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The European Lotteries elects new Executive Committee and adopts important resolution on advertisement for gambling

Brussels, 31st May 2019 – The European Lotteries has elected its new Executive Committee and reappointed Hansjörg Höltkemeier as EL President for the period 2019–2021. The decision was made during EL’s General Assembly at the end of the 10th European Lotteries Congress “The Success of Chance”, in Antwerp, hosted by the Belgian National Lottery. [1]

Re-elected EL President Hansjörg Höltkemeier said, *“We have had three fantastic days at the special 10th edition of the European Lotteries Congress, with lots of exchanges, networking and new ideas. I am personally very happy to be re-elected after four successful years, and I look forward to continuing my work with the association, which serves for the benefit of society”*.

During the EL General Assembly, members adopted an important resolution on advertisement for games of chance. EL members call for a risk-based approach towards gambling advertisement, to safeguard the channelling role and the benefits of their games for society.



From left to right: Arjan van 't Veer (EL Secretary General), Fabio Cairoli, Jannie Haek, Olgierd Cieřlik, Stéphane Pallez, Robert Chvátal, Hansjörg Höltkemeier (EL President), Romana Dernovřek, Evgeniy Vlasenko, Nigel Railton and Jesús Huerta Almedro (Olli Sarekoski is not in the picture).

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The newly elected members of the EL Executive Committee are (in alphabetical order):

Fabio CAIROLI, Lottomatica (IT)

Robert CHVÁTAL, Sazka a.s. (CZ)

Olgierd CIEŚLIK, Totalizator Sportowy Sp. z.o.o. (PL)

Romana DERNOVŠEK, Loterija Slovenije, d.d. (SI)

Jannie HAEK, Loterie Nationale (BE)

Hansjörg HÖLTKEMEIER / Deutsche Klassenlotterie Berlin DKL B (DE)

Jesús HUERTA ALMENDRO, Sociedad Estatal de Loterías y Apuestas del Estado (SELAE) (ES)

Stéphane PALLEZ, La Française des Jeux (FDJ) (FR)

Nigel RAILTON, Camelot UK Lotteries Ltd. (UK)

Olli SAREKOSKI, Veikkaus Oy (FI)

Evgeniy VLASENKO, MSL (UA).

The 10th European Lotteries Congress “The Success of Chance” took place from 26th – 29th May in Antwerp, Belgium. Bringing together lotteries from across Europe and the rest of the world, the Congress was an occasion to discover how chance plays an important role in our lives and in the lottery sector. With a packed three-day programme, including high level speakers, networking, panel debates, breakout sessions and a Trade Show, the Congress united the core fundamental values of lotteries and was an opportunity to share insights for upcoming opportunities and challenges in the sector. [2]

Notes:

[1] The 10th EL Congress was hosted by Nationale Loterij – Loterie Nationale. More information here <https://www.el2019antwerp.be/>

[2] Congress Premium Partners: IGT, Scientific Games, Intralot & Semi-Premium partner Kambi

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About the European Lotteries

The European Lotteries Association (EL) is the European umbrella organisation of national lotteries operating games of chance for the public benefit. EL has members from more than 40 European countries including all EU Member States. The association’s EU members contribute more than 20 billion EUR p.a. to the state budgets and the funding of sport, culture, social projects, research and other causes of general interest. Unlike many commercial online gambling operators, EL members only offer gambling and betting services in the jurisdictions in which they are licensed by the respective national government.

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