

ESSENTIAL VIDEO GAME NEWS

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Essential Video Game News is a tool for every professional in the gaming ecosystem. Three times a year, it provides the key indicators for our industry. In this new issue that we are pleased to publish for the 10th edition of IDEF (the Interactive & Digital Entertainment Festival) we have produced a complete inventory of the French and European markets.

Video gaming is unique in its function and its development. Similarly a creator of media and content, our sector and its rich fabric are distinguished by their continuous mutation at the sustained rhythm of technological progress and console generations.

Innovation is at the heart of the gaming industry which has illustrated its position as a genuine laboratory for new technologies. It is always offering even greater experiences that are continuously evolving.

Editorial

As a sign of a new cycle, players have quickly and massively adopted the 8th generation console, boosting the market which in 2014 registered its first return to growth since 2008. Another testimony to the energy of our sector: video gaming is the only cultural market posting growth for 2014. And the coming months look very promising too.

Last February, we announced positive perspectives for 2015. Today, this can be confirmed and every market segment will generate growth: consoles, software and accessories.

As you will see in this 5th issue, behaviours and uses are changing and opening up the path for new business models where physical and virtual markets are becoming increasingly complementary.

See you in October for the next edition of Essential Video Game News

celebrating Paris Games Week, which is going to be an exceptional event, and also 20 years of SELL.

Jean-Claude Ghinozzi

Chairman of SELL



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Chapter 1

Understanding the video game market: essential data

A growing market Gaming console cycles (in value) (Hardware + physical software)



Sources: GfK (Hardware + Physical Software) / Panel data at end 2014

2014 market report First return to growth since 2008



Sources: SELL estimation, using GfK panel data at end 2014

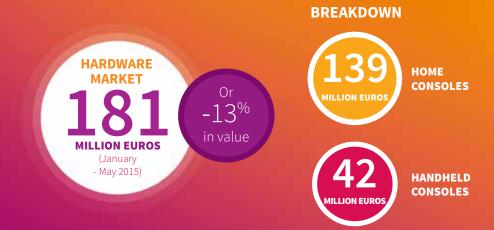
Chapter 2 The French video game market



GfK panel data end May 2015

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Market segment: Hardware* A transition gaining speed



8th generation: massive and quick adoption

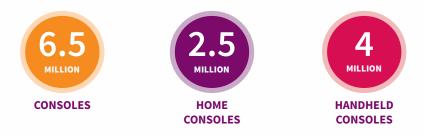


Sources: GfK / Panel data end May 2015 vs January - May 2014 *Consoles

Market segment: Hardware* 8th generation: massive and quick adoption



A LARGE BASE OF 8TH GENERATION CONSOLES



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Market segment: Global Software* (Console + PC)



DIGITAL / PHYSICAL BREAKDOWN FOR SOFTWARE SALES, JANUARY - MAY 2015

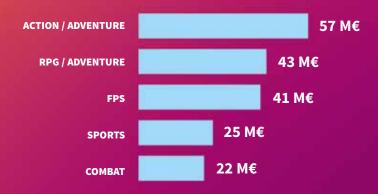


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Market segment: Console Software*



TOP 5 CONSOLE GAMING GENRES TURNOVER JANUARY - MAY 2015 (IN MILLION EUROS)



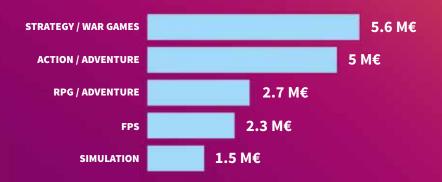
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Market segment: PC Software*

A PC GAMING MARKET AT +1% GROWTH IN VALUE, THANKS TO DIGITAL'S CATCH-UP



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Market segment: Accessories Confirmed growth

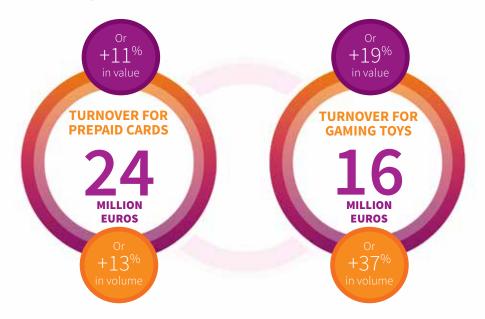


TOP 4 CONSOLE ACCESSORY SEGMENTS (IN MILLION EUROS)



