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to the Commission

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Subject: Restrictions on gambling

On-line betting and on-line casinos are fast-growing markets. The European Gaming & Betting Association estimates that in 2020 the value of the on-line gambling market will grow to over EUR 25 billion. This should be viewed in conjunction with the fact that the EU-28 market accounts for 48.9% of the total global on-line gambling market. The EU market is thus disproportionately large by comparison with the rest of the world. The sports betting and on-line casino shares are 42.5% and 32.4% respectively. That is almost 75% of the market. Ease of accessibility and speed, which are characteristic of the two forms of gambling, increase the risk of gambling dependency, which can later develop into gambling addiction. Gambling addiction is incurable and can completely take over a person’s life.

Does the Commission regard it as a problem that the EU accounts for so great a share of the global gambling market?

What will the Commission do to curb gambling addiction?

Will the Commission amend Article 19(2) of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive so as to prevent betting during football matches, for example?

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