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NETWORK OF MAGISTRATES/PROSECUTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORTS (MARS)

ANNUAL MEETING

18 June 2024 (9.30 am - 5.30 pm)

19 June 2024 (9.00 am - 2.30 pm)

INTERPOL General Secretariat
(200 Quai Charles de Gaulle - Lyon, France)

CONCEPT NOTE

BACKGROUND

■ The Network of Magistrates/Prosecutors Responsible for Sports (MARS), set up by the Council of Europe, held its first meeting on 24 and 25 November 2022 in Strasbourg. This event marked the establishment of a specialised judicial network dedicated to safeguarding sport integrity.

■ During its annual plenary meeting on 8 and 9 June 2023, the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) adopted the terms of reference of the Network, thereby institutionalising the Network under the aegis of EPAS.

■ The MARS Network held its second meeting on 18 and 19 September in Paris, France. The meeting, which began with a Conference on 18 September, hosted by the French Ministry of Justice, aimed to raise awareness of the latest trends in sport integrity with a focus on the manipulation of sports competitions, anti-doping, safety, security and service at major sports events, and the related actions needed in investigations and prosecutions. The restricted session of the Network on 19 September, hosted by the French Ministry of Sports and Olympic and Paralympic Games, focused on setting the governance of the Network and sharing expertise and best practices.

■ The MARS Network will become a leading international body for promoting effective investigations and legal proceedings pertaining to sport integrity.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

■ The objective of the annual meeting is to:

- Raise awareness of the latest trends in sport integrity, and to explore co-operation opportunities for the investigation and prosecution of crimes within and outside the MARS network.
- Share expertise and good practices.

■ The first day will focus on addressing money laundering and national and international co-operation actions in the field.

■ The second day will focus on competition manipulation, doping and violence in sport competitions. MARS' network members will also be asked to reflect on strengthening co-operation opportunities within and outside this network.

TITLE

■ *Annual meeting of the network of Magistrates/Prosecutors Responsible for Sports (MARS)*

DATE AND LOCATION

■ The annual meeting, hosted by the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol), will be held on Tuesday 18 June from 9.30am to 5.30pm and on Wednesday 19 June from 9.00am to 1pm at the Interpol General Secretariat (200 Quai Charles de Gaulle, 69006, Lyon).

MEETING TYPE

■ The meeting will be in person and restricted to the delegations of the MARS network, invited organisations and partners, invited experts, as well as Interpol and Council of Europe secretariats – with simultaneous interpretation from/to English and French.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Interpol General Secretariat (200 Quai Charles de Gaulle, Lyon)
18/06	9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Registration
	9:30 AM - 9:45 AM	Opening
	9:45 AM - 11:30 AM	Presentations: Money laundering with a focus on betting and multi-club ownership
	11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Coffee break
	11:45 AM - 1:00 PM	Presentations: Money laundering with a focus on sports agents
	1:00 PM - 1:10 PM	Group picture
	1:10 PM - 2:30 PM	Lunch break
	2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Visit of the Interpol Command Centre
	3:30 PM - 5:25 PM	Presentations
	5:25 PM - 5:30 PM	Closing
	7:00 PM	Dinner

Day	Time	Interpol General Secretariat (200 Quai Charles de Gaulle, Lyon)
19/06	8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration
	9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	From managing an alert to building a case: Group discussion
	9:45 AM - 10:15 AM	Country profiles – National systems on investigation and prosecutions of crimes against the sport integrity
	10:15 AM - 10:45 AM	Presentations by the MARS Network
	10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Coffee break
	11:00 AM - 11:25 AM	Safety, Security and Service at Sport Events
	11:25 AM - 11:50 AM	Manipulation of sports competitions
	11:50 AM – 12:20 PM	Anti-doping
	12:20 PM - 12:35 PM	The database on alleged cases of corruption in sport (DACCS)
	12:35 PM - 12:45 PM	Presentation on the Help Course on Human rights in sport
	12:45 PM – 1:00 PM	Conclusion and closing
	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Lunch