



## Invitation

6 – 7 November 2017 Helsinki, Finland

# The 1st Gambling Policy Conference: Global Prospects, Nordic Perspectives

Gambling policies involve a wide repertoire of governance tools. They can take a variety of shapes, concerning different kinds of gambling activities and situations. Regulations of gambling markets, of game production, provision and availability are typically justified in terms of curbing criminality, securing public funding and enhancing public health.

The Nordic countries have taken rather different routes in their gambling policies. Denmark has dismantled its gambling monopoly system, Sweden is in the process of loosening up its current monopoly system and Norway is considering the same. Finland has recently merged its three gambling monopoly operators into one big monopoly company.

*The 1st Gambling Policy Conference: Global Prospects, Nordic Perspectives* is a step towards establishing cooperation and a knowledge exchange in the area of gambling policies in the Nordic countries, with a global outlook. The international conference takes place at the National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), Helsinki, Finland 6-7 November 2017. It targets a broad audience of researchers, civil servants, decision-makers and civil society.

### Book launch

During the conference the book *Gambling, Science and Public Policy* (Babor et al., Oxford University Press) will be launched. The book, which is a collaboration between researchers from the Nordic countries and from the US, UK and Australia, presents knowledge and evidence on gambling policies.

### Registration

The participation is free of charge, participants cover their own travel and accommodation. **Please, register for the conference here:** <https://www.lyyti.fi/reg/gamblingpolicy>

### Call for posters

The conference will provide poster facilities for researchers. The organizers welcome posters within a wide thematic spectrum, including topics such as gambling policies in the Nordic countries or the EU, consumer protection, marketing, regulation, the public good and harm caused by gambling.



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In case you are interested in presenting a poster at the conference, send an abstract of no more than 300 words to [martina.lybeck\(at\)nordicwelfare.org](mailto:martina.lybeck@nordicwelfare.org). Include the following information:

- Title of the presentation
- Name(s) and affiliation(s) of the author(s)
- Email address of the first author

The size of the poster partition is 98 x 118 cm. Poster submission is open until 2 October 2017.

## Organisers

The conference is arranged in cooperation between the Nordic Welfare Center, the National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), the University of Helsinki Centre for Research on Addiction Control and Governance (CEACG) and the Finnish Foundation for Alcohol Studies (FFAS).

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