



# A LOOK BEHIND THE SCENES - TAKING RESPONSIBLE GAMING SERIOUSLY

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#### **WE HAVE A SPECIAL MISSION**

- Almost all adult Finns play our games
- Our task is to
  - Prevent gambling related harm
  - Bring over one billion euros yearly for the common good
  - Defend the market share by providing superior gaming experience and customer satisfaction



#### PEOPLE AT VEIKKAUS VERY COMMITED TO

> UNDERSTAND THE CHANGES AND REASONS BEHIND PROBLEM GAMBLING
> FIND WAYS TO BOOST RESPONSIBLE GAMING





#### THE BEST WAY TO OPERATE GAMING IN FINLAND

customers

Best games and services

All games in one

location

Preventing

problem

gambling

Tools for gaming control

beneficiaries

Over one billion euros a year for the common good

> Optimal and steady development prospects

society

Merger reinforces

the national

system

Preventing fraud



#### FINNISH GAMING MARKET AND VEIKKAUS 2018

**€3,155 M**TURNOVER

**86%** VEIKKAUS MARKET SHARE\*

**€1,014** M (-0.7%) RESULT

**44%** PLAYS IDENTIFIED

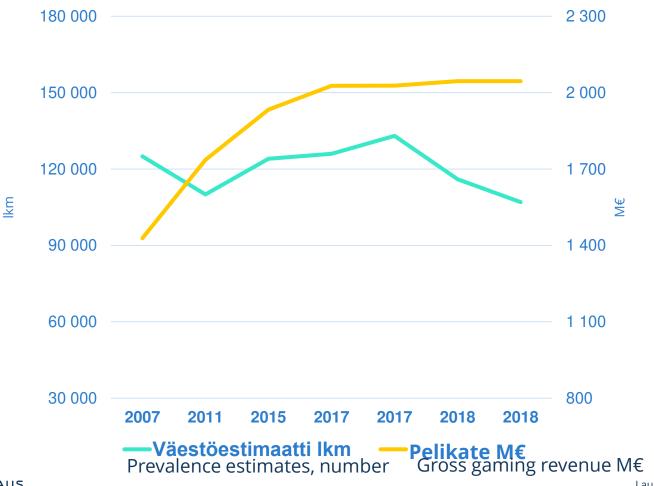
**42%** SHARE OF DIGITAL GAMING

\*In terms of GGR



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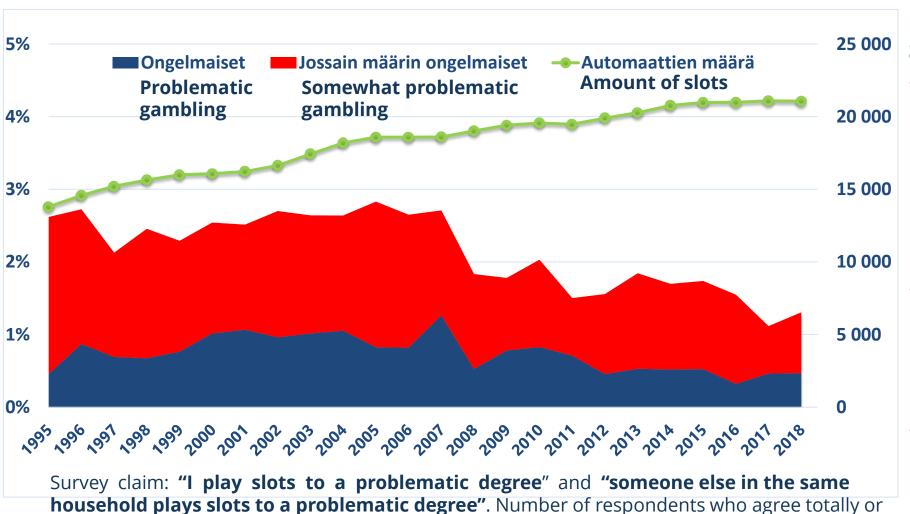
## DEVELOPMENT OF PROBLEM GAMBLING PREVALENCE AND THE GROSS GAMING REVENUE IN 2007-2018



