, that have to ensure sustainable financing for grassroots sport **and solidarity between different sports**;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Rui Tavares

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Regrets that sport only receives a low financial return on commercial betting activities although it constitutes the main activity area for online gambling; recommends, therefore, the setting of a common minimum percentage of gambling revenues to be redistributed to sports federations, **that have to ensure sustainable financing for grassroots** sport;

Amendment

3. Regrets that sport, **amateur ranks in particular**, only receives a low financial return on commercial betting activities although it constitutes the main activity area for online gambling; recommends, therefore, the setting of a common minimum percentage of gambling revenues to be redistributed to sports federations, **provided that these funds are earmarked for funding amateur sports and for supporting the non-professional, recreational, educative aspects of** sport;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Morten Løkkegaard

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. **Regrets that sport only** receives a low financial return on commercial betting activities although it constitutes the main activity area for online gambling; recommends, therefore, the setting of a common minimum percentage of gambling

Amendment

3. **Notes that, while there are several sources of revenues going from gambling to sports, the sports world** receives a **relatively** low financial return on commercial betting activities although it constitutes the main activity area for online

revenues to be redistributed to sports federations, that have to ensure sustainable financing for grassroots sport;

gambling; recommends, therefore, the setting of a common minimum percentage of gambling revenues to be redistributed to sports federations, that have to ensure sustainable financing for grassroots sport;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Jean-Pierre Audy

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Regrets that sport only receives a low financial return on commercial betting activities although it constitutes the main activity area for online gambling; recommends, therefore, the setting of a common minimum percentage of gambling revenues to be redistributed to sports **federations**, that have to ensure sustainable financing for grassroots sport;

Amendment

3. Regrets that sport only receives a low financial return on commercial betting activities although it constitutes the main activity area for online gambling; recommends, therefore, the setting of a common minimum percentage of gambling revenues to be redistributed to sports **organisations**, that have to ensure sustainable financing for grassroots sport;

Or. fr

Amendment 55
Doris Pack, Sabine Verheyen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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financing for grassroots sport;

sustainable financing for grassroots sport;

Or. de

Amendment 56

Marie-Christine Vergiat, Lothar Bisky

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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3. Regrets that sport only receives a low financial return on commercial betting activities although it constitutes the main activity area for online gambling; recommends, therefore, the setting of a common minimum percentage of gambling revenues to be redistributed to **non-profit** sports federations, that have to ensure **the sustainable development of** grassroots sport, **including by setting up suitable public funding arrangements**;

Or. fr

Amendment 57

Santiago Fisas Aixela

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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3. Regrets that sport only receives a low financial return on commercial betting activities although it constitutes the main activity area for online gambling; recommends, therefore, the setting of a common minimum percentage of gambling revenues to be redistributed to **contributors to the commercial value of sporting events, including** sports federations, that have to ensure sustainable financing for

grassroots sport;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Lorenzo Fontana

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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3. Regrets that sport only receives a low financial return on commercial betting activities although it constitutes the main activity area for online gambling; recommends, therefore, the setting of a common minimum percentage of gambling revenues to be redistributed to sports federations, that have to ensure sustainable financing for grassroots sport, ***with particular reference to sports whose future is at risk;***

Or. it

Amendment 59
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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3. Regrets that sport only receives a low financial return on commercial betting activities although it constitutes the main activity area for online gambling; recommends, therefore, the setting of a common minimum percentage of gambling revenues to be redistributed to sports federations ***fairly***, that have to ensure sustainable financing for grassroots sport;

Amendment 60

Ivo Belet, Piotr Borys, Sabine Verheyen, Santiago Fisas Aixela, Seán Kelly, Petra Kammerevert, Emma McClarkin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Underlines that the fight against match-fixing and other forms of sport fraud has to be focused on law enforcement, education and prevention as well as good governance of sport bodies;

Or. en

Amendment 61

Ivo Belet, Piotr Borys, Sabine Verheyen, Santiago Fisas Aixela, Seán Kelly

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the sport federations and gambling operators to include in a Code of Conduct a ban on betting on so called negative events, such as yellow cards or penalty kicks, during a match or event;

Or. en

Amendment 62

Silvia Costa

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Urges the Member States, therefore, to ensure that part of the proceeds from gambling are earmarked for the support of grassroots sport;

Or. it

Amendment 63
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Takes the view that the Member States have a key responsibility for making sure that the sporting ethos is preserved and, to that end, should take appropriate steps to combat corruption, including by introducing stringent rules on the financial supervision of clubs;

Or. fr

Amendment 64
Rui Tavares

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Calls for more cooperation at European level, under the coordination of the Commission, to identify and prohibit online gambling operators engaged in illegal activities such as match-fixing or betting on competitions involving minors;

