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Project on Promoting and Strengthening the Council of Europe Standards on Safety, Security and Service at Football Matches and Other Sports Events (ProS4+)

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National Police Training Event based on the Pan-European Football Policing Training Programme (PE-FPTP)

Seminar on Policing Football in Romania

Adoption of established good practices and compliance with the Council of Europe Convention on an Integrated Safety, Security and Service Approach at Football Matches and Other Sports Events

Draft Programme

Organised in collaboration with the Romanian Gendarmerie



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9-11 May 2018 Venue: Intercontinental Hotel, Bucharest

1. Background information

The Council of Europe and European Union Joint Project entitled - Promoting the Council of Europe Standards to safety, security and service at football matches and other sport events (ProS4+) is a project that commenced 1 January 2017.

The project incorporates a number of sub-projects, including *Sub Project 5*: National Police Training Events based on the Pan-European Football Policing Training Programme (PE-FPTP).

The main objective of the sub-project is to develop and deliver customised "one country" training to a number of countries who have signed a commitment to ratify the 2016 Council of Europe Convention and, in so doing, agreed to act in a manner that is consistent with the principles and key outcomes set out in its provisions, notably Article 9 ("policing strategies and operations") and Article 10 ("prevention and sanctioning of offending behaviour").

The Romanian Gendarmerie successfully bid to host the second national training seminar. This was appropriate because Romania has already signed the new Convention and is committed to demonstrating compliance with its Articles and because Romania will act as the Presidency of the European Union for six months commencing in January 2019.

2. Objectives of this Seminar

The aim of the seminar is to promote the adoption of an integrated approach to safety, security and service in connection with football matches (and other sports events) in Romania through the provision of training to key policing football decision makers and practitioners on: i) the established good practices enshrined in Council of Europe and EU documentation on policing football, both inside and outside of stadia; and ii) developing and implementing football policing strategies, tactics and operations that are consistent, and demonstrate compliance, with the:

- "Council of Europe Convention on an integrated safety, security and service approach at football matches and other sports events", in particular Articles 9 and Article 10;
- Council of Europe Recommendation Rec (2015) 1 of the Standing Committee on Safety, Security and Service at Football Matches and other Sports Events, in particular Annex B on security;
- EU Council Resolution (12795/2016) concerning a updated handbook with recommendations for international police cooperation and measures to prevent and control violence and disturbances in connection with football matches with an international dimension, in which at least one Member State is involved ('EU Football Handbook');

- EU Council Resolution (12792/2016) concerning a handbook with recommendations for preventing and managing violence and disturbances in connection with football matches with an international dimension, in which at least one Member State is involved, through the adoption of good practice in respect of police liaison with supporters; and
- EU Council Resolution (12791/2016) concerning the costs of hosting and deploying visiting police delegations in connection with football matches (and other sports events) with an international dimension, in which at least one Member State is involved.

The seminar will provide a series of thematic plenary and panel sessions, interactive workshops, discussion sessions and a platform for exchanging opinions/sharing experiences among key policing football practitioners in Romania and with subject matter experts drawn from across Europe.

3. Participants

The seminar will bring together senior policing football policy makers, strategists, NFIP personnel, spotters and police match commanders.

4. Practical information

Venue

The conference will take place at the Intercontinental Hotel in Bucharest, Romania.

Accommodation

The accommodation for participants travelling to Bucharest for the seminar will be provided in the same hotel. Your rooms will be booked by the Council of Europe and cost will be directly paid to the hotel by the ProS4+ project.

Transport

Participants should make their own travel arrangements to the hotel.

Meals

Lunches and dinners are provided by the ProS4+ project.

Interpretation

The seminar will be held in English and Romanian. Simultaneous interpretation (Romanian and English) will be provided throughout the seminar - training materials will be in Romanian or English with Romanian subtitles

5. For further information about this seminar

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Arrival of Participants – Tuesday 8 May 2018

DAY ONE – Wednesday 9 May 2018

- 09.30 Registration of participants
- 10.00 Opening Welcome from the Ministry of Interior

10.15 - Welcome - Sport Conventions Division, Council of Europe

Paulo Gomes, Sport Conventions Division, Council of Europe

10.30 - Introduction to the Training Event

David Bohannan, Principal Consultant of the ProS4+ Project

10.45 - Plenary One - 2016 European Convention on Safety, Security and Service

David Bohannan, Principal Consultant of the ProS4+ Project

11.15 - Coffee break

11.45 - Plenary Two - Integrated Multi-Agency Approach (Risks and Liabilities, National Coordination)

Marc Timmer, NA Safety & Security Policy Advisor, UEFA

12.15 - Panel One - Discussion - Integrated Approach in Romanian Football Events -Established Good Practices, Aims and Challenges Paulo Gomes, David Bohannan, Marc Timmer and Anton Cernat

12.45 - Lunch

14.15 - Plenary Three - Use & Risks of Pyrotechnics

Dr Tom Smith, Principal Scientific Expert on Pyrotechnic Use in Football Stadia.

- 15.15 Panel Two Discussion Preventing and Tackling Use of Pyrotechnics in Romanian Football Stadia - Recommended Good Practices, Liability, Aims and Challenges Tom Smith, David Bohannan, Paulo Gomes and Adrian Dinca
- 16:00 Panel Three Discussion Safety, Security and Service in Romania Football and other Sports Events - Established Good Practices, Aims and Challenges David Bohannan, Paulo Gomes, Anton Cernat and Adrian Dinca

17.00 - Close

19.30 - Dinner - Hotel

DAY TWO – Thursday 10 May 2018

09.30 - Plenary Four - Role of NFIP and National Intelligence/Spotting Arrangements

Adrian Dinca, Vice Chair of the CoE Standing Committee

10.15 - Plenary Five - Policing Football Events

Anton Cernat, Head of NFIP Romania and Visiting Police Delegations

11.00 - Coffee break

11.30 - Panel Four - Discussion - Policing Football Events in Romania: Established Good Practices, Aims and Challenges

David Bohannan, Paulo Gomes, Anton Cernat and Adrian Dinca

12.30 - Lunch

14.00 - Panel Five - Inclusion Presentations

Ronan Evain, CEO, Football Supporters Europe Stuart Dykes, Supporters Direct Europe, SLO Concept

15.00 - Panel Six - Discussion - Inclusion and Dialogue Policing in Romania - Established Good Practices, Aims and Challenges

David Bohannan, Paulo Gomes, Stuart Dykes, Ronan Evain and Anton Cernat

15.30 - Coffee break

16.00 - Panel Seven - Discussion - Exclusion in Romania - Established Good Practices, Aims and Challenges

David Bohannan, Paulo Gomes, Stuart Dykes, Ronan Evain and Anton Cernat

17.00 - Close

19.30 - Dinner - Hotel

DAY THREE – Friday 11 May 2018

09.30 - Panel Eight - Situation in Romania - Discussion - National Strategy & Options

David Bohannan, Paulo Gomes, Adrian Dinca and Anton Cernat

- 10.30 Coffee Break
- 11.00 Concluding Session Debrief, Feedback & Presentation of Certificates
- 12.00 Departure of participants