

THE CODERE FOUNDATION PRESENTS “THE CONSOLIDATION OF ONLINE GAMING: ACTUAL SITUATIONS & WISHFUL THINKING”

- This meeting will be held on March 24-25 next at the Headquarters of the University-Business Foundation (ADEIT) at the University of Valencia.
- The analysis will be focusing on the actual situation of online gaming among the main public and private agents involved and the need for the orderly development thereof by way of the bill currently being processed through Parliament.
- Joining us at this meeting will be dignitaries and Gaming Industry professionals including the Councilman for Economy of the Autonomous Government of Valencia, the Chairman of the CODERE Foundation and the State Secretary for Finance from the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Finance.

Valencia/Madrid, 10 March 2010. The CODERE Foundation, an organization developing activities focusing on the study, analysis, regulatory expansion and evolution of the Gaming Industry is presenting the conference “**The Consolidation of Online Gaming: Actual Situations and Wishful Thinking**”, an open debate among the public and private agents involved in this new gaming dimension and the need for its orderly evolution within a framework of transparency and consumer safeguards. This event will be held on March 24-25 next at the Headquarters of the University-Business Foundation (ADEIT) at the University of Valencia.

Joining us for the opening ceremony will be Mr. Gerardo Camps Devesa, Second Vice-President and Councilman for Economy, Finance and Employment of the Autonomous Government of Valencia; Mr. José Antonio Martínez Sampedro, Chairman of the CODERE Foundation and Mr. Pablo Oñate Rubalcaba, Professor of Political Science and Administration of the University of Valencia. Participating in the closing ceremony will be Ms. Dolores Beato Blanco, the State Secretary for Finance from the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Finance.

Analysis of the Future of Online Gaming

The CODERE Foundation is aiming at delving fully into all aspects of virtual gaming as well as analysing the new regulatory framework the bill currently being processed through Parliament is aimed at establishing. The tax regime

and the penal aspects will also be put to an analysis by way of the different papers presented.

This meeting will also be setting out the debate by way of round-table discussions: “Online Gaming and the Gaming Sectors”, moderated by Mr. Rafael Catalá Polo, the CODERE General Secretary, in which the industry’s main associations will be taking part; and “Synergies & Alliances: Public Commitments” moderated by Ms. María Ángeles González García, the General Technical Secretary from the Spanish Ministry of the Interior, which will be attended by representatives from the Administrations of the Autonomous Communities of Valencia, the Basque Country, Madrid, Catalonia and La Rioja.

The CODERE Foundation The CODERE Foundation is a non-profit organisation created for the purpose of structuring and articulating activities aimed at the study, analysis, evaluation, development of regulations and standards and the progress of the gaming industry.

The CODERE Group

CODERE is a leading Spanish multinational in the private gaming sector in Europe and Latin America, trading on the Spanish Stock Exchange and managing 53,500 gaming machines, 129 bingo halls, 597 sports betting locations and 13 casinos; likewise, it participates in the management of 3 horse racetracks in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Spain, Italy, Mexico, Panama and Uruguay, and develops Internet games in Italy, where it is validly licensed to do so.