4. Calls on the Member States to set up regulatory bodies to identify and combat illegal activities in sports betting and to collect, exchange, analyse and disseminate evidence about match-fixing, sports fraud and other forms of corruption in sport, in Europe and beyond; stresses the need for close

*cooperation with other regulators,
including licensing authorities and
enforcement bodies and police;*

Or. en

Amendment 65
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for more cooperation *at European level, under the coordination of the Commission*, to identify and prohibit online gambling operators engaged in illegal activities such as match-fixing or betting on competitions involving minors;

Amendment

4. *Considers that betting on sport is a form of commercial exploitation of competitions and calls on the Commission and the Member States to protect the integrity of competitions by punishing unauthorised activities and, in particular, recognising organisers' intellectual property rights with regard to their competitions*; calls for more cooperation *between Member States* to identify and prohibit online gambling operators engaged in illegal activities such as match-fixing or betting on competitions involving minors;

Or. fr

Amendment 66
Emma McClarkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for more *cooperation* at European level, *under the coordination of* the Commission, to identify and *prohibit* online gambling operators engaged in illegal activities such as match-fixing or

Amendment

4. Calls for more *coordination* at European level, *by means of cooperation between* the Commission, *Member States, gambling operators and the sports industry*, to identify and *ban* online

betting on competitions involving minors;

gambling operators engaged in illegal activities such as match-fixing or betting on competitions involving minors; ***stresses that tackling these problems is vital in order to safeguard the integrity of sport in Europe;***

Or. en

Amendment 67

Ivo Belet, Piotr Borys, Sabine Verheyen, Santiago Fisas Aixela, Seán Kelly, Emma McClarkin

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for more cooperation at European level, under the coordination of the Commission, to identify and prohibit online ***gambling*** operators engaged in illegal activities such as match-fixing or betting on competitions involving minors;

Amendment

4. Calls for more cooperation at European level, under the coordination of the ***European*** Commission, to identify and prohibit online ***betting*** operators engaged in illegal activities such as, ***inter alia***, match-fixing or betting on ***junior*** competitions involving minors;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for more cooperation at European level, under the coordination of the Commission, to identify and prohibit online gambling operators engaged in illegal activities such as match-fixing ***or betting on competitions involving minors;***

Amendment

4. Calls for more cooperation at European level, under the coordination of the Commission, to identify and prohibit online gambling operators engaged in illegal activities such as match-fixing;

Or. cs

Amendment 69
Sabine Verheyen, Doris Pack

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for more cooperation at European level, under the coordination of the Commission, to identify and prohibit online gambling operators engaged in illegal activities such as match-fixing or betting on competitions involving minors;

Amendment

4. Calls for more cooperation at European level, under the coordination of the Commission, to identify and prohibit online gambling operators engaged in illegal activities such as match-fixing or betting on competitions ***predominantly*** involving minors;

Or. de

Amendment 70
Silvia Costa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for more cooperation at European level, under the coordination of the Commission, to identify and prohibit online gambling operators engaged in illegal activities such as match-fixing or betting on competitions involving minors;

Amendment

4. Calls for more cooperation at European level, under the coordination of the Commission, to identify and prohibit online gambling operators engaged in illegal activities such as match-fixing or betting on competitions involving minors ***and unauthorised operators who illegally provide gambling services;***

Or. it

Amendment 71
Ivo Belet, Sabine Verheyen, Olga Schnalová, Santiago Fisas Ayxela, Seán Kelly, Petra Kammerevert, Emma McClarkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Urges the Commission and the Member States to conclude an ambitious binding agreement with third countries in the framework of the Council of Europe in the fight against organised crime involved in match fixing to combat the manipulation of sports results; while considering the feasibility for a global body dealing with match fixing, where all relevant actors would meet, exchange information, coordinate actions;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Santiago Fisas Aixela

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Urges the Commission and the Member States to identify third countries that raise specific issues as regards betting-related match-fixing in respect of sports events taking place within the EU and to increase its collaboration with those countries with a view to combating the organised crime associated with match-fixing, inter alia by taking part in the negotiations on an international Council of Europe convention to combat the manipulation of sports results;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Petra Kammerevert

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Observes that the substantial turnover on the on-line gambling market is attractive to organised crime and makes the sector vulnerable to crimes such as fraud and money laundering; stresses that match-fixing, corruption and illegal betting are a global problem and must be combated by means of the criminal law, and offenders prosecuted, in a consistent, international manner;

Or. de

**Amendment 74
Rui Tavares**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Asks the Commission to ensure that all Member States prohibit betting on competitions involving minors;

Or. en

**Amendment 75
Morten Løkkegaard, Hannu Takkula**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls upon all sports governing bodies to commit to good governance practices in order to reduce the risk of falling victim to

match-fixing;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Morten Løkkegaard, Ivo Belet

