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EPIS

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How to modernize and optimize EPIS ?

EPIS

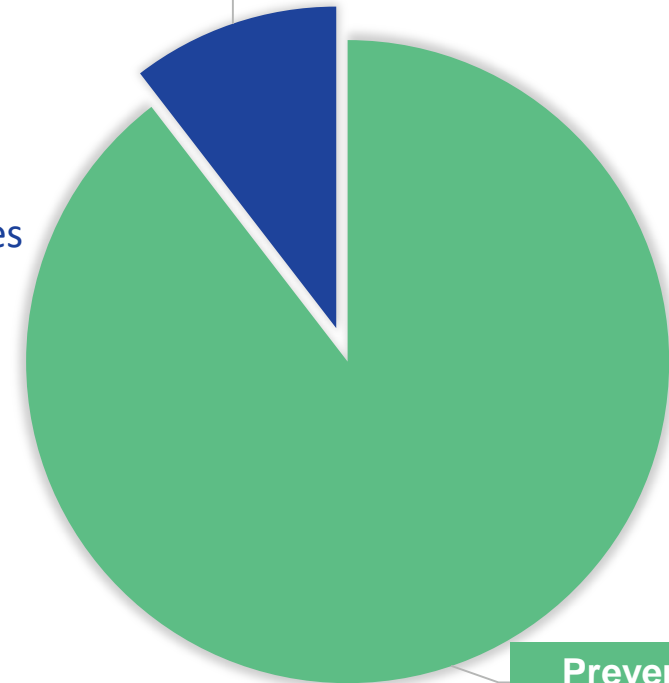


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- Implemented since 2004
- Electronic system, unique in Europe
- Unique prevention system, not a barometer for problematic behaviour
- Includes all persons that are banned to enter casinos and slot machine arcades
- Exclusion can have different origins (with current figures) :
 - **Professional activities - 58.000 persons**
(police services, magistrates, bailiffs, notaries)
 - **Judicial decision – 168.000 persons**
 - **Collective debt settlement – 94.000 persons**
 - **Personal initiative – 38.500 persons**
Auto-exclusion or exclusion requested by a third party (close to the player)

Linked to gaming behaviour: 38.500 (11%)



Preventive exclusions
(89%)

Land-based



Effectiveness?

- Effective system, used as an example in other regulated markets: USA, Switzerland, Slovenia,...
- High reliability based on
 - Physical control of document and person who submits it
 - Digital control via the Gaming Commission

What's next?

- If we want to ensure full coverage, EPIS control should be applied to all legal games of chance, including betting and lottery games

Online



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Effectiveness?

- High, but probably lower than in land-based, due to difficulties ensuring that used document belongs to person using it

What's next?

- On top of EPIS control, introduce digital ID systems that offer a direct consultation of the National Register
- In the current situation, other identification methods should remain in use, otherwise we will harm the channelization function of the legal sector

- EPIS should be implemented in all land-based games
- Online, digital ID systems
 - will complement EPIS and reinforce the effectiveness
 - Can only be made mandatory, if channelization is not harmed
- EPIS = is an effective prevention tool, but
 - not a barometer for, nor a cure of problematic gaming behaviour

Concluding remarks



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