

# EPMA Pari Mutual Conference

*on the funding  
and integrity of sports and betting*

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## Initiative reports

The concept of initiative reports is mentioned in rule 45 of the rules of procedure of the European Parliament

An initiative report is drawn up by a specific committee on a subject within its competence.

## The concept of integrity

- The competences of Member States and EU
- The culture and tradition in Member States
- Money and taxes
- The objective of gambling –should there be a liberalised market and can gambling activities be considered a service in the traditional economic sense of the word?

# Terms of reference

- How can a transparent online gambling market be created which safeguards the public and consumer interest?
- How can the integrity of online gambling operators be improved and how can problems of fraud be tackled?
- Does the online gambling industry cause consumer detriment and how can it be quantified?
- Is there a need for a code of conduct for the industry, what elements should it contain, and how can it be enforced?

## Why this report?

- Highlight the need for further discussion and knowledge due to the current growth and development in the field of online gambling
- Encourage the Commission and Council to react to the growth of online gambling and the challenges this growth entails.

## The process

- 149 amendments
- Compromise drafting before the vote
- Vote in committee February 11
- Plenary vote in March

## Need for legislation

- The need to protect consumers from fraud when they gamble
- The need for greater transparency on the gambling markets in order to prevent money laundering and match fixing
- The need for knowledge about what is going on in the field of gambling – there is no doubt we need information and data about this

# Stakeholders

- **MEPs**
- **Gambling operators (monopolists as well as competitive operators)**
- **Representatives from Member States**
- **Consumer representatives**
- **Industry associations**
- **Sports organisations**
- **Recipients of gambling revenue (social organisations)**
- **The media**