

**Question for written answer E-008466/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: On line betting and sports matters

Online betting is the fastest growing sector in the gambling market, with more than €6.2 billion per year in turnover. There are more than 15,000 betting websites currently operating in the EU, and 85% of these operate without any control.

It has already been stated by the European Commission that it supports sports organisations' intellectual property as regards online betting on such organisations' sports events. What can be done to protect sports organisations and organisers from companies who are involved in making unauthorised profit from sporting events? What can the Commission do to make people aware of this issue?

Sports organisations in Europe invest a lot in terms of time and money in organising sports events. 32% of online betting is connected to sporting events but little of that money makes its way to the sporting body on which the bets are placed. What can be done to ensure that those who are involved at the bottom level of sport receive some financial benefit from online betting?