

EGHPN

EUROPEAN GAMBLING HARM PREVENTION NETWORK

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LET`S MINIMIZE GAMBLING HARMS TOGETHER.



About us

- ✓ The European Gambling Harm Prevention Network (EGHPN) was created for European NGOs working on gambling-related harm prevention and reduction.
- ✓ **At EGHPN we listen, learn, share, and advocate.**
- ✓ The network does not take accept money, sponsorship or other benefits from the gambling industry or any of its social aspects organizations.



What do we do?

- ✓ EGHPN brings NGOs around Europe together to share experiences, knowledge, ideas, and perspectives.
- ✓ Networking gives us the resources we need to make an international impact on gambling policies and regulations.
- ✓ At EGHPN we concentrate on prevention, treatment, and counselling for people at risk from gambling harm including their families, significant others, relatives, and friends.
- ✓ We work at individual, communal, societal, and international levels.

Mission

- ✓ We advocate gambling harm prevention and reduction through evidence-based strategies. We develop policies to prevent and reduce gambling related harm.
- ✓ We keep a close eye on future trends and weak signals regarding gambling.
- ✓ We give a voice to those affected by gambling harm.
- ✓ We share our knowledge, experiences, best practices, and inform about new relevant research data.
- ✓ We strive to get gambling harm prevention and reduction on the agenda of states, influential international organizations and NGOs.

Vision

At EGHPN we vision a world where...

...gambling policies and practices reduce gambling related harms in the society.

...everybody is informed about the risks of gambling.

...people at risk from gambling harm get the best possible protection.

...help is accessible for everyone in need.

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What we've done so far?

Webinar: Introducing our best gambling harm prevention practices (Oct. 27, 2021)

- 68 attendants

Webinar with Greo - Evaluation as a vital contributor to evidence-based safer gambling efforts
(April 28, 2022)

- 23 attendants

Webinar: Introducing our best gambling harm prevention practices vol. 2 (Nov. 2, 2022)

- 30 attendants

Network Meetings

- 3-4 times / year

Newsletters

- 3-4 times / year
- 110 subscribers

Networking worldwide

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EGHPN.ORG

- ✓ 18,922 individual visitors since opening in Nov. 2021
- ✓ 3044 separate visitors in May 2023
- ✓ 51 different countries

facebook

- ✓ Facebook.com/eghpn
- ✓ 148 followers

Mailing list

- ✓ 110 subscribers
- ✓ 59 different organizations
- ✓ 25 countries

Linked in.

- ✓ LinkedIn.com/company/eghpn
- ✓ 108 followers

eghpn.org has reached:



Albania	Czechia	Italy	Pakistan	Spain
Australia	Denmark	Japan	Panama	Sweden
Austria	Estonia	Latvia	Poland	Taiwan
Belgium	Finland	Luxembourg	Portugal	Turkey
Brazil	France	Malawi	Republic of Korea	Ukraine
Bulgaria	Germany	Malaysia	Romania	United Kingdom
Cambodia	Gibraltar	Malta	Russia	United States
Canada	Greece	Netherlands	Serbia	
China	India	New Zealand	Seychelles	
Croatia	Ireland	Nigeria	Singapore	
Cyprus	Isle of Man	Norway	Slovak Republic	



Membership

EGHPN will accept individual members or NGOs working on preventing and reducing gambling-related harms at individual, communal and societal levels.

Members will be asked to make a financial contribution to support the operating costs:

- ✓ **Organizations 300 € /year**
- ✓ **Individuals 50 € /year**

Payment information will be sent directly to approved applicants. EGHPN operates under EHYT Finnish Association for Substance Abuse Prevention. EGHPN and EHYT will not be accepting any money from the gambling industry.

Apply for membership -> eghpn.org/member

Membership benefits

- Activities: Webinars, meetings, conferences, campaigns
- Sharing best practices, experiences, knowledge, research data
- Supporting members by offering political support and consultation services
- Newsletters (3-4/y), blog texts, sharing members' publications
- Advocacy work: Commenting on policy discussions, taking part in policy processes as a network
- Resources to make a national and an international impact on gambling policies and regulations
- Members logo's on eghpn.org



Gambling Harm Awareness Week 2023

25.-29.9.2023 (week 39)

- ✓ EGHPN is organizing a Gambling Harm Awareness Week in September 2023
- ✓ Preparing our own materials to share on social media
- ✓ Going Europe-wide by sharing campaign materials
- ✓ Webinar on Thursday 28.9.2023

Gambling Harm Awareness Week 2023

TOPICS

- ❖ MONDAY 25.9.2023: Advertising
- ❖ TUESDAY 26.9.2023: Young people
- ❖ WEDNESDAY 27.9.2023: Affected others
- ❖ THURSDAY 28.9.2023: Stigma
- ❖ FRIDAY 29.9.2023: Signposting- Highlighting that people are not alone.



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COMIC COMPETITION

EGHPN organizes a Europe-wide comic competition for young people - the winning pieces will be used as a part of the content for the campaign.

- ✓ Accepting entries until: 30.6.2023
 - ✓ Winner announcement: 31.8.2023
- More about the competition: eghpn.org/competition2023

Upcoming events



- ✓ August/September 2023: Network Meeting
- ✓ 25.-29.9.2023: Gambling Harm Awareness Week
- ✓ 28.9.2023: Webinar
- ✓ October/November 2023: Network Meeting

FOR DETAILS GO TO [EGHPN.ORG/EVENTS](https://eghpn.org/events)

Challenges



- ✓ The funding
- ✓ Advocacy work at the EU/WHO level
- ✓ The workload of the board
- ✓ Different cultures in different countries
- ✓ How to reach out to Eastern and Southern Europe?
- ✓ It is relatively easy to start a network but how to make it grow and to establish itself?

Thank you for your attention!

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*Together we are stronger and can
prevent harms caused by gambling.*

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