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Strongly reiterates the need for more coordination at European level, under the coordination of the Commission, therefore suggest setting up an anti-match-fixing unit/centre with the task of collecting, exchanging, analysing and dissemination of evidence about match fixing, sports fraud and other forms of corruption in sport, in Europe and beyond; a body which should also gather best practices in the fight against sports corruption and promote concepts of good governance in sport;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Emma McClarkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses the importance of educating sport actors about the risks of match fixing and welcomes transnational education projects in order to combat match fixing on a global level;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls for more action to be taken in order to improve detection rates of these phenomena and also to consider revising the system of sentences;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Marek Henryk Migalski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to propose a directive criminalising match-fixing and setting minimum rules on the definition of the offence and sanctions;

deleted

Or. pl

Amendment 80
Morten Løkkegaard, Hannu Takkula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to propose a directive criminalising match-fixing and setting minimum rules on the definition of the offence and sanctions;

deleted

Amendment 81
Rui Tavares

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. ***Calls on*** the Commission to ***propose a directive criminalising match-fixing and setting minimum rules on the definition of the offence and sanctions;***

Amendment

5. ***Asks*** the Commission to ***strongly encourage all Member States to include match-fixing explicitly in their national criminal law with appropriate common minimum sanctions, and ensure that existing loopholes are addressed, fully respecting fundamental rights;***

Amendment 82
Ivo Belet, Piotr Borys, Santiago Fisas Ayxela, Seán Kelly

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. ***Calls on*** the Commission to ***propose a directive criminalising match-fixing and setting*** minimum rules ***on*** the definition of ***the offence and sanctions;***

Amendment

5. ***Considers that the approximation of criminal sanctions is essential to a pan-European approach to regulate the online gambling sector and to this end*** calls on the Commission to ***bring forward legislative proposals to establish*** minimum rules ***with regard to*** the definition of ***criminal offences and sanctions concerning the unregulated online gambling and the fight against match-fixing and crime associated with it at EU level;***

Amendment 83
Emma McClarkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the *Commission to propose a directive* criminalising match-fixing and setting minimum rules on the definition of the offence and sanctions;

Amendment

5. Calls on the *Member States, in light of the Council of Europe's current negotiations on a possible match-fixing convention, to take further measures towards* criminalising match-fixing and setting minimum rules on the definition of the offence and sanctions;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Santiago Fisas Aixela

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

5a. Recognises that efforts to combat sport organizations' involvement in corrupt activities like match-fixing or money laundering like codes of conduct need to address all stakeholder groups (officials, owners, managers, agents, players, referees and supporters) and all organizations (clubs, leagues, federations, etc.);

Or. en

Amendment 85
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Lothar Bisky

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Notes that the Council of Europe is planning to draw up a convention on measures to combat match fixing which is expected to be adopted in the second half of 2014, and calls for the European Union and its Member States to support this process fully;

Or. fr

Amendment 86
Morten Løkkegaard, Hannu Takkula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Notes that match fixing is criminalised in all Member States and that the main shortcomings in relation to the prosecution of match-fixing cases are of an operational nature. Therefore encourages Member States to produce legislation specifically suited to fight match-fixing at a national level;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Ivo Belet, Piotr Borys, Sabine Verheyen, Santiago Fisas Ayxela, Seán Kelly, Petra Kammerevert, Emma McClarkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Calls for a general ban to **prevent sportspersons and organisers** of sporting events from placing bets on their own

6. Calls for a **Code of Conduct, as a part of a self-regulatory initiative, for a general ban to all staff (players, coaches, referees,**

matches or events;

medical and technical staff) of sporting events *who may have a direct influence on the result* from placing bets on their own matches or events;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Morten Løkkegaard

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls *for a general ban to prevent* sportspersons and organisers of sporting events from placing bets on their own matches or events;

Amendment

6. Calls *on Member States to ban* sportspersons and organisers of sporting events from placing bets on their own matches or events;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Jean-Pierre Audy

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls for a general ban to prevent sportspersons and organisers of sporting events from placing bets on *their own* matches or events;

Amendment

6. Calls for a general ban to prevent sportspersons and organisers of sporting events from placing bets on matches or events *with which they have a direct or indirect involvement*;

Or. fr

Amendment 90
Santiago Fisas Aixela

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls for a general ban to prevent sportspersons and organisers of sporting events from placing bets on their own matches or events;

Amendment

6. Calls for a general ban to prevent ***participants and officials involved in sporting events, including*** sportspersons, ***athlete support personnel, owners, managers*** and organisers of sporting events from placing bets on their own matches or events;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls for a general ban to prevent sportspersons and organisers of sporting events from placing bets on their own matches or events;

Amendment

6. Calls for a general ban to prevent sportspersons and organisers of sporting events from placing bets on their own matches or events; ***takes the view that imposing a ceiling on sportspeople's earnings would promote good governance and ethics in sport and help to combat corruption;***

