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# Gambling Law in Europe: current evolution and future forms

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# Current Evolution

## Heterogeneous developments in European jurisdictions

### Belgium

Draft gambling amendment law – doc. no. 2006A02430.017

### France

Pre-legislative report to the Prime Minister -

[http://www.premierministre.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/04.23\\_Rapport\\_de\\_Bruno\\_Durieux.pdf](http://www.premierministre.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/04.23_Rapport_de_Bruno_Durieux.pdf)



# Current Evolution

## Heterogeneous developments in European jurisdictions (cont.)

### Germany

Interstate compact

### Spain

Senate's "non-legislative proposal"

### Sweden

Pre-legislative report to the Finance Minister -  
<http://www.regeringen.se/sb/d/108/a/56935>



# Current Evolution

## Heterogeneous developments in European jurisdictions (cont.)

### Switzerland

Popular initiative “for gambling in the service of the common good” - <http://www.gemeinwohl.ch/page-de-1.html>

### European Union

ECJ jurisprudence



# Current Evolution

## Visible Trends

### Towards privatisation / de-monopolisation

- betting
- skill gaming in casino sector
- media gambling

### Towards nationalisation / re-monopolisation

- lotteries
- machine gambling outside casinos



# Current Evolution

## Forces Visibly at Play

### Domestic interests

- pressure groups
- public finances

### External forces

- EU Internal Market
- trading interests
- globalisation



# Future Forms

## Balance of Domestic Interests

- demographic change
- technological change
- development of financing models

## Effects of External Forces

- European Union at several speeds
- development of ECJ jurisprudence
- WTO negotiations





# Impassioned Pleas and Dispassionate Study

## Passion

## Dispassionate Study

- insufficient fundamental research
  - independent financing required
- fragmented studies
  - specific to individual sectors and social conditions
  - too little cross-border coordination
- law and economics deserve more academic attention
  - Australia, Canada, USA as models



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