Dual licensing and supervision of slot machines in the Netherlands

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Coordinating role NGA

- Coordinating role explicitly also means advice to municipalities about their supervision tasks

- Municipalities have supervision tasks combatting illegal gambling, small (short term) lotteries and slot machines

- combatting illegal gambling → long term strong cooperation between NGA (enforcement section) and municipalities/police

- small lotteries → advice occasionally or in relation to specific problems

- licensing and supervising slot machines → many questions
Slot machines: dual licensing and supervision

For exploitation of slot machines three types of licenses are required:
- license to operate
- license for the technical requirements
- premises license

**NGA grants:**
- license to operate: integrity assessment on slot machine owners
- license for technical requirements and pay-out ratios

**Municipalities grant:**
- premises license

Parallel tasks NGA and municipalities with regards to supervision of responsible gambling requirements and age restrictions

Municipalities also supervise non-gambling regulations such as the building code, parking permits and regulations concerning noise and alcohol.
Need for cooperation

The NGA has built up a large body of knowledge and expertise of gambling licensing and supervision.

Municipalities often do not have the scale to create or maintain such specialized knowledge.

Many questions about regulation and supervision of slot machine halls.
Guidance paper: process

• Netherlands: +/- 380 municipalities in total, +/- 150 have slot machine halls, many municipalities with slot machines in pubs)

• In 2017/2018 NGA consulted approximately 20 municipalities

• Focus consultation: supervision on responsible gambling
• Outcome consultation: municipalities could use more detailed knowledge of applicable regulation

• Spring 2018: NGA wrote a guidance paper
• Early summer 2018: NGA held a public consultation
• August 2018: final version
Guidance paper: content

• Description of licensing system (3 licenses, other policy areas, slot machine halls versus slot machines in pubs)

• Legal obligations for licensees to prevent gambling addiction

• Options for municipalities for (improvement of) supervision

Examples:
• license condition to have a prevention of addiction policy
• supervision on prevention minors from gambling
• supervision on RG training requirement

Also: standard models for license
Follow up

• publication website August 2018
• communication towards municipalities
• annual update of the guidance paper
DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?