



EUROMAT Statement on Responsible Gambling

- 1 The European Gaming and Amusement Industry represented by EUROMAT provides citizens with a service that society demands: regulated entertainment and gaming in public places with the appropriate controls.
- 2 It is our aim that all those involved in the provision of these services do so in the best possible way, respecting the legitimate interests of all parties involved – citizens, site owners, operators, administrations – while contributing to the prevention of any damaging consequences of our activity for more vulnerable individuals.
- 3 We wish and need to co-operate with those involved in the regulation of our sector to make “Amusement With Prizes” what it is meant to be: a safe, reasonably priced and properly regulated entertainment experience.
- 4 A person exercising a rational and sensible choice and acting upon that choice based on his/her individual circumstances and awareness of the intention of the entertainment experience and its limitations is what we understand to be a “Responsible Gambler”.
- 5 With all the above in mind, EUROMAT urges its member associations, and through them, the entire gambling sector, to co-operate with national authorities, public and private institutions, user groups and organisations concerned with Responsible Gambling, in the development of prevention programmes to avoid the risks associated with the abuse or misuse of gaming devices and facilities.
- 6 EUROMAT understands the diversity of regulations and control practices existing in Europe, but considers that such diversity should not be an obstacle for a clear, honest and continued effort to promote Responsible Gambling within each jurisdiction.
- 7 To that end, EUROMAT encourages its Member Associations to promote or co-operate in specific programmes which make it possible for players to identify gambling operations that are run in agreement with the principles and practices of Responsible Gambling.

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EUROMAT is the European Gaming and Amusement Federation representing the interests of 17 national gaming and amusement associations in 14 European countries, namely Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Spain and the United Kingdom.

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