Sources: GfK / Panel data end May 2015 vs January - May 2014

Digital at retail A mutating business model



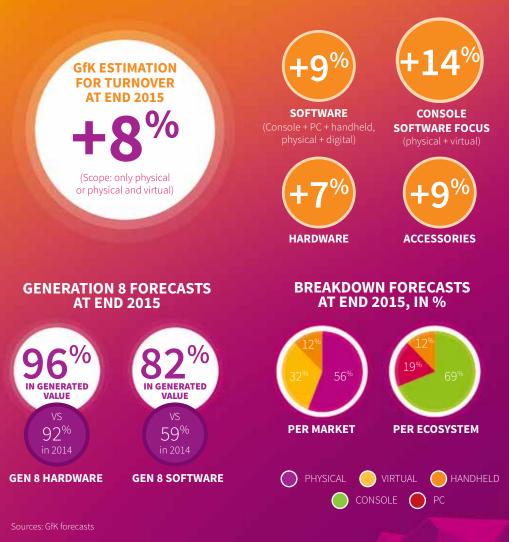
Video gaming has changed dramatically, as much in how gaming distribution functions as how the games are played. Prepaid cards (subscriptions and DLC) and gaming toys are also elements that help extend the gaming experience far beyond what was previously possible.

These mutations are regenerating consumer gaming behaviour and also the way virtual gaming can be successfully integrated at points of sale.

Sources: GfK / Panel data end May 2015 vs January - May 2014

2015 perspectives: confirmed growth for the entire market

FORECAST IN VALUE



Chapter 3 The European video game market



A distinct European market at end May 2015*

*Physical console hardware and software market

A TRANSITION THAT IS ACCELERATING IN EVERY COUNTRY



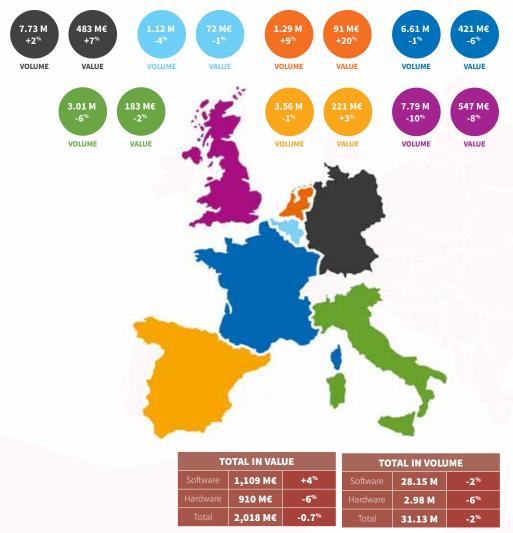
- The United Kingdom, Germany and France were still market leaders at the beginning of this year
- The transition was very fast: sales of 7th generation dropped very quickly
- The cycle is up and running for all countries, with **positive software sales**, buoyed by the 8th generation of consoles



Sources: GfK / Panel data end May 2015 vs January - May 2014 Scope: Physical console hardware + software (at end May 2015 vs January - May 2014)

A distinct European market at end May 2015*

*Physical console hardware and software market



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IN VALUE

	IN WILDE				
_	GERMANY				
Software	268 M€	+4%			
Hardware	215 M€	+11%			
Total	483 M€	+7%			
BELGIUM					
	40 M€	+2%			
	32 M€	-4%			
	72 M€	-1%			
	SPAIN				
	116 M€	0%			
	105 M€	+7%			
	221 M€	+3 %			
	FRANCE				
Software	240 M€	+1%			
Hardware	181 M€	-13%			
Total	421 M€	-6%			
	ITALY				
Software	102 M€	-4%			
Hardware	81 M€	+1%			
Total	183 M€	-2%			
THE NETHERLANDS					
	45 M€	+12%			
	46 M€	+29%			
Total	91 M€	+20 %			
UNITED KINGDOM					
Software	297 M€	+8%			
	250 M€	-28%			
Total	547 M€	-8%			

