

Evaluation of gambling sector activity in Lithuania, Latvia, Slovak Republic and Czech Republic

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Purpose of the paper

The purpose is to evaluate the activity of the gambling sector in Lithuania, Latvia, Slovak Republic and Czech Republic.



Different understanding of gambling

- The definition of gambling is different in all evaluated countries, but in all definitions there are three main features that characterize gambling: payment, risk and unknown result;
- The comparative analysis of the legal acts revealed that in all countries there is at least one type of gambling game which is not considered as gambling in another country or does not exist at all, for example lotteries in Lithuania and Latvia are a different type of entertainment and are not considered as gambling.

Gambling sector regulation in the evaluated countries

- the assessment of legal regulation showed that all countries took actions against negative gambling sector effects to the national economies: illegal online gambling operators and problem gambling;
- adopted measures related to responsible gambling (Registers of excluded people from gambling) showed a great necessity in a short period of time.

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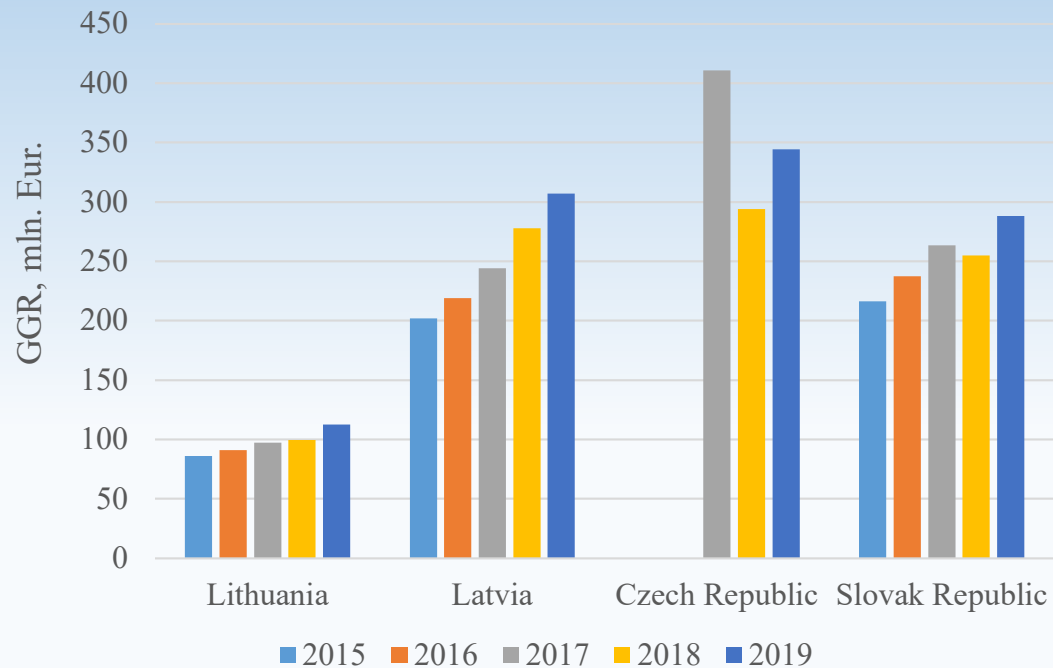


Figure 1. Total GGR* from gambling (without lotteries) in year 2015-2019, mln. Eur.

