

PROMOTING SAFETY, SECURITY AND SERVICE AT SPORTS EVENTS

PROS4



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WHAT IS PROS4?

■ ProS4 is the abbreviation for the project “Promoting the Council of Europe Standards to safety, security and services at football matches and other sports events”. ProS4 is co-financed by the European Union and the Council of Europe, while the latter’s Secretariat of the Sport Conventions Unit ensures co-ordinated implementation of the ProS4 activities.

■ ProS4 aims to tackle cross-border threats to the integrity of sport due to the violence and misbehaviour of sports spectators, as well as other kinds of intolerance and discrimination. It promotes the development and improvement of national systems and procedures for safety, security and services at sports events. The ProS4 project activities are divided into five sub-projects:

- ▶ **SP 1:** Overview of current trends and emergent challenges at football matches in Europe
- ▶ **SP 2:** Preparation of three country-specific Action Plans
- ▶ **SP 3:** Safety as a priority (Romania)
- ▶ **SP 4:** Promoting dialogue between clubs and their supporters (Croatia)
- ▶ **SP 5:** Strategic co-ordination and legal framework (Slovak Republic)

WHAT ARE PROS4'S OBJECTIVES?

- ▶ to evaluate the current situation in Europe by providing a factual and analytical overview of safety and security challenges at football matches and other sports events in Europe;
- ▶ to assist the improvement of competence of national authorities and event organisers in ensuring safety, security and service aligned