

**Question for written answer E-005355/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Online gaming

The development of new information technologies, accompanied by unregulated economic activities on the EU internal market, has in recent years led to a massive increase in the popularity of online gaming.

Much of this activity is being carried out on an unauthorised basis and it is estimated that a substantial percentage of online gaming sites are unlicensed.

This could have serious consequences, including not only inadequate consumer protection but also massive fraud.

Would the Commission agree that it is therefore necessary to take action to remove illegal or unauthorised products or services from this sector and at the same time protect consumers?