

WG - Responsible gambling and addiction

The working group focuses on the protection of consumers and citizens, mainly ensuring the protection of minors, enhancing responsible advertising, reducing problem gambling or gambling addiction. The group will promote the exchange of best practices.

Saaramia Varvio (Finland) and Jonny Engebø (Norway) are co-chairs.

Meetings in 2016 (London, Malta and maybe Lisbon)

There will not be a meeting in the working group the autumn 2015.

We plan the first meeting to be held in **London**, beginning of February next year. Many regulators will attend the ICE event at Excel in London from 2nd to 4th of February 2016, www.icetotallygaming.com/conferences and we plan to have our meeting on Wednesday 3rd of February.

In London, we will discuss and plan the content of the break out session at the annual GREF meeting in **Malta** (May 2016).

The co-chairs suggest that future meetings outside the annual GREF meeting, as far as it is possible, could be held in connections with relevant conferences. The European Association for the Study of Gambling, www.easg.org, is arranging a conference in **Lisbon**, Portugal from 13th to 16th of September 2016. Our meeting could be held in connection to the EASG event, but this is open to discussion in London.

Meeting in London February 2016

We need to establish the working group's role in GREF. What are the expectations, what shall we focus on and how shall we do it. At the meeting in London, several items can be discussed:

About responsible gambling

- How do we as regulators work with responsible gambling in our own jurisdiction
 - best practices?
- Europeans Commission's recommendations to ensure effective protection of consumers
 - what has happened in each jurisdiction?
- Other items participants suggest

About the working group

- The working group's future work
- Our expectations to the working group
- What topics shall we focus on
- Which information shall we share
- How will we collect and share information
- How shall we organize our work
 - long-time plan?
- Contribution from group members
- Core group of more working members?
- Mailing lists etc.

Questionnaire in November

In order to plan our first meeting in London (February) we will send out a small questionnaire. We will ask about practical details and views on the group's role and work.

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