

# Legislative developments in gambling

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### Ongoing legislative initiatives



1.[Pl-x 495/2023](#) - Draft Bill for amending and supplementing Government Emergency Ordinance no.77/2009 on the organization and operation of gambling and for supplementing the Annex to Government Ordinance no.99/2000 on the marketing of market products and services

*This [draft bill](#) aims to establish **additional conditions for the licensing and authorisation of gambling and the application of appropriate coercive measures to prevent gambling addiction.***

#### Initiative status:

On 12.09.2023 the draft bill was registered at the Chamber of Deputies (decision-making body), being sent for a report to the Committee for Economic Policy, the Committee for Budget, the Committee for Industries, and the Legal Committee (deadline for submitting amendments: 21.09.2023, deadline for issuing the report: 02.10.2023 ).

#### Next Steps:

-  Debate in the report committee of the decisional chamber (term: 02.10.2023)
-  Debate in the plenary session of the decisional chamber

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2.[Pl-x 700/2023](#) - Draft Bill on the approval of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 82 /2023 on the amendment and completion of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 77 /2009 on the organization and exploitation of gambling, as well as on the amendment of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 20/ 2013 regarding the establishment, organization and operation of the National Office for Games of Chance and for the amendment and completion of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 77/2009

*The [draft bill](#) approves [GEO 82/2023](#), which brings **amendments to the organization and exploitation of gambling activities in Romania.***

#### Initiative status:

On 06.11.2023 the draft bill was registered at the Chamber of Deputies (decisional forum), being sent for a joint report to the Committee for Economic Policy, the Budget Committee, the Committee for Industries and the Legal Committee (deadline for submitting amendments: 14.11.2023, deadline for issuing the report: 22.11. 2023).

#### Next Steps:

-  Debate in the report committee of the decisional chamber (term: 22.11.2023)



 Debate in the plenary session of the decisional chamber

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3.[Pl-x 709/2023](#) - Draft Bill for the amendment and completion of Emergency Ordinance no. 77 of June 24, 2009 regarding the organization and exploitation of gambling and Law no. 148 of July 26, 2000 regarding advertising

The [draft bill](#) brings **amendments to gambling advertising legislation**.

**Initiative status:**

On 06.11.2023 the draft bill was registered at the Chamber of Deputies (decisional forum), being sent for a joint report to the Committee for Economic Policy, the Budget Committee, the Committee for Industries and Services, the Committee for Culture, and the Legal Committee (deadline for submitting amendments: 14.11.2023, reporting deadline: 22.11.2023).

**Next Steps:**

 Debate in the report committee of the decisional chamber (term: 22.11.2023)

 Debate in the plenary session of the decisional chamber

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4.[Pl-x 690/2023](#) - Legislative proposal for the amendment of article 21 of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 77/2009 regarding the organization and exploitation of gambling

The [legislative proposal](#) **forbids the participation of the entire staff of the National Gaming Office (ONJN), therefore also the members of its Supervisory Committee, in the gambling activities operated in Romania by private legal entities.**

**Initiative status:**

On 30.10.2023 the legislative proposal was registered at the Chamber of Deputies (decisional forum), being sent for a joint report to the Committee for Economic Policy, the Budget Committee, the Committee for Industries, and the Legal Committee (deadline for submitting amendments: 07.11.2023, deadline for issuing the report: 15.11.2023 ).

**Next Steps:**

 Debate in the report committee of the decisional chamber (term: 15.11.2023)

 Debate in the plenary session of the decisional chamber

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5.[Pl-x 166/2023](#) - Draft Bill for amending and supplementing Government Emergency Ordinance No. 77/2009 on the organization and operation of gambling

This [draft bill](#) proposes to **forbid the operation of gambling halls within a radius of 300 meters around educational establishments and institutions**, children's playgrounds, credit institutions or non-banking financial institutions, cultural, health, social, and religious establishments, or within the perimeter delimited for them.

**Initiative status:**

On 20.03.2023 the draft law has been registered and submitted to the Chamber of Deputies and sent for **joint report** to the Committee on Economic Policy, the Committee on Budget, the Committee on Industry, the Committee on Education, the Committee on Culture and the Committee on Legal Affairs (deadline for tabling amendments: 28.03.2023, deadline for tabling report: 05.04.2023).