Or. fr

Amendment 92
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls for a general ban to prevent sportspersons and organisers of sporting events from placing bets on their own

Amendment

6. Calls for a general ban to prevent sportspersons and organisers of sporting events from placing bets on their own

matches or events;

matches or events; *calls on sports associations to use education campaigns and codes of conduct to educate – from an early age – sportspersons, referees and officials on the illegality of manipulating sports fixtures;*

Or. cs

Amendment 93
Hannu Takkula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls for a general ban to prevent sportspersons and organisers of sporting events from placing bets on their own matches or events;

Amendment

6. Calls for a general ban to prevent sportspersons and organisers of sporting events from placing bets on their own matches or events; *in this context, emphasises also strict and reliable Member State level age and identity verifications systems;*

Or. en

Amendment 94
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

6a. Calls for a general ban on betting on events involving minors; believes that operators should not offer bets on tournaments or competitions involving minors;

Or. cs

Amendment 95
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Warns that sports betting on parts of events or matches poses a risk to the integrity of sports;

Or. cs

Amendment 96
Morten Løkkegaard

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Encourages Member States to consider a ban on all forms of spot fixing, such as gambling on corner kicks, free kicks, throw-ins and yellow cards, as these has proven to be very vulnerable to match-fixing;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Ivo Belet, Piotr Borys, Sabine Verheyen, Santiago Fisas Ayxela, Seán Kelly, Petra Kammerevert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Recommends that cooperation and **information** exchange between **Member States, their regulatory bodies**, Europol and Eurojust **be reinforced** to combat

7. Calls for an obligation for cooperation and exchange **of information** between **sports bodies, public authorities**, Europol and Eurojust **at both national and**

criminal *activities in* cross-border online gambling activities.

European level, about suspicious activities to combat criminal cross-border online gambling activities;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Recommends that cooperation and information exchange between Member States, their regulatory bodies, Europol and Eurojust be reinforced to combat criminal activities in cross-border online gambling activities.

Amendment

7. Recommends that cooperation and information exchange between Member States, their regulatory bodies, *sports associations, international sporting organisations*, Europol and Eurojust be reinforced to combat criminal activities in cross-border online gambling activities.

Or. cs

Amendment 99
Ivo Belet, Piotr Borys, Santiago Fisas Ayxela, Seán Kelly, Petra Kammerevert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Calls on the Council to proceed in a swift and ambitious manner with the negotiations on the Commission proposal for a Directive on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering and terrorist financing[1] to address the exploitation of online sports betting activities by criminal interests for money laundering purposes;
[1] COM(2013)0045

Amendment 100
Santiago Fisas Ayxela

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Recalls that the fight against match fixing starts with the dissemination of information and education about the negative impact match-fixing has on athletes, clubs, leagues and sport as a whole, therefore stresses the importance of education of all stakeholders in sport about the risks related to sports-betting and match-fixing and recognizes the importance of the involvement of specific organizations such as athletes' unions and supporter networks;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Santiago Fisas Ayxela

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Underlines that improved governance will strengthen sport's resilience against corruption and fraudulent activities; the implementation of basic principles of good governance, financial and operative transparency and accountability as well as stakeholder involvement, are key; recognizes that sustainable financing of sport organizations (clubs, leagues and federations) creates an environment in which match-fixing is less likely to occur;

Amendment 102
Santiago Fisas Aixela

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7c. Stresses that athletes need effective protection mechanisms to oppose corrupting influences, including the safeguarding of the moral and physical integrity of athletes, proper working conditions, as well as safeguarding of salaries or remunerations, including bans on participation at different levels of competition for sports organisations failing to regularly fulfil these obligations towards their athletes;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Petra Kammerevert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Calls on Member States to introduce comprehensive compulsory licensing of gambling products and to establish national regulatory agencies to combat illegal gambling and corruption in sport and to license gambling products; considers that such agencies should cooperate closely at international level;

Or. de

Amendment 104
Petra Kammerevert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Stresses the urgent need to work at all levels for the establishment of a world agency to combat manipulation of gambling and corruption.

Or. de

Amendment 105
Olga Sehnalová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Stresses that negotiations concerning cooperation must be launched with third countries and international sporting organisations in order to combat match fixing;

Or. cs

Amendment 106
Zoltán Bagó

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Recommends the setting-up of a joint centre for information exchange to promote a better exchange of good practices, including initiatives on awareness-raising among Member States as education and prevention are of the utmost importance in protecting minors in

online gambling.

Or. en

Amendment 107

Silvia Costa

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Is of the view that online gambling is a dangerous opportunity for money laundering and therefore considers it necessary to extend the scope of the directive on prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering to all forms of gambling, including online.

Or. it