- The graph shows the overall gaming revenue in Finland, including an estimate for gaming abroad
- Problem gambling prevalence estimates 2007-2015 are from the Surveys of National Institute of Heath and welfare (THL)
- Estimates from 2017-2018 originate from Taloustutkimus' surveys conducted by Veikkaus
- All the surveys used SOGS and on every survey about 5,000 people were interviewed

## SHARE OF PEOPLE PLAYING SLOTS TO A PROBLEMATIC DEGREE IN 1995-2018

SOURCE: TALOUSTUTKIMUS POPULATION SURVEY. A TOTAL OF 4,000 ANNUAL RESPONDENTS



somewhat.

#### **Summary**

 Problem gambling has decreased during the research period although the number of slots has risen by about 50%!

#### Note

- The steep decline in 2007-2008 is probably due, in particular, to the transition of young men to online poker and online casinos
- Error margin of +/- 0.45 percentage points

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## CONCENTRATION OF GAMING IN FINLAND: 7% OF THE PLAYERS BRING 50% OF GROSS GAMING REVENUE (GGR)

- Based on THL's problem gambling survey, gaming is more and more concentrated
  - 2016: 4,4% of the players bring 50% of GGR
  - 2017: 2,2% of the players bring 50% of GGR
- Based on Taloustutkimus' problem gambling survey (ordered by Veikkaus), 5,9% of the players bring 50% of GGR
- Based on Veikkaus' gaming data, 6,9% of the players bring 50% of GGR

Note: Gaming data gives precise results, whereas the result of surveys (THL and Taloustutkimus) are directive since the respondents have been asked to estimate their own spend on gaming (without defining whether they mean purchases or losses).

Amount of players bringing 50%	of GGR:
- THL 2016	4,4 %
- THL 2017	2,2 %
- Taloustutkimus/Veikkaus	5,9 %
- Veikkaus' gaming data 2018	6,9 %

#### WE TAKE RESPONSIBLE GAMING SERIOUSLY

1. GAMING LIMITS

Mandatory gaming limits have been effective

2. IDENTIFIED GAMING

 Higher identification rate gives us more tools to boost responsible gaming – about 45% plays identified

3. RESPONSIBLE GAMING

Veikkaus prevents gaming related harms in many ways



## 1. GAMING LIMITS

#### MANDATORY GAMING LIMITS HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE

#### **Mandatory gaming limits**

- Veikkaus launched mandatory gaming restrictions in December 2017 → Loss limit + Money transfer limit
- Gaming limits reduced the growth of the GGR in the digital channel in 2018 by ca. 21 MEUR

#### Limits reduce mostly gambling of heavy players

- 85% of the revenue cut that is caused by loss limits is targeting to decile that is gambling most
- 75% of the revenue cut that is caused by money transfer limit comes from the top decile





## 2. IDENTIFIED GAMING

#### **ABOUT 45% PLAYS IDENTIFIED**

#### Connection to the responsible gaming

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#### Benefits for the customer

- Prizes paid safely to the winners' bank or game accounts
- Tools for the self-control of gaming
- Benefits, draws and experiences
- More games to play and better chances of winning
- Elite sports and horse races broadcast on a free TV service
- A customer panel where the customers can influence, e.g., product development





### 3. RESPONSIBLE GAMING

## WE PREVENT GAMING RELATED HARMS IN MANY WAYS



Everyone needs to set mandatory limits to control gaming.



In marketing, we do not give a false idea of winning. We identify the risk players and communicate about responsible gaming.

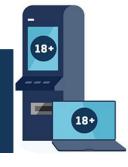


We tell about the risks.

All game ideas undergo a responsibility evaluation.



We monitor age limits.





We finance research by 2,5 MEUR and Finnish Gambling Helpline by 1 MEUR per a year.



#### **OVER ONE BILLION A YEAR FOR THE COMMON GOOD**

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