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European Union and Council of Europe:  
Keep Crime Out of Sport: together against the manipulations of sports competitions  
January 2016 – June 2017

*An event to mark the kick-off of the project and  
to promote the fight against the manipulation of sports competitions*

Wednesday 10 February 2016, 12:30-13:30

Council of Europe – Liaison Office with the European Union

85 avenue des Nerviens, Brussels, Belgium

In 2016, the European Union and the Council of Europe will continue to develop their partnership in the field of combating match-fixing by embarking upon the co-funding of a new joint project. The KCOOS project will be implemented by the Council of Europe, in close co-operation with relevant stakeholders and partners. The project was awarded as a result of the Council of Europe's successful bid to a DG Home call for proposals on "New integrated mechanisms for cooperation between public and private actors to identify sports betting risks".

This mini-inauguration is an occasion to mark the closure of the first meeting of associated partners.

#### STATEMENTS BY:

- Ambassador Torbjørn Frøysnes, Head of the Brussels Office of the Council of Europe to the EU Council of Europe;
- Mr. Bart Ooijen, representative for Sport ; Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Brussels
- Representative from the European Commission

## #KCOOS FACTSHEET

**Purpose:** Raising awareness on match-fixing and sports betting risks and promoting the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions.

### Objectives:

- Assist countries in implementing the convention nationally, including transposition of the Convention into national legislation
- Gather information on the current status in the fight against match fixing and sports betting regulations and to build a network of national contacts;
- Offer practical assistance and to facilitate the exchange of good practices among countries through regional seminars, study visits and expert missions;
- Assist with the setting up of national platforms, regulatory structures and other supporting structures and to strengthen the institutional capacity of relevant authorities;

### The partner organisations:

ESSA (Sports Betting Integrity) – INTERPOL - Oxford Research - The European Lotteries - The Finnish Olympic Committee - The French Gambling and Regulatory Authority (ARJEL) - The International Olympic Committee - The Norwegian Ministry of Culture - The UK Gambling and Regulatory Authority

### Further Information

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