

**Chamber of Commerce of Producers and Operators of  
Amusement Equipment**

**POLAND - COUNTRY REPORT 2008**

**1. AWP**

According to the data published by Ministry of Finance ([www.mf.gov.pl](http://www.mf.gov.pl)) we are presenting main figures concerning gambling in Poland. To show processes in the area of AWP in attachment we are presenting data from 2005 with change to previous year.

All data concerning AWP still growing year to year. This branch is still one of the most fast developed in Poland. Knowing data from other European countries our market is closer to be saturated. Observations of the current Polish market push throw change in our assumptions about saturation of the market. Currently a range of 50 000 - 75 000 seems to be optimal for Poland under current legislation.

**2. GAMBLING**

Previous year were next one with growth in the area of gambling arcades. We observe more companies which are interested to acting in this area. In the same time "old" companies changed they own location policy to the smaller cities. After few years of small growth in this sector we can expect stabilization in 2009 in this area. Data concerning gambling arcades is presented in attachment.

**3. CASINOS**

In the year 2008 only one casino opening take place in Poland. Olimpic Entertainment Group opened casino in Kielce. Data concerning casinos is presented in attachment.

In total, all areas of our activity (AWP, gaming arcades, casinos) shows significant growth in 2008 in compare with 2007.

## 4. CHAMBER ACTIVITY

Our Chamber's activity last year was dedicated to avoid any amendments of the Act of games of chance and mutual wagering. Ministry of Finance prepared **4 (FOUR)** subsequent drafts of the amendments concerning various aspects of the area of AWP sector in Poland.

Firstly (April, 2008) Ministry of Finance tried to delete all barriers in localization of gaming arcades and casinos in Poland.

In June 2008, Ministry tried to introduce new kind of tax – 10% extra charge paid by the player; resources from above extra charges were planned for organization of UEFA EURO 2012 in Poland.

In August 2008, Ministry tried to introduce new supervision rules for gaming sector in Poland – they forced swap of competences from Ministry of Finance to Custom Office.

Due to mass protest from all sectors of gaming further proceedings were stopped. We are deeply aware that the real aim of all above mentioned amendment activities is introducing new kind of services - video lotteries run by state monopole acting currently only in number games sector in Poland.

Attachment:

Financial data for all sectors of gaming in Poland for the years 2005 – 2008