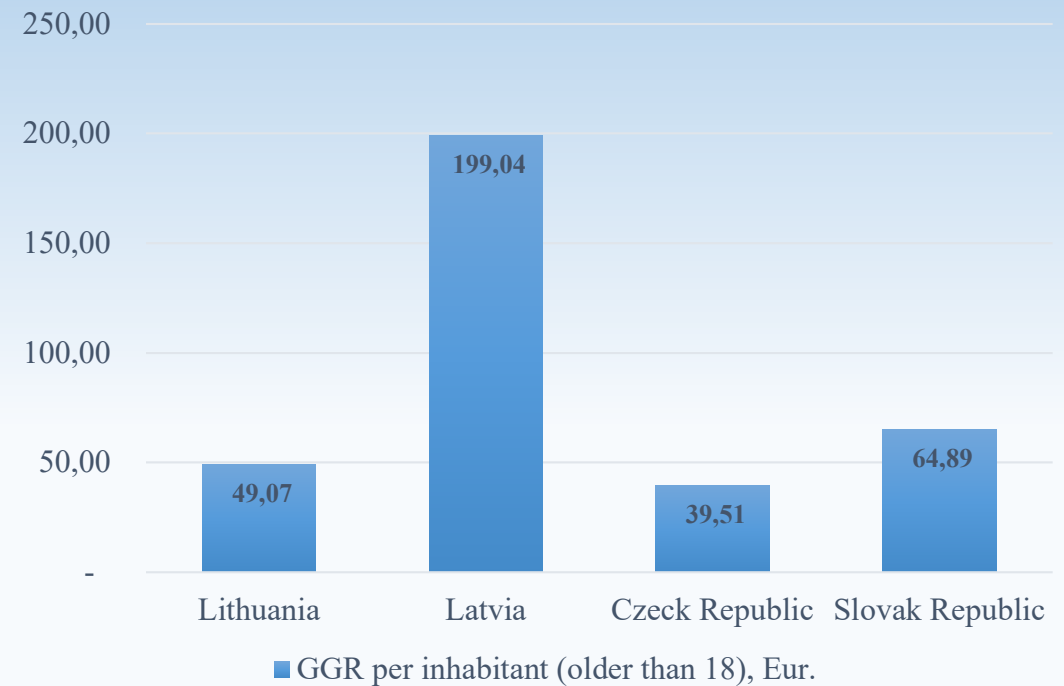


Figure 2. GGR per inhabitant (older than 18) (without lotteries) in year 2019, Eur.

*GGR (gambling gross revenue) = Amount wagered – Winnings

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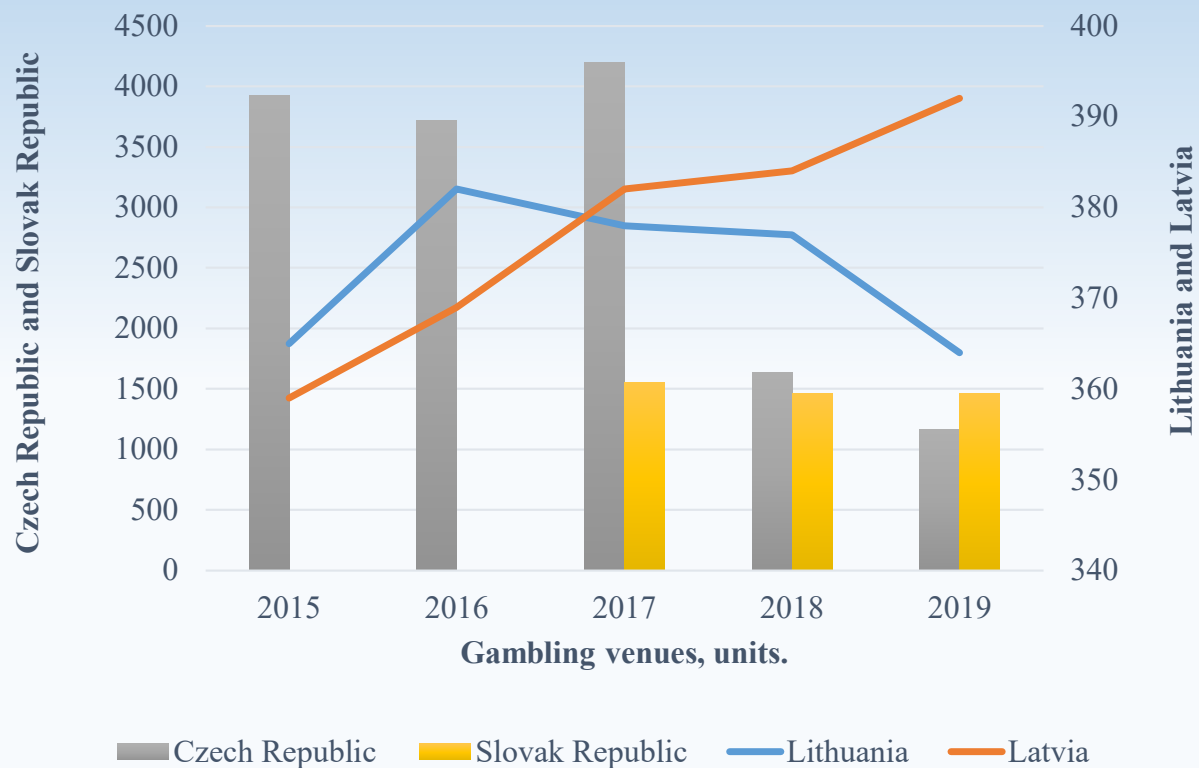


Figure 3. Change of the number of land-based gambling venues in year 2015 - 2019, units.