IN VOLUME

	IN VOLUME					
GERMANY						
Software	7.02 M	+1%				
Hardware	0.72 M	+12%				
Total	7.74 M	+2%				
BELGIUM						
	1.01 M	-3%				
	0.11 M	-13%				
Total	1.12 M	-4%				
SPAIN						
	3.16 M	- 1 %				
	0.40 M	0%				
Total	3.56 M	- 1 %				
FRANCE						
Software	5.97 M	0%				
	0.64 M	-8 %				
Total	6.61 M	- 1 %				
ITALY						
	2.73 M	-6%				
	0.28 M	-15%				
Total	3.01 M	-6%				
THE NETHERLANDS						
	1.15 M	+8 %				
	0.14 M	+19%				
Total	1.29 M	+9%				
UNITED KINGDOM						
Software	7.10 M	-8%				
	0.69 M	-29%				
Total	7.79 M	-10%				

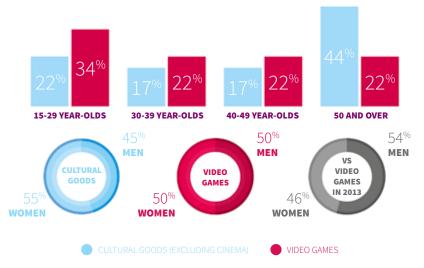
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Chapter 4 Purchasing behaviour

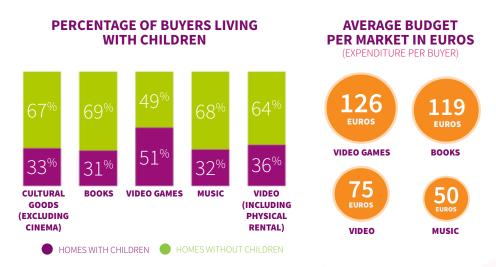


The GfK consumer panel is a representative sample of the French population, 15,000 people aged 10 and over. Their feedback provides a continuous audit of the French population's purchasing behaviour for physical and virtual cultural goods in shops and over the Internet.

The video game buyer in France

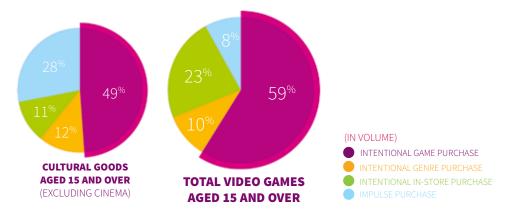


Video gaming touches every age group and in particular young people. Renewal of the buyer base is therefore guaranteed on this market.



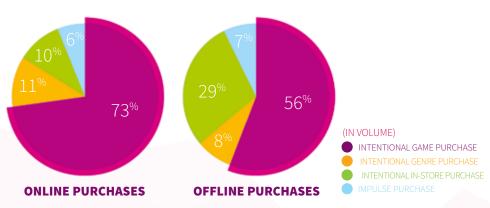
Sources: Consumer Panel aged 15 and over, GfK France, April 2014 - March 2015

Very clear intention to buy



In the world of cultural goods, gaming is the segment where intention to buy is mostly for a specific video game. This illustrates in-depth knowledge and an attachment to publishers and brands.

Premeditated in-store purchasing is greater than for other cultural goods. Unlike in other less-exclusive cultural segments, customers are specifically led to this shopping area.



PREMEDITATION: OFFLINE VS. ONLINE IN VIDEO GAME PURCHASE VOLUME (AGED 10 AND OVER)

Sources: Consumer Panel aged 10 and over, GfK France, April 2014 - March 2015

Top 5 buyer motivations



By observing buyer motivations, the two phenomena characteristic of gaming can be seen:

 the strong appeal for video gaming as a universe and because of the games it comprises and also...

the strong power of choice of the end-customer

These two aspects converge to generate strong intent to buy, as shown on the previous page.



