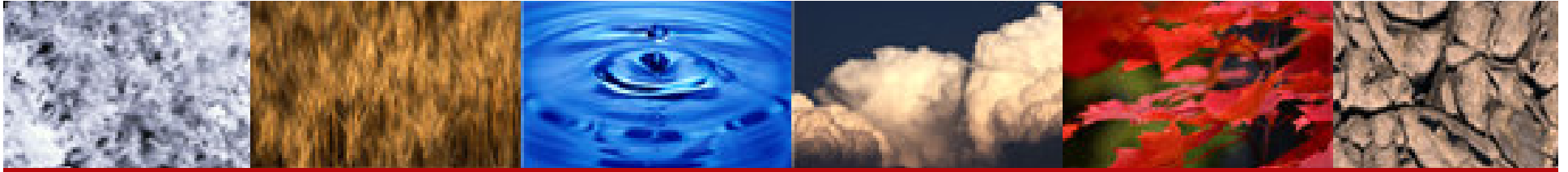


# EU Commission

Brother, where art thou?



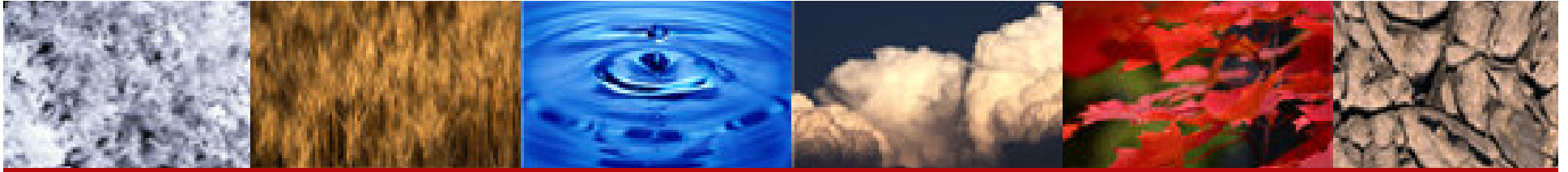
POLICY ACTION



## Factor 1: The People

- Commissioner Michel Barnier
  - EU credentials versus Product of France
  - Defender of the Treaty vs. Pragmatic Policy maker
- Commission President Manuel Barroso
  - Post-election opinion
- European Parliament
  - IMCO Chairman Malcolm Harbour (ECR)





## Factor 2: Legislation

- Digital Single Market - does it include gambling?
- Consumer Rights – will gambling be excluded?
- E-commerce review – will it be opened?
- Sports issue – the battle to come

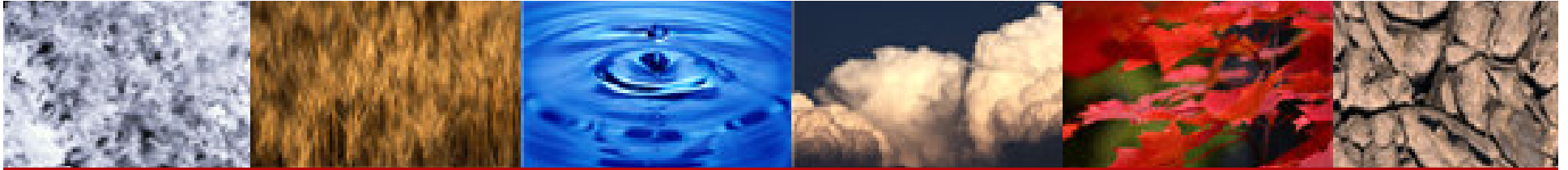




## Factor 3: Current activities

- Infringements – in intensive care, survived end of term cull
- Notifications – upcoming France (decrees), Spain (framework law), Belgium (decrees), Poland (amendments to primary law)
- Sports – funding of sports review

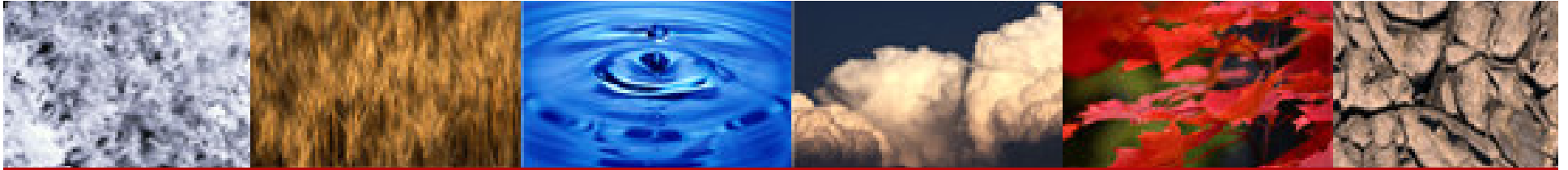




## Factor 4: ECJ

- Beginning to form body of current opinion from Santa Casa
- Many more cases on the horizon, but getting short treatment
  - Different markets
  - No mutual recognition
- Santa Casa – effect on policy
  - Reinforce licensing system
  - Effect on early reform
  - Less effect on later reform

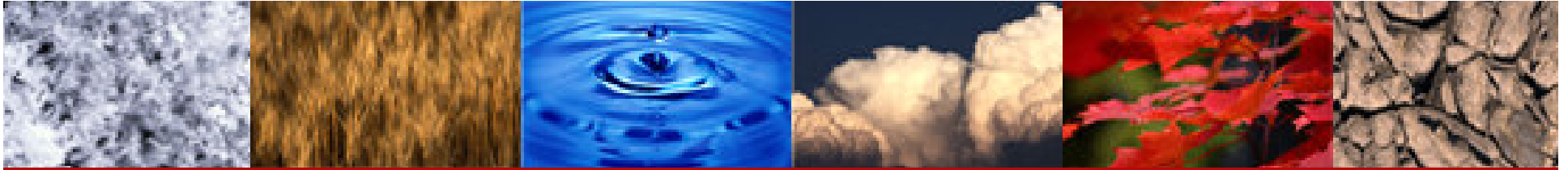




## Factor 5: The future game changers

- EU licensing basics – server location and legal seat
- MS attack on even these small FOS obligations (Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Belgium, Slovenia)
- Advisory only on enforcement, sports rights, pay-out caps, compliance and tax officers, limitations on scope





## Factor 6: End game

- MS licensing continues - Ireland, Spain, Sweden, Germany, Netherlands, etc. - finding the middle ground
- Council working group – finding the middle ground
- EP – several events on for 2010 term, IMCO question, etc
- Commission - Digital Single Market, infringements hanging around
- **Verdict – New EU Initiative on the way**

