

## **Compulsive Gambling Problem and Responsible Gaming in France**

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### **Abstract**

The compulsive gambling problem has always existed. Psychiatrists had patients with addiction problem only for 20 years. Since the state, the operators and the media didn't recognize this problem; gamblers didn't feel concern about it. But, for several years, a lot of new games had appeared, the media has relayed a lot of stories of compulsive gamblers and finally these problems had been identified like a real addiction by the government and the operators. I will explain how these processes of acknowledgement and the emergence of a new public policy around the compulsive gambling problem had modified depictions and practices of La Française des Jeux gamblers and has created a new standard for moderate gaming practices.

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