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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Arrival of the participants (transfers will not be organized)

18:30 – 19:15 **EL/WLA Welcome Desk** and Welcome Drink – Room Leonardo 2

19:15 – 21:30 Welcome Dinner – Room Leonardo 2

(The Room Leonardo 2 is located on the ground floor of the Marriott hotel)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AM

09:00 – 09:10 **Opening Introduction by the Moderator**

Laura DA SILVA, Founder, digitalRG, United Kingdom

09:10 – 09:25 **Welcome Addresses:**

- **Rosangela ROBBIANI**, Chief Public Affairs Officer, Sisal SpA, Italy
- **Sarah TAYLOR**, Chair of the WLA Corporate Social Responsibility Committee
- **Piet VAN BAEVEGHEM**, EL Secretary General

09:25 – 10:05 **KEYNOTE – SUSTAINABLE COMPANIES WIN – AND THE REASON IS CLEAR**

Paolo TATICCHI, Professor of Strategy and Sustainability and
Co-Director UCL Centre for Sustainable Business, University College London

Follow-up on Sisal implementation by **Marzia ALETTA**, Lottery Senior Director &
Davide NOVA, Lottery & Gaming Italy Marketing Senior Director, Sisal SpA, Italy

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RAISING THE BAR: NEW STANDARDS & GLOBAL INITIATIVE

10:05 – 10:20 *Update of the EL Responsible Gaming Standards and Framework*

Arno NAGELSCHMIED, RG Managing Director, Austrian Lotteries & Member of the EL Responsible Gaming & Sustainability Community of Experts

10:20 – 10:30 *Update on WLA Initiatives*

Lucile GOULARD, WLA Deputy Executive Director & **Mélissa AZAM**, WLA Project Coordinator

10:30 – 10:40 WLA Responsible Gaming Certification Ceremony

10:40 – 11:10 **COFFEE BREAK**

ORGANISATION

11:10 – 11:40 **BEST PRACTICE SESSION ON RESPONSIBLE GAMING GOVERNANCE**

- *Dark Patterns*, by **Pauline FIEUX**, Head of Responsible Gaming, La Française des Jeux, France
- *Governance for Good: Sustainable frameworks to elevate RG* by **Kelly BLEAKLEY**, Senior Manager – Social Purpose, Lotto New Zealand

11:40 – 11:55 *Sustainability – Understanding the Empowering Consumers Directive*

Stefania COLOMBO, Senior Director of Global Sustainability, Brightstar Lottery, Italy and **Susanna SAIKKONEN**, Sustainability Director, Veikkaus Oy, Finland

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- 11:55 – 12:35 **KEYNOTE – AI FOR HUMAN-TECH SYNERGY: A RESPONSIBLE BET TO SHAPE THE FUTURE**
Simone ROSATI, Executive Coach, International Keynote Speaker & Integral Leadership & Human-Tech Synergy Expert, BLOOM SRL, Italy
- 12:35 – 12:50 WLA Contributor – Scientific Games
- 12:50 – 13:05 *New AI-based model for detecting risky behaviours in online lottery play (FDJ Protect)*
Vincent PERROTIN, Chief Sustainability Officer, La Française des Jeux, France
- 13:05 – 14:00 **LUNCH**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 PM

PLAYER PROTECTION

- 14:00 – 14:40 **KEYNOTE – RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING BUILT TO MATTER: LANGUAGE, EMPATHY AND PLAYER-CENTRED DESIGN**
Dr. Michael WOHL, Professor of Psychology at Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada
- 14:40 – 14:55 WLA Contributor – Pollard Banknote: *Informed Play is BETTER Play*
Kelley-Jaye Rosberg, Vice President, iLottery & Gaming Digital Engagement & **Julia Cloutier**, Senior Director Sales & Marketing, Pollard Banknote, Canada
- 14:55 – 15:10 *Introducing lower loss limits for young adults*
Bjørn-Helge HOFFMANN, Head of Responsible Gaming, Norsk Tipping, Norway