TOP 5 SOURCES OF INFORMATION

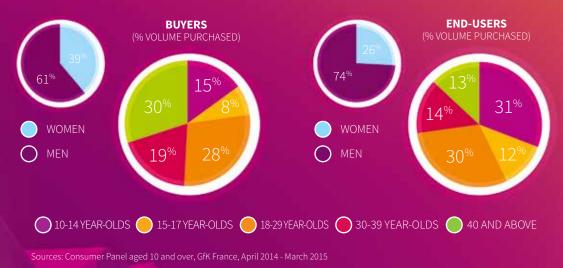
Sources: Consumer Panel aged 10 and over, GfK France, April 2014 - March 2015

Video games: the most popular cultural gift

PURCHASES OF CULTURAL GOODS FOR ONESELF VS AS A GIFT

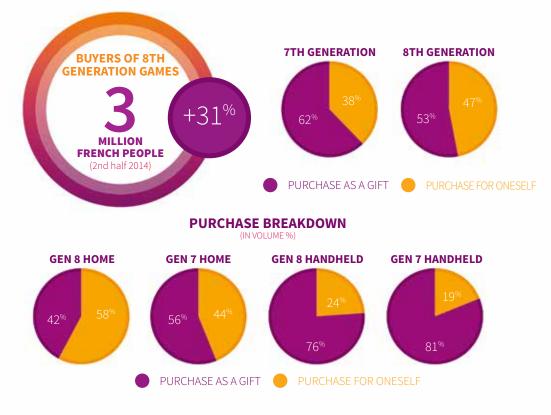


COMPARISON BETWEEN BUYER AND END-USER



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Who are the buyers and consumers of the new generation games?

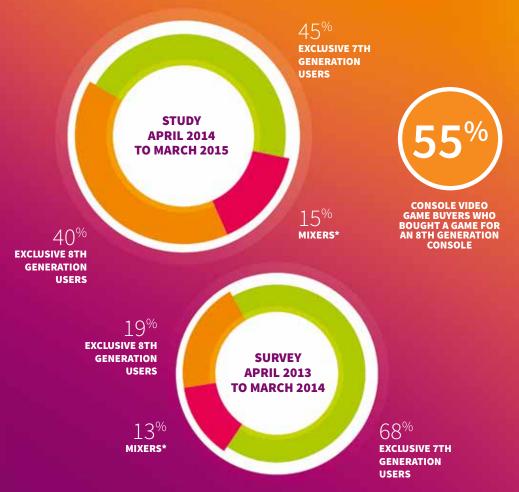


BREAKDOWN HOME CONSOLE GAME BUYERS IN %



Sources: Consumer Panel aged 10 and over, GfK France, April 2014 - March 2015

Buyer profile: 7th vs 8th generation



The pool of players is still large as 45% of console gamers used only 7th generation consoles during the survey period. Furthermore, we observe that buyers who have migrated are now of "higher quality" (expenditure per buyer, number of articles, repurchase rate, etc.)

*Mixers: Consumers having bought at least one game on each generation (7th and 8th) during the survey period. Sources: Consumer panel aged 10 and over, GfK France

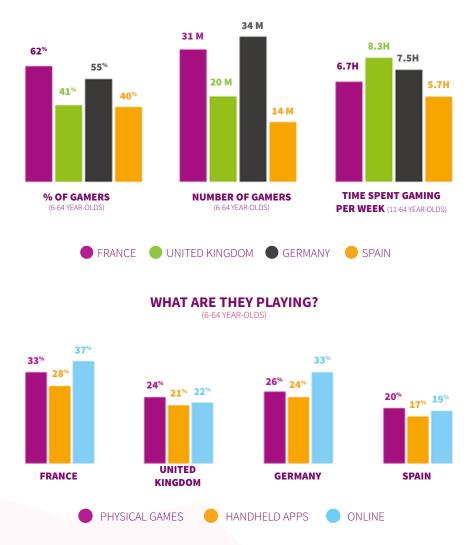
Chapter 5 A European vision of video gaming

GAMETRACK

The European Gametrack survey by the IPSOS Institute is an online survey of 6,000 respondents representing the population and aged between 6 and 64 years old.

This survey and its results provide a view complementary to the work of SELL on the French market.

