

German politicians to debate new regulatory models with international peers

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With Germany's State Treaty on Gambling in tatters following a series of negative court rulings, a conference in Berlin next week will see a number of politicians meet to debate regulatory alternatives with their counterparts from other European countries.

Organised by the Association of the German Internet Industry (eco) and taking place on February 25th, *'The Future of Digital Gambling – New State Control?'* brings together speakers from a number of political parties at both state and federal level.

The conference will look at alternative models for regulating online gambling in Germany, with speakers debating the economic significance of the country's iGaming market and the legal options available to federal and state governments should a new framework be formed.

The conference follows the European Court of Justice ruling earlier this month which found aspects of the State Treaty to be in contravention of European Union law, prompting many stakeholders to call for a complete overhaul of the country's gambling laws.

It will look at alternative European regulatory models, with speakers such as Danish Gambling Authority director Birgitte Sand and Schleswig-Holstein regulator Guido Schlütz set to debate best practice regulatory models during a panel discussion.

This will be followed by a debate focused specifically on who should regulate the market. The previous regulator, the Glücksspielkollegium, has been ruled unconstitutional and a panel comprising members of Germany's major political parties will discuss whether a single gambling authority is even necessary, considering the failure of the past incarnation.

The event will be closed by Dr Peter Harry Carstensen, former Minister President of Schleswig-Holstein, under whose leadership the state passed its European Commission-approved gambling legislation.

['The Future of Digital Gambling – New State Control?'](#) (DE) takes place on Thursday 25th February in Berlin.

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