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15:10– 15:55 **From detection to impact: What works in preventive player interactions?**

- *Proactive messages (Spillepuls)*, by **Carly Grace ALLEN**, Senior UX Designer and Ph.D. Candidate, Norsk Tipping, Norway
- *"Check Your Gambling Habits" Campaign*, by **Tina DJINOVSKI**, Head of Sustainability and Stakeholder Engagement, Loterija Slovenije, Slovenia
- *Identified play reduces underage gambling and gambling-related harm among young players*, by **Eeva RISSANEN**, Development Manager, RG, Veikkaus Oy, Finland

15:55 – 16:10 WLA Contributor – Brightstar Lottery

16:10 – 16:40 **COFFEE BREAK**

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

16:40 – 17:40 **Panel discussions**

1 – Sustainability & Environment (Scope 3 emissions)

With

- **Kate CARLSON**, Director of CSR & Compliance, Hoosier Lottery, US

2 – Anticipating Tomorrow with WLA Independent Assessment Panel – What RG Challenges should the sector be preparing for?

With

- **Dr. Jeff DEREVENSKY**, Professor Emeritus & Director of Clinical Training, Department of Psychiatry, McGill University, Canada
- **Prof. Kahlil SIMEON-ROSE**, Associate Professor, Washington State University, US
- **Dr. Anke QUACK**, Head of Competence Centre for Player Protection & Prevention, Department of Psychosomatic Medicine and Psychotherapy, University Medical Centre Mainz, Germany
- **Anne PATTBERG**, Chair of the WLA RG IAP, Germany

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17:40 – 17:50 **Closing Words by the Moderator**

Laura DA SILVA, Founder, digitalRG, United Kingdom

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AM

09:00 – 09:10 **Opening Introduction by the Moderator**

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09:10 – 09:50 **KEYNOTE GAMBLING DUAL DISORDER. THE EXPECTATION NOT THE EXCEPTION**

Dr. Néstor SZERMAN, President of WADD (World Association on Dual Disorders), Institute of Psychiatry and Mental Health, Gregorio Marañón University Hospital, Spain

09:50 – 10:05 *From Prescriptive to Inspirational: How Communication is Redefining Responsible Gaming*

Stefano DE VITA, General Director – FAIR Foundation, Sisal SpA, Italy

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10:05 – 10:50 **Panel on Responsible Gaming research evolution and possible applications**

- Dr. **Michael WOHL**, Professor of Psychology at Carleton University, Canada
- Dr. **Steffen OTTERBACH**, Director of the Gambling Research Center, University of Hohenheim, Germany
- **Jade LUCHAUER**, Director of Global Responsible Gaming & Community, Brightstar Lottery SpA, Italy
- **Alev ŞAMAN**, Corporate Communications & CSR Director, Sisal Şans, Türkiye

Moderated by Laura DA SILVA

10:50 – 11:05 *WLA Contributor – OpenBet*

Dr. **Michael Auer**, Managing Director, Neccton, Austria

11:05 – 11:35 **COFFEE BREAK**

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11:35 – 12:15 **KEYNOTE – DECARBONIZATION**

Prof. **Jacopo BASSI**, Senior Manager, ALTIS Advisory, Italy

12:15 – 12:45 **BEST PRACTICE SESSION**

- *All innovators – Intrapreneurship for safer, smarter play* by **Davide ORFANELLI**, Open Innovation & Ecosystem Development Manager, Sisal SpA, Italy
- *Brightstar Sustainability Academy*, by **Gianmario TROVÒ**, Brightstar Lottery SpA, Italy

12:45 – 13:00 *Update on the EL Environmental Initiative*

Mélissa JACQUÉRIOZ, EL Senior Sustainability & Membership Officer

13:00 – 13:10 **Closing Words by the Moderator**

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13:10 – 14:15 **DEPARTURE LUNCH**

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