

EU Court of Justice Advocate General's Opinion favoring Unibet International Limited

Advocate General proposes to the Court of Justice of the European Union to advise Hungarian courts about the likely violation by Hungary of the freedom to provide online gambling services.

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Court of Justice of the European Union published the Opinion of Advocate General Szpunar in the case C-49/16 Unibet International **confirming the arguments raised by bpv JÁDI NÉMETH Attorneys at Law in Luxembourg acting on behalf of Unibet International Limited**. According to the official opinion published today in the above preliminary ruling procedure Advocate General Szpunar sides with Unibet's arguments and proposes that the Court should find that Hungary's rules regarding the award of online gambling concession rights are incompatible with the freedom to provide services.

Dr Andrea Jádi Németh, Managing Partner of bpv JÁDI NÉMETH commented: „*We believe the statements in the Advocate General Opinion can be considered as a milestone and may have a major impact on the future of Hungarian online gambling regulation.*” Dr Attila M. Kovács, partner at bpv JÁDI NÉMETH added: “*EU law sets forth strict requirements regarding Member State legislation on online gambling. The regulation adopted by Member States – including Hungary – should always be transparent, proportionate and non-discriminatory. The Opinion highlighted exactly these points; therefore it is even more likely that the CJEU will deliver a judgment on which we can effectively rely in the proceedings pending before the national court.*”

Further details: <http://www.egba.eu/cjeu-ag-opinion-confirms-the-obligation-for-member-states-to-organise-a-transparent-licensing-process-and-challenges-national-enforcement-actions/>

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