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NETWORK OF MAGISTRATES/PROSECUTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORTS (MARS)

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday 28 April 2026 (9 am - 12.30 pm and 2 pm - 5 pm)

Wednesday 29 April 2026 (9 am - 12.30 pm)

Council of Europe Headquarters

(Palais de l'Europe, Avenue de l'Europe, Strasbourg, France)

Meeting Room No. 6

Meeting Room No. 1 for the Joint Session MARS Network –

Saint-Denis Committee

Working languages: English and French

(with simultaneous interpretation)

Draft Agenda

Facilitated by *Jean-Yves Lourgouilloux*, Chair of the Network of Magistrates/Prosecutors Responsible for Sports (the MARS Network) except for specified sessions.

Tuesday, 28 April	Morning session
9 am – 9.10 am	1. Opening
	<i>Jean-Yves Lourgouilloux</i> , Chair of the Network of Magistrates / Prosecutors Responsible for Sports (the MARS Network)
	<i>Stanislas Frossard</i> , Executive Secretary, Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), Council of Europe
9.10 am – 9.15 am	2. Adoption of the agenda
9.15 am - 9.30 am	3. Internal procedures of the MARS Network
	3.1 New members and representatives <u>Action</u> : The MARS Network members are invited to take note of the EPAS Secretariat's presentation.
	3.2 MARS list of contacts <u>Action</u> : The MARS Network members are invited to take note of the EPAS Secretariat's presentation and to confirm whether they wish to be included in the shared list of contacts.
	3.3 Country profiles <i>Madalina Diaconu</i> , Law Professor at the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland <u>Action</u> : The MARS Network members are invited to take note of Madalina Diaconu's presentation, and to confirm (if not already done) whether they wish to participate in the development of a country profile.

9.30 am – 10.15 am	4. Legal frameworks and responsibilities in investigation and prosecution
	Facilitated by <i>Madalina Diaconu</i>, Law Professor at the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland <i>Rafael de Vega</i>, member of the MARS Network, Prosecutor, Technical Secretariat of the State Prosecutor's Office, Spain <i>Jamie Brown</i>, Head of Anti-Doping, Council of Europe <i>Ana Boskovic</i>, Programme Manager, MONEYVAL, Council of Europe <i>Lorena Ungureanu</i>, Programme Manager, MONEYVAL, Council of Europe <u>Action</u>: The MARS Network members are invited to take note of the presentations.
10.15 am – 10.45 am	Coffee break
10.45 am – 12.30 pm	5. Artificial Intelligence in the investigation of crimes against the integrity of sport Facilitated by <i>Nicolas Saydé</i>, Head of the Secretariat of the Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (the Macolin Convention), Council of Europe <i>Jan Králik</i>, Programme Manager, Cybercrime, Council of Europe (online) <i>Daniel Chan</i>, Operations Manager, United Lotteries for Integrity in Sport (ULIS) (online) <i>Samuel Wahlberg</i>, Chair, Network of National Platforms (Group of Copenhagen) <i>Benjamin Schindler</i>, Senior Legal Affairs Manager, International Basketball Federation (FIBA) (online). <i>Raya Boncheva Dimova-Tafrova</i>, member of the MARS Network, Prosecutor, Supreme Prosecutor's Office, Bulgaria <u>Action</u>: The MARS Network members are invited to take note of the presentations.
12.30 pm – 12.45 pm	Family photo on the stairs of the Committee of Ministers foyer
12.45 pm – 2 pm	Lunch at the Parliamentarians' bar

Tuesday, 28 April	Afternoon session
2 pm – 3.30 pm	6. International and Inter-Institutional Co-operation
	<i>Hasan Bermek</i>, Head of the Mutual Legal Assistance Unit (PC-OC), Council of Europe <i>Philip Schotland</i>, member of the MARS Network, Swiss Liaison Prosecutor at Eurojust, Swiss Federal Office of Justice, Switzerland <i>Francisco Meireles Portugal</i>, Anti-Corruption Coordinator, pro tempore, INTERPOL Financial Crime and Anti-Corruption Centre <i>Ignazio Francesco Abbadessa</i>, member of the MARS Network, Deputy Public Prosecutor, Bari Public Prosecutor's Office, Italy <u>Action</u>: The MARS Network members are invited to take note of the presentations.
3.30 pm – 4 pm	Coffee break
4 pm – 4.30 pm	6. International and Inter-Institutional Co-operation (continuation)
	<i>Rafael de Vega</i>, member of the MARS Network, Prosecutor, Technical Secretariat of the State Prosecutor's Office, Spain <u>Action</u>: The MARS Network members are invited to take note of the presentation.
4.30 pm – 5 pm	7. Presentation: Integrity of Cricket: The Role of the ICC Anti-Corruption Unit in Safeguarding Cricket
	<i>Sumathi Dharmawardena P.C.</i>, Independent Chair, Anti Corruption Unit, International Cricket Council (ICC) <u>Action</u>: The MARS Network members are invited to take note of the presentation.
7.30 pm	Dinner at the restaurant Le Tigre (not covered by EPAS)

Wednesday, 29 April	Morning session
9 am – 10.45 am	8. Evidence collection in criminal cases: standards and challenges Facilitated by <i>Cristian Kalb</i>, Managing Director, CK Consulting <i>Cynthia Fabre</i>, Judge, Vice President in charge of pre-trial proceedings, Marseille Judicial Court, France <i>Jean-Yves Lourgouilloux</i>, Chair, MARS Network; Deputy Public Prosecutor, Judicial Court of Marseille, France <i>Alan Govern</i>, member of the MARS Network, Detective Inspector, Ireland <i>Ignazio Francesco Abbadessa</i>, member of the MARS Network, Deputy Public Prosecutor, Bari Public Prosecutor's Office, Italy Presentation on the Project on Detecting and punishing violations involving the manipulation of sporting competitions <i>Christian Kalb</i>, Managing Director, CK Consulting <u>Action:</u> The MARS Network members are invited to take note of Christian Kalb's presentation, and to discuss if the MARS Network would be interested and available to participate in the work presented.
10.45 am – 10.50 am	9. Any other business
10.50 am – 10.55 am	10. Closing <i>Jean-Yves Lourgouilloux</i>, Chair, MARS Network; Deputy Public Prosecutor, Judicial Court of Marseille, France
10.55 am – 11.10 am	Coffee break
11.10 am – 12.15 pm	Joint session MARS Network – Saint Denis Committee
This session will take place in meeting room no. 1	<u>Action:</u> The MARS Network members are invited to share a session with the Saint Denis Committee and to take note of the presentations made by the Chair of the MARS Network and the Chair of the Saint Denis Committee, as well as to take note of the presentation of the case : “Practical cooperation between prosecutors and law enforcement in the prevention of sport-related violence: the case of Portugal”. <i>Jean-Yves Lourgouilloux</i>, Chair, MARS Network; Deputy Public Prosecutor, Judicial Court of Marseille, France <i>Rodrigo Cavaleiro</i>, Chair of the Saint Denis Committee; President of the Portuguese Authority on Prevention and Fight against Sport-related Violence (APCVD)

	<i>Hélio Rigor Rodriguez</i>, member of the MARS Network; Public Prosecutor, Office Prosecutor General, Portugal <i>Gonçalo Pereira</i>, member of the Portuguese delegation to the Saint-Denis Committee; Chief Inspector of the Public Safety Police (PSP) and Head of the National Football Information Point (NFIP)
12.15 pm – 12.25 pm	Family photo on the stairs of the Committee of Ministers foyer
12.25 pm – 1.30 pm	Standing lunch at the Chamber lobby