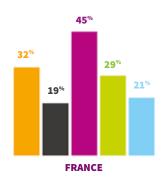
Profiles of European gamers



Physical games: all games that require a CD or a cartridge Handheld applications: games that are free or to-buy apps on smartphones or tablets Online: multi-player modes, free or to-buy, downloaded games, games on social networks and the Internet

Sources: GameTrack / IPSOS / Q4 2014

Breakdown of European gamers by platform (6 - 64 year-olds)





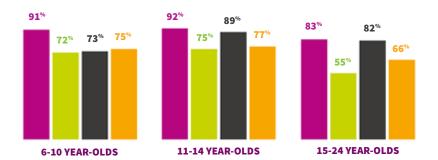




HOME CONSOLES
 HANDHELD CONSOLES
 SMARTPHONES
 TABLETS

Sources: GameTrack / IPSOS / Q4 2014

Breakdown of European gamers by age (6 - 64 year-olds)





FRANCE OUNITED KINGDOM OGERMANY OSPAIN

Chapter 6 A responsible industry

PEGI: Pan European Game Information A responsible industry



Founded in 2003, the PEGI system is used in 38 countries, federates 1,000 companies and has endorsed over 24,000 games since its creation.

PEGI is continuing to provide information for gamers. To achieve this, retail professionals are an essential link in raising the awareness of gamers and their parents. Within this context, PEGI has recently launched an e-learning programme in France for retailers. Jennifer Wacrenier, PEGI's Head of Communication, presents the programme.

You are launching a programme called PEGI e-learning for French retailers. What is it exactly?

PEGI is offering a new training course for people who work in shops that sell video games.

It's an e-learning tool, an online course about the PEGI system, the ratings, what they mean and the legal context for selling games in France.

This e-learning course for retailers has been developed on a European scale. It is currently being rolled out in different countries with translated modules and information adapted to the national regulatory frameworks.

The objective is to provide interactive training accessible via PC, smartphone or tablet. The lesson includes information, visuals and animations about the PEGI system, ratings and their criteria, the links between the age logos and the content descriptors, content types, PEGI rules and also national laws. The module lasts approximately 30 minutes.

What are the advantages for retailers?

There are many advantages because this programme means employees are fully trained and understand the PEGI ratings and local laws about age classification and child protection. They will have more information to answer consumer questions. Subscribing to this training demonstrates a company's sense of responsibility. The e-learning course will earn the store a PEGI certificate as well as individual certificates for the employees. The training is free, quick and easy to access.

What is in the e-learning course?

The training course has 4 modules: • **PEGI description**: age categories and content descriptors, statistics, detailed criteria and content types

• **PEGI in retail**: the logos, packaging, how to deal with consumer questions and manage complaints

• The principles behind PEGI and national legislation: the European situation, national laws and French retail guidelines

• A test, which will earn the participant his or her PEGI training certificate.

The PEGI age rating system (Pan-European Game Information) gives parents throughout Europe the opportunity to make enlightened decisions before purchasing a video game.

Launched in spring 2003, it has replaced a certain number of national age ratings through a unique system that is now used in most European countries. The system enjoys the support of the leading console manufacturers, including Sony, Microsoft and Nintendo, and also interactive game publishers and developers throughout Europe. From this year, it is also applied to all new apps available from Google Play.

The age rating system was created by the ISFE - the Interactive Software Federation of Europe.



WHAT DO THE LABELS MEAN?

The PEGI labels appear on the front and back of the packaging, indicating one of the following age ratings: 3, 7, 12, 16 and 18. They provide a **reliable indication of the suitability of the game's content with regard to the protection of minors.**

The age rating does not take into account the difficulty of the game or the skills required to play it.



This game contains bad language.



This game contains images which may encourage discrimination.



This game refers to the use of drugs (including tobacco and alcohol).



This game shows nudity and/or sexual behaviour or makes sexual references.



This game contains violent scenes.



This game may frighten young children.