**Next Steps:**

-  Debate in the report committee of the decisional chamber (term: 05.04.2023)
-  Debate in the plenary session of the decisional chamber

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**6.PL-x 197/2023** - Legislative proposal to amend Government Emergency Ordinance No. 77 /2009 on the organization and operation of gambling

This [legislative proposal](#) provides for the **prohibition of street advertising or any form of advertising or marketing of gambling in open public spaces**.

**Initiative status:**

On 27.03.2023 the legislative proposal has been registered and submitted to the Permanent Bureau of the Chamber of Deputies and sent for **joint report** to the Committee on Economic Policy, the Committee on Budget, the Committee on Industry, the Committee on Education, the Committee on Culture and the Committee on Legal Affairs (Deadline for report: 12/04 /2023; Deadline for tabling amendments: 04/04/2023).

**Next Steps:**

-  Debate in the report committee of the decisional chamber (term: 12.04.2023)
-  Debate in the plenary session of the decisional chamber

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**7.PL-x 381/2023** - Legislative proposal to supplement Government Emergency Ordinance No. 77/2009 on the organization and operation of gambling

This [legislative proposal](#) stipulates that **gambling halls may not operate in localities with less than 5,000 inhabitants**, and in larger localities, they may not operate in residential or mixed-use buildings (on the ground floor of buildings) or within **300 meters of another gambling hall**.

**Initiative status:**

On 06.06.2023 the legislative proposal has been registered and submitted to the Permanent Bureau of the Chamber of Deputies and sent for **joint report** to the Committee on Economic Policy, the Committee on Budget, the Committee on Industry, the Committee on Education, the Committee on Culture and the Committee on Legal Affairs (Deadline for report: 19/06/2023; Deadline for amendments: 13/06/2023).

**Next Steps:**

-  Debate in the report committee of the decisional chamber (term: 19.06.2023)
-  Debate in the plenary session of the decisional chamber

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8.[Pl-x 135/2023](#) - Draft bill to supplement art. 29 of the Audiovisual Law no. 504/2002 as well as to amend and supplement Law no. 148/2000 on advertising

The [draft bill](#), supported by all parliamentary parties, provides for the **prohibition of gambling advertising under certain conditions**.

**Initiative status:**

On 06.03.2023 the draft bill was registered in the Chamber of Deputies (decisional forum) and sent for a **joint report** to the Committee for Economic Policy, the Budget Committee, the Committee for Industries, the Committee for Culture, and the Legal Committee (deadline for submitting amendments: 16.03.2023, deadline for issuing the report: 28.03.2023).

**Next Steps:**

-  Debate in the report committee of the decisional chamber
-  Debate in the plenary session of the decisional chamber

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9.[Pl-x 632/2023](#) - Legislative proposal for the amendment and completion of art. 1 of the Emergency Ordinance no. 77/2009 regarding the organization and exploitation of gambling

The [legislative initiative](#), signed by the AUR MPs, proposes that **casino and slot machine gambling can only take place in locations on the territory of tourist resorts of national or local interest**. These games can also be organized in other locations, only if their maximum stake is not higher than 0.5 euros (2.5 ron).

**Initiative status:**

On 23.10.2023 the legislative proposal was registered at the Chamber of Deputies and sent for a **joint report** to the Committee for Economic Policy, the Committee for the Budget, the Committee for Industries and the Legal Committee (deadline for submitting amendments: 31.10.2023, deadline for issuing the report: 08.11.2023).

**Next Steps:**

-  Debate in the report committee of the decisional chamber (term: 08.11.2023)
-  Debate in the plenary session of the decisional chamber

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10.[PI-x 395/2023](#) - Legislative proposal for amending and supplementing certain regulatory acts in the field of gambling advertising

*This [legislative proposal](#) **prohibits advertising and any promotional activity related to gambling**. Any form of audiovisual commercial communication in favour of gambling by public, cultural, scientific or sports personalities or any other person who may be opinion-formers is prohibited.*

**Initiative status:**

On 06.06.2023 the legislative proposal was registered at the Chamber of Deputies and sent for **joint report** to the Committee on Economic Policy, the Committee on Budget, the Committee on Industry, the Committee on Education, the Committee on Culture and the Committee on Legal Affairs (Deadline for report: 19/06/2023; Deadline for amendments: 13/06/2023).

**Next Steps:**

-  Debate in the report committee of the decisional chamber (term: 19.06.2023)
-  Debate in the plenary session of the decisional chamber

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