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# Poker by the back door? What TVP Info revealed about GGPoker and Pin-Up’s Warsaw office

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Redirects, deposits via Polish connections and the Warsaw office. We compare the TVP Info report with Pin-Up’s response and data from the regulators.




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Polish TV journalists investigated whether it was possible to access a poker platform from Poland via a redirect and make a deposit. In another part of the report, they showed the Warsaw office and materials bearing the Pin-Up logo. The Ukrainian outlet ‘StopCor’ republished the story on 12 October 2026; eight days later, the link had disappeared. What did the film crew see, and how can we verify their findings using Polish, Ukrainian and Kazakhstani documents? [1] [2] [3]

## The domain is being blocked. Where do players go?

The Polish Ministry of Finance maintains a public register of domains used to offer gambling in breach of the law. The ministry’s guidance sets out the requirements for telecoms operators and payment service providers. The list is based on domain names. If a user’s address in the browser address bar changes, it is important to identify the new domain and determine what role it plays: does it display adverts, accept registrations, show the gaming interface or handle payments? [4] [5]

According to a report by ‘StopKora’, in TVP Info’s test, a link from GGPoker led to a different address. Journalists demonstrated that it was possible to make a deposit using a European bank card whilst connected from Poland. The Polish industry press has described a demonstration of logging into Club GG and how to access a poker tournament. A check from a single point of view shows what happened in that specific test. It does not measure the number of the platform’s customers, nor does it in itself reveal the company that ultimately received the deposit. [1] [2] [3]

For a reproducible verification, you need the recorded time, the address before and after the redirect, and confirmation of the transaction showing the merchant’s name. Sometimes the name on the card statement differs from the one displayed on the website. In such cases, it must be cross-checked against the payment intermediary, the terms of service and the legal entity specified in the registration interface. The fact of the payment and the conclusion regarding the final recipient require separate confirmation.

## How much does an affiliate earn for referring a player?

One segment of the report focuses on affiliate programmes. According to ‘StopKora’, when a user registers via a specific link, this may entitle the affiliate to a commission. In this case, the viewer sees a blogger or a review site, whilst the source of the payment may lie on the other side of the payment system. The affiliate link itself indicates the channel through which the user was attracted. To determine who is funding this channel, one needs to identify the contracting party and trace the payment. [1] [2]

This mechanism explains journalists’ interest in club apps, conferences and tournament prizes. Different entry points into the ecosystem lead users to a similar interface, but may have different rules and operators. The report mentioned Club GG and a tournament entry package in Bratislava. For the purposes of this investigation, it is essential to establish who organised this particular tournament and which service handled the registration. [1] [3]

## Pin-Up in Warsaw. What was reported and what was the response

In the surviving report, journalists attended an affiliate conference and showed the Warsaw office, contact details and documents bearing the Pin-Up logo. The same report also sets out the position of the brand’s representatives: they denied any connection with the Ukrainian company that operated under this brand. The signboard, documents, ownership structure and the company’s response must be examined as a whole, particularly when a single brand encompassed several operating entities. [1]

There is also an official statement from the company itself. In August 2025, PIN-UP Global announced that it was changing its name to **RedCore Business Group**. In the statement, the group describes its structure and change in positioning. To link this statement to the office mentioned in the later report, we need the name of the legal entity registered in Poland and the contracts linking it to a specific product. [6]

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The Warsaw incident and the experiment with GGPoker are examined side by side, as the report linked them together. The same market, presence at industry events and the ability to accept deposits do not establish a common owner. This can only be confirmed by matching corporate, contractual and payment data. [1] [2]

## Ukraine and Kazakhstan. Two separate investigations

In Ukraine, the State Bureau of Investigation (DBR) reported that in 2025, in the case concerning the Ukrainian operator Pin-Up, the court ordered the special confiscation of approximately **2.6 billion UAH** and above **200 million UAH in interest**, accrued whilst managing the seized funds. Later, the agency separately reported that a total sum in excess of **2.8 billion UAH**. These are different stages of the same Ukrainian story, so there is no need to add the amounts up again. [7] [8]

In November 2026, the Kazakh Financial Monitoring Agency issued a statement regarding the search for Dmitry Punin and Marina Ilyina as part of an online casino case. Kazinform published a photograph of Punin credited to the AFM. This public photograph is used on the cover. The Kazakhstani statement relates to its own investigation and does not establish Punin’s role in the Warsaw office or in the specific operations shown by TVP Info. [9] [10]

## What to check next

The original ‘StopKora’ link does not open, but the archive has preserved the text and the response from Pin-Up representatives. Polish publications allow us to cross-check which actions the journalists described as a test. The payment route requires confirmation from the counterparty; the Warsaw office requires legal entity documents; and the theory of a single owner requires a corporate structure. These are three separate issues that arose following a single report. [1] [2] [3] [4]

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