

THE CHALLENGES AND ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF CROSS-BORDER ONLINE GAMBLING IN EUROPE – A CRIMINAL LAW APPROACH

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Abstract. *The very fast development of the online environment, in the context of different regulation policies of the European Union member states on online gambling, raises difficult problems for the criminal investigation of online gambling crimes that are committed cross-border. Currently there is a fervent concern at European level for gradually eliminating cross-border restrictions as regards gambling (with its subcategory, online gambling), but the criminal aspect of the matter and, most important, its economic implications, is not, at the moment, seen as a point of particular interest for specific regulation or discussion. The research developed in this paper is of theoretical value, meaning to underline and propose a possibly economically favorable approach to the matter stated above.*

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