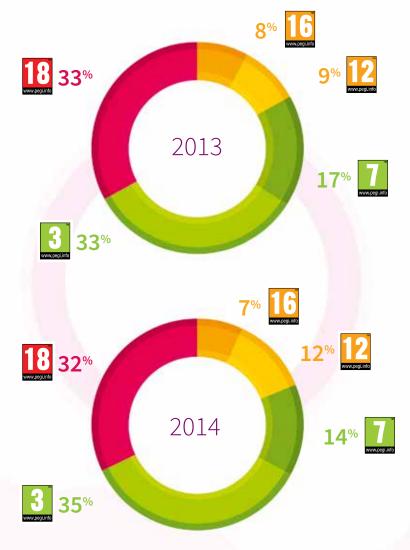


This game can also be played online.



This game encourages and/or teaches gambling.

PEGI: sales analysis Market share in volume



Sources: GfK / Panel data at end 2014

PEGI: analysis of the 2014 offer





Sources: GfK / Panel data at end 2014

PedaGoJeux.fr The website for information and raising awareness about video games



The PédaGoJeux website guides parents and educators through the complex world of video gaming.

On our pedagojeux.fr website, we pass on key information and promote best practices to help parents support their children in their use of video games. Questions about gaming time, sleep, age and game content are major concerns for parents today. PédaGoJeux strongly believes that parents should be aware of and understand PEGI ratings. They can then choose games adapted to the age and sensibilities of their children. We also focus on the importance of dialogue with the child about his or her gaming experience.

PédaGoJeux is a collective created in 2008 by people from public bodies, the gaming industry and associations. The multi-representational organisation of PédaGoJeux ensures a balanced approach to video gaming. With no demonisation and no rose-tinted views, our objective is to present the benefits and advantages of video gaming and the points of concern.



To raise public awareness, PédaGoJeux has created a partnership programme called "PédaGoJeux Ambassador". Launched in October 2014, it uses educational mediators.

most often governmental or associative bodies that carry out video game awareness and information actions with families. These Ambassadors provide information from PédaGoJeux.

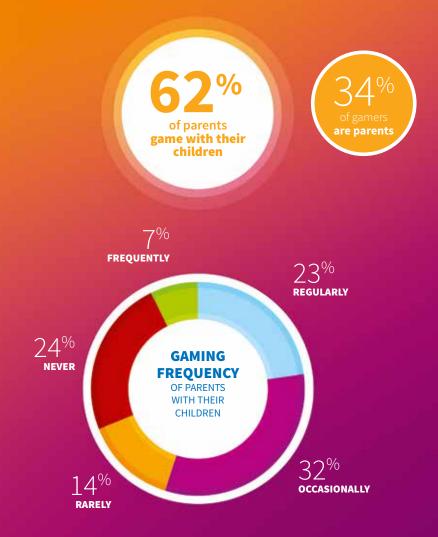
This programme received the "Défenseur



des droits" label dedicated to the 25th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The current active members of the PédaGoJeux collective are: the National Union of Family Associations (UNAF), Fear-Free Internet, the Ministry for Family Affairs, Union of Video Game Publishers (SELL), Bayard Jeunesse and JeuxOnLine.

Parents game with their children



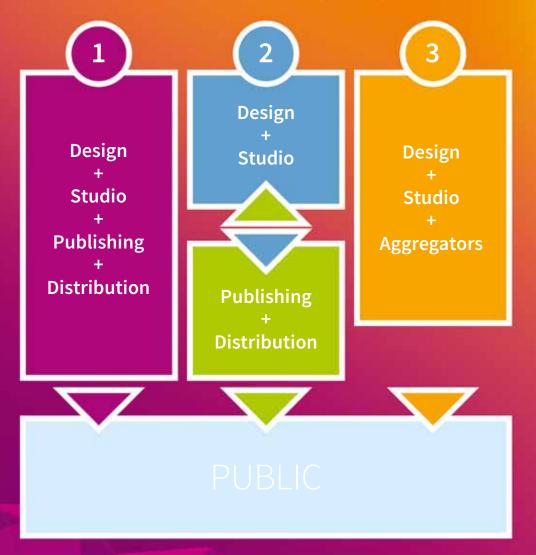
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Chapter 7 The French video game industry