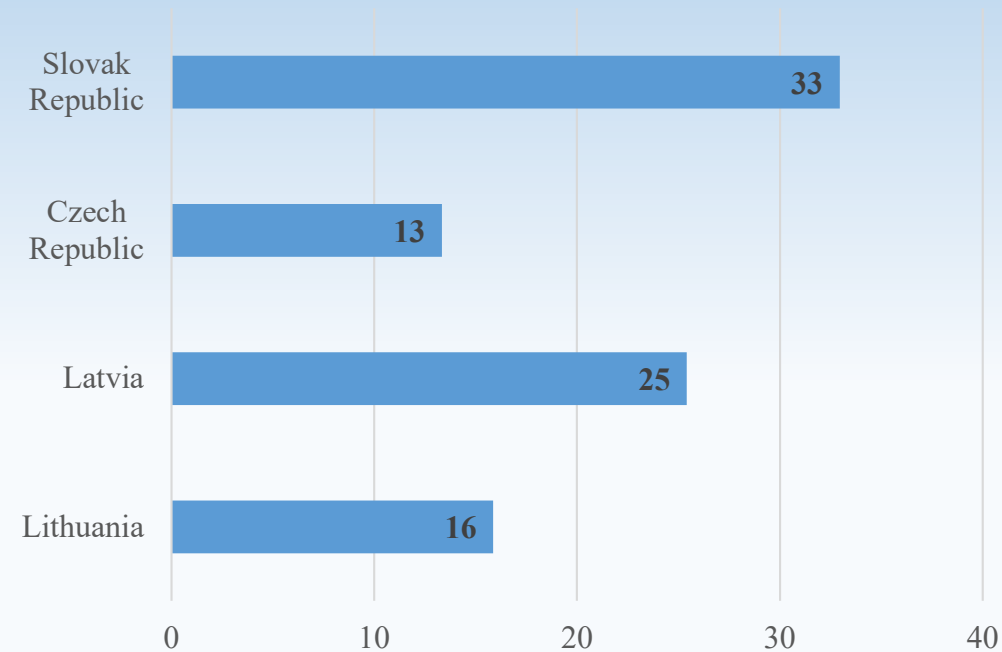


Figure 4. Gambling venues per 100 000 inhabitants (older than 18) in year 2019.

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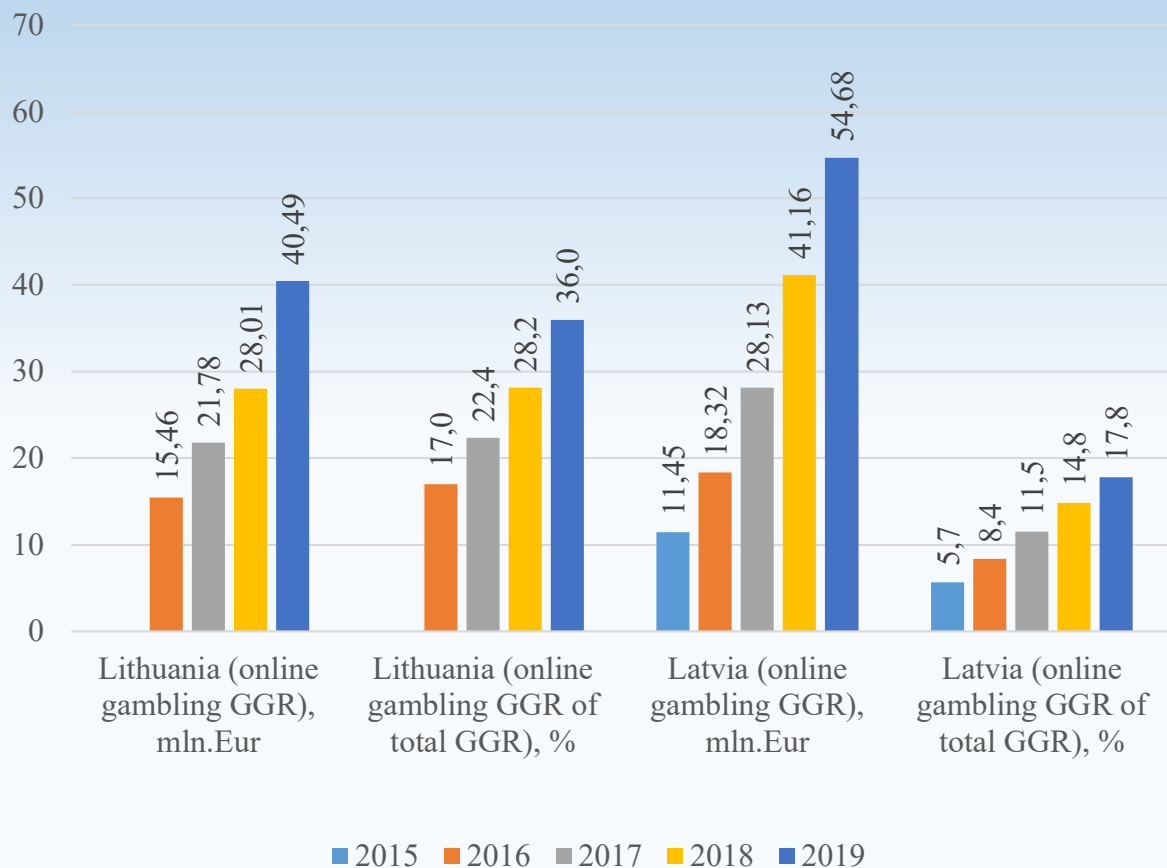


