

**Question for written answer E-006605/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Gambling and advertising

The Danish State has a majority holding in Denmark's national lottery company, Danske Spil, which advertises on a massive scale to encourage Danes to gamble more. The company is therefore indirectly involved in ruining people who cannot keep their gambling in check.

At the same time, lottery funding is put back into sport and into action to help combat gambling addiction.

There are also a number of private providers offering all kinds of gambling, and those providers, too, do an awful lot of advertising.

Is the Commission aware of the issues surrounding advertising and gambling?

Does the Commission agree that advertisements for gambling can result in an increase in the number of gambling addicts?

Will the Commission bring forward a proposal to restrict the right to advertise of all public and private gambling providers on the internal market, whilst, of course, taking into account the national sovereignty of individual countries?