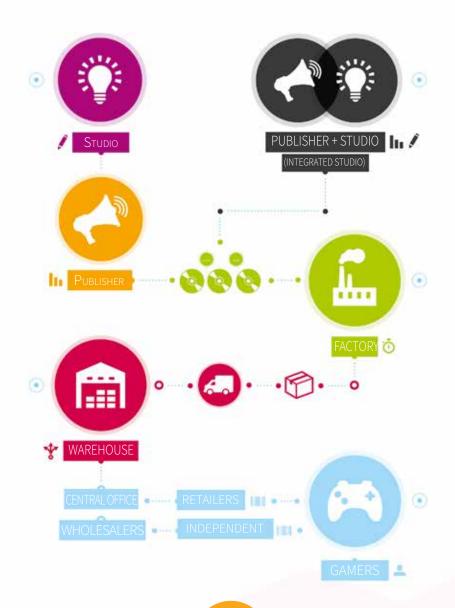
The video game ecosystem



Business models The 3 business models of video gaming



The life of a physical video game



Chapter 8 Diary dates for 2015

Key dates for 2015 IDEF



Having confirmed since its creation in 2006 its key role in the development and structure of the video game market, IDEF today strives to support the sector's development by adapting to the industry's requirements.

The entire industry has clearly demonstrated to us a desire to perpetuate this professional event. IDEF is first and foremost a tool devised and created for the industry's distributors and stakeholders. It is therefore very important for SELL to design and develop this event to meet their expectations and requirements. The promise of this new edition: a new focus on business meetings and networking between manufacturers, publishers, accessory manufacturers and buyers. Created as a European event, today IDEF is targeting France and Benelux.

IDEF's 10th edition is changing direction and will be held in Bordeaux (Hangar 14) from 30th June to 2nd July 2015. This venue is ideally located in the heart of Bordeaux on the banks of the Garonne River. It offers all the facilities we need to organise three days of intense gaming business for industry professionals. The key sector players will meet and discover new products revealed a few days previously at E3 and which will be the stars of the end-of-year season.

Emmanuel Martin, General Delegate of SELL



Key dates for 2015 Paris Games Week



The first Paris Games Week was held 5 years ago. After five editions, this event tailored for all gamers and their families has firmly established itself in the world's top 5 video gaming fairs.

The 2014 edition welcomed 272,000 people representing a new visitor record. It opened to professional visitors too through a great partnership with Game Paris and Game Connection that we hope to renew and further strengthen this year. Our ambitions for the coming years are clearly illustrated and very strong: we are working to make Paris Games Week an essential event in the sector's international diary. We are hoping to make Paris one of the world's gaming capitals through an event that brings together the entire industry.

For this 6th edition we are confirming the dates which fall during the October school holidays, ideal for gamers who are looking forward to seeing previews of products to be released at the end of the year. Paris Games Week 2015 will take place from 28th October to 1st November.

We are continuing our hard work to improve the comfort of our visitors year after year, endeavouring to represent every segment of the gaming industry, ever practice and every company involved, in particular by supporting the French industry. A unique event for gaming trade fairs, Paris Games Week Junior is still a priority for the event's development, offering young audiences aged 3 to 12 new products dedicated and designed for them.

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Chapter 9 SELL

The missions of SELL



SELL

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Created in 1995, SELL is France's national organisation representing video games publishers and software manufacturers.

Today it has around thirty members representing over 95 % of the sector's turnover, according to the GfK panel.

SELL promotes and defends the collective interests of interactive programme publishers in different

domains where their products are used (on- and offline) and within the different professional economic or legal boundaries concerning them, contributing to the market's structure (ratings, promotion of the profession, anti-piracy, press, etc.) and its recognition by all professionals, public authorities and consumers. SELL expresses our industry's desire for responsibility: the PEGI rating system, an informative tool for parents with PédaGoJeux.fr

SELL ALSO ORGANISES EVENTS FOR OUR INDUSTRY:

The European trade fair: **IDEF** – www.idefexpo.com

The general public exhibition: PARIS GAMES WEEK

www.parisgamesweek.com (272,000 visitors in 2014)

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About the GfK Group

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About the SELL "French public and Video gaming" survey

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