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EL Statement: Postponement of EL Seminars and Events  
*Until 1 July 2020 due to COVID−19*

Due to the recent outbreak and rapid spread of the Coronavirus COVID−19, the EL Executive Committee had already taken the decision on 11 March 2020 to postpone all EL seminars and events initially scheduled to take place until 1 May 2020. This concerned the Data&Research Seminar (Prague, 18–20 March), the executive module of the EL Corporate University (Bucharest, 31 March–2 April) and the EL/WLA/GLMS Sport Integrity Seminar (Lausanne, 28–29 April).

Upon the uncertainty and unpredictable developments, EL has now decided to extend the postponement of its seminar programme until 1 July. With this decision, the Instant Games seminar (Tel Aviv, 16–18 June), kindly hosted by Mifal Hapais, will also be postponed to a later date.

It is further decided that the EL Industry Days (Manchester, 8–10 June) will not take place this year due to the uncertain situation. EL, as well as the EL Partners and hosting Lottery Camelot regret that this decision had to be taken but it is in the best interest of the safety and health of all.

All EL Working (sub)Group and other meetings shall in this period only take place via conference/video, with no physical meetings organised.

The safety and well-being of EL members and staff to EL Events and Seminars is EL management’s top priority. The rapid increase in the number of confirmed Coronavirus COVID−19 cases globally, the advice of health officials and governmental authorities, together with travel bans and lockdowns in place, reaffirms EL decision to postpone upcoming events and seminars until 1 July 2020.
The EL team will do its upmost to keep Members up to date with the latest developments. It will regularly monitor the situation in relation to COVID-19, following advice and indications from health and government authorities.

I thank you for your understanding and I am available for your questions.

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