Figure 5. Remote (online) gambling GGR comparison in year 2015-2019, mln. Eur.

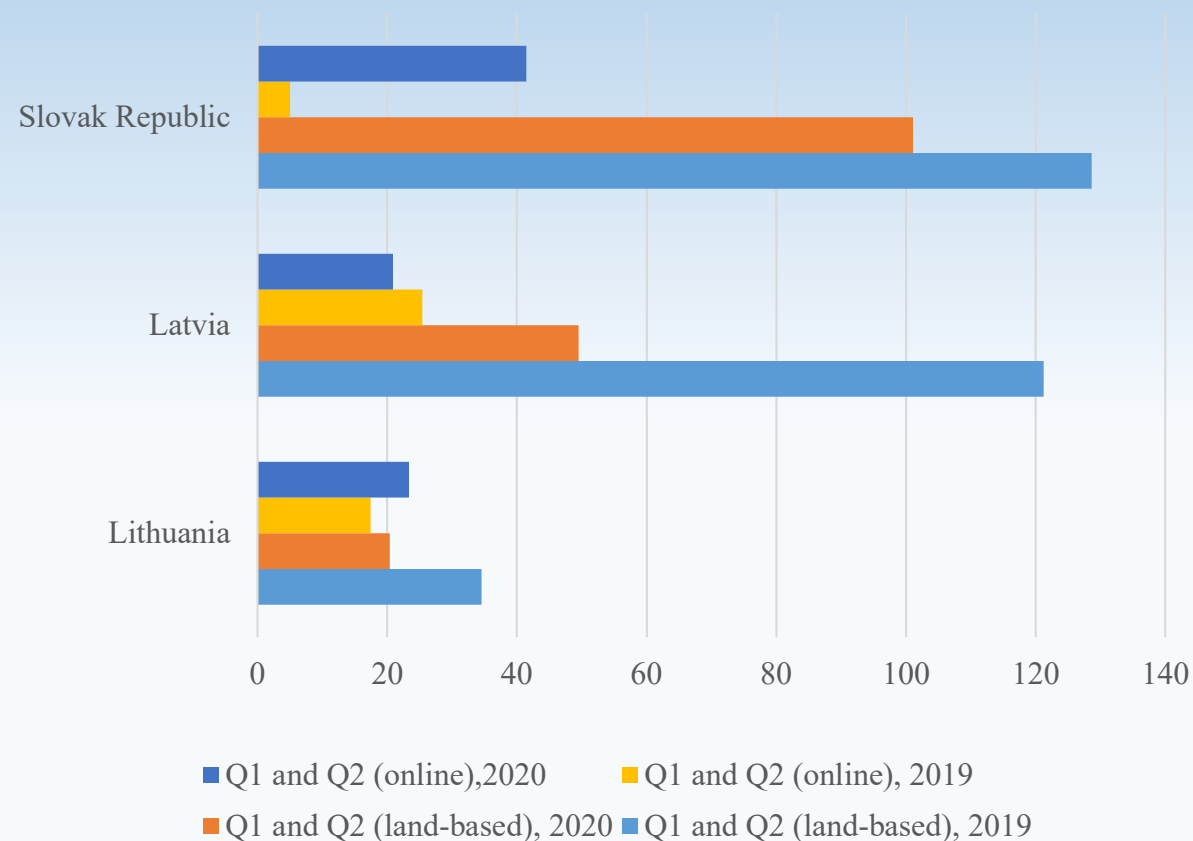


Figure 6. GGR of gambling sector during Q1 and Q2 2020, mln. Eur.

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