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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+)

– Summary –

Project title	Promoting and Strengthening the Council of Europe Standards on Safety, Security and Service at Football Matches and Other Sports Events (ProS4+)
Funding	The European Union and the Council of Europe
Implementation	Council of Europe: Sport Division, Directorate of Human Dignity and Equality, DGII
Duration	18 months (1 January 2017 – 30 June 2018)

### 1. BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

The Project on Promoting and Strengthening the Council of Europe Standards on Safety, Security and Service at Football Matches and Other Sports Events (ProS4+) is a follow-up to the ProS4 project which was implemented between 1 January and 31 December 2016. ProS4 was the first joint project of the Council of Europe (CoE) and the European Union (EU) in the field of safety, security and service at football matches and other sports events. The implementation of the ProS4 identified a number of issues that still need to be addressed in the field of safety, security and service. In particular, the adoption of the new Council of Europe Convention (CETS No. 218) commits signatory Member States of the Council of Europe, some of which are also Member States of the European Union, to comply with certain standards and practices.

The integrated approach promoted by the new Convention reflects the need for local authorities, clubs and Police to work together in ensuring that sports events, especially football events, which gather great number of spectators, offer a safe and welcoming environment. In order to respond to these important changes, the Council of Europe already developed a consolidated recommendation of the T-RV Standing Committee (Rec (2015)1) that provides guidance to the countries in revising their relevant policy and practice to achieve the integrated approach.

The ProS4+ project will aim, drawing upon the analysis and experiences of its predecessor ProS4 project, at offering tailor-made responses to the emerging challenges and current trends in the area of football safety, security and service and to promote an integrated approach to safety and security, underpinned by a concept of service that makes individuals and groups feel comfortable, appreciated and welcome when attending a football match or other sports event, inside or outside a sports ground.

### 2. OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

Overall objective	<p>To improve the competence of relevant governmental agencies as well as sport event organisers in ensuring that standards set out by the Council of European Union Decision concerning security in connection with football matches with an international dimension (2002), the requirements of the European Convention on Spectator Violence and Misbehaviour at Sports Events and in particular at Football Matches ETS 120 (T-RV) and the new Council of Europe Convention on an Integrated Safety, Security and Service Approach at Football Matches and Other Sports Events CETS No.218 (T-S4) as well as the Recommendation of the Standing Committee (Rec (2015)1) are properly integrated into the national policies and practices of the European countries.</p> <p>The project is divided into five sub-projects in order to assist the development and implementation of systems and procedures aligned with European best practices and standards for spectator safety, security and service.</p>
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Specific objectives	
Sub-project 1	Overview of current trends and emergent challenges at football matches in Europe (SP1 Questionnaire/Annual Report 2016) Results – 1.1 Elaboration of an online tool for the NFIP Questionnaire; 1.2 Annual/Season report 2016 on the violence, disorder and other prohibited activity in connection with professional football matches (and, where appropriate, other sports events) in Europe.
Sub-project 2	Promotion of the signature and ratification of the new Convention CETS 218 on an Integrated Safety, Security and Service Approach at Football Matches and Other Sports Events (SP2 Promotion of the new Convention) Results - 1.1 Development of a training module to promote the new Convention (CETS 218); 1.2 Delivery of one country model training and one regional training involving countries facing similar problems.
Sub-project 3	Creation of an online tool to promote the Standing Committee Recommendation Rec(2015)1 on Safety, Security, and Service (SP3 MOOC on Recommendation) Results – 1.1 Analysis of the Recommendation and the need for its popularisation 1.2 Development of the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Rec(2015)1
Sub-project 4	Feasibility study on the possible hosting of the NFIP website on the Council of Europe website (SP4 NFIP Website) Results – 1.1 Technical specifications for the new website; 1.2 Feasibility study (content/cost assessment) necessary to update the technical tool
Sub-project 5	Organisation of national seminars on the Pan-European Football Policing Training Programme (PE-FPTP) (SP5 Pan-European Police Training) Results – 1.1 Revision of the PE-FPTP police training in-to a country-model training; 1.2 Delivery of two training seminars using this country models of the PE-FPTP.

### 3. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

The Sport Division of the Council of Europe is responsible for the implementation of the project and the use of funds under a direct agreement with the European Commission (Erasmus+). The Council of Europe is expected to ensure the achievement of the project results as listed above.

The project will be implemented in collaboration with the partners of the T-RV Standing Committee, notably:

- National Football Information Points (NFIP)
- Pan- European Think Tank of Football Safety and Security Experts
- Sports Ground Safety Authority (SGSA)
- Football Supporters Europe (FSE)
- Supporters Direct Europe (SDE)

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