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Promoting the Mental Health of Children and Youth by Addressing the Risks of Online Gambling and Gaming

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PROGRAMME

28 – 29 January 2025
HOTEL QUIRINALE
(Via Nazionale, 7 - 00184 Rome)
Rome, Italy

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<p>9.00 – 9.30</p>	<p>Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nathalie BERGER – Director for Support to Member State reforms, European Commission (video recording) • Paolo MOLINARI – Head of the Department for Antidrug Policies, Presidency of the Council of Ministers of Italy • Denis HUBER – Executive Secretary, Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe
<p>9.30 – 10.00</p>	<p>Keynote Speech</p> <p>Prevalence and Characteristics of Online Gambling and Gaming Among Children and Youth, Including in the Context of other Internet Use-related Addictive Behaviours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orsolya KIRÁLY – Department of Clinical Psychology and Addiction Institute of Psychology, ELTE Eötvös Loránd University
<p>10.00 – 11.00</p>	<p>Introductory Session: TSI project presentation</p> <p>Context and Objectives of the TSI Project, Current Challenges and Plans in Italy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elisabetta SIMEONI – General Director, Department for Antidrug Policies of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of Italy • Claudia MORTALI – First Investigator, National Centre on Addiction and Doping of the National Institute of Health • Adele MINUTILLO – Investigator, National Centre on Addiction and Doping of the National Institute of Health • Elisa BENEDETTI – Researcher, National Research Council - Institute of Clinical Physiology <p>Project Overview: Key Components and Expected Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orsolya LIBIC – Programme Manager, Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe <p>The Pompidou Group's Policy Paper and Expert Report on Strategies and Regulatory Options Aimed at Reducing Risks and Harms related to Online Gaming and Gambling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elena HEDOUX – Programme Manager, Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe
<p>11.00 – 11.20</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p> <p>Group photo</p>
<p>11.20 – 12.40</p>	<p>Session 1: Experiences and Challenges in Strengthening National Policy Interventions and Regulatory Frameworks</p> <p>Legislative Changes Related to Gambling in Croatia and their Policy Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mia MARDEŠIĆ – Head of Department for Behavioural Addictions Programmes, Croatian Institute of Public Health <p>Regulatory Challenges Related to Advertising, Marketing, and Sponsorship of Gambling Activities in Czechia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel GALANDAK – Government Counselor on Gambling Policy, National Monitoring Center for Drugs and Addictions of Drug Policy Department, Government Office of the Czech Republic <p>Tools of the Gambling Supervisory Authority in Hungary to Prevent Risky Youth Gambling, and the Importance of Differentiation with Online Gaming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Anna FAGGYAS – Policy Officer, Supervisory Authority for Regulatory Affairs of Hungary

	<p>The Swiss Experience: National Strategy on Addiction and Concrete Actions Targeting Youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jann SCHUMACHER – Head of Section, Prevention in Society and Workplace, Federal Office of Public Health, Switzerland
12.40 – 14.00	Buffet Lunch
14.00 – 15.20	<p>Session 1: Experiences and Challenges in Strengthening National Policy Interventions and Regulatory Frameworks (cont.)</p> <p>Including Online Gaming in the National Strategic Framework and Promoting Evidence-Based Practices by the Cyprus National Addictions Authority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria MATHEOU – Policy Officer, Cyprus National Addictions Authority • Eva SYMEONIDOU – Policy Officer, Cyprus National Addictions Authority <p>Collaboration with the Private Sector – Setting up a National Consultative Forum on Problematic Internet Use in Portugal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • João Pedro Magalhães RIBEIRO – Senior Expert, Department of Integrated Intervention, Institute on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies • Andreia RIBEIRO – Clinical Psychologist, Referral and Integrated Care Unit, Department of Integrated Intervention, Institute on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies • Carla FRAZAO – Social Worker and addictive behaviours prevention specialist, National Institute for Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies <p>Strategies and Mechanisms for Digital Protection of Children and Adolescents in Mexico</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adrián Antonio JUÁREZ CHÁVEZ – Deputy Director, Secretary of Security and Civil Protection
15.20 – 16.00	<p>Discussion: Common Narratives and Arguments Structuring National Reform Processes</p> <p>Country interventions from the floor</p>

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9.00 – 10.00	<p>Session 2: Current Responses in the Field of Mental Health Prevention, Treatment and Risk and Harm Reduction</p> <p>Polish Lessons Learned in Excessive Gaming Prevention and Treatment Experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luiza SŁODOWIK-PRZYBYŁEK – Specialist, Department of Research, Monitoring and International Cooperation, National Centre for Prevention of Addictions • Dr Magdalena ROWICKA – Assistant Professor, Academy of Special Education named after M. Grzegorzewska <p>“Don’t gamble away your love for sports” – A Flemish campaign aimed at protecting young members of sports clubs against the risks of sports betting in Belgium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan DELEENER – Flemish Expert Center on Alcohol and Other Drugs <p>Risks and opportunities of using player data in the field of harm prevention, reduction and research – experiences from Finland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mari PAJULA – Senior Specialist, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health
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<p>10.40 – 11.00</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>11.00 – 12.00</p>	<p>Session 3: Understanding the Target Group: Opportunities and Challenges for Reaching Children, Youth and their Parents</p> <p>How Digital Technology Affects Youth Wellbeing and Mental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amira SKEGGS – Founder of Kindred social enterprise, PhD, University of Cambridge <p>From Pre-teens to Young Adults: Online Gambling and Gaming Across Key Developmental Stages (11-24) in the Maltese context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Richard MUSCAT – Chair, National Addictions Advisory Board, Ministry for Social Policy and Children’s Rights, Valletta, Malta • Professor Marilyn CLARK – Department of Psychology, Faculty of Social Wellbeing, University of Malta • Dr Anna GRECH – Department of Psychology, Faculty of Social Wellbeing, University of Malta <p>Challenges in Slovenia: Insights from HBSC Research and National Data on Adults Aged 19 for Improving Awareness Raising Among Children, Youth and Parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Mateja MARKL – Psychologist, Ministry of health, Directorate for public health
<p>12.00 – 12.40</p>	<p>Panel Discussion: Respecting the Rights and Interests of Children, Youth and Parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manon BAERT – EU Advocacy & Policy Officer, 5Rights Foundation • Hermínio CORREA – Member of the Supervisory Board of Parents International; Chair of the Civil Society Committee on the Rights of the Child in Europe of the INGO Conference of the Council of Europe • Lorenzo BROCCINI – Psychotherapist, National Association for Technological Addictions, Pathological Gambling and Cyberbullying, Italy <p>Discussion</p>
<p>12.40 – 13.00</p>	<p>Closing Remarks and Conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paolo MOLINARI – Head of the Department for Antidrug Policies, Presidency of the Council of Ministers of Italy • Denis HUBER – Executive Secretary, Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe • Ciresica FEYER – Deputy Head of Unit, DG REFORM’s Unit Labour Market, Education, Health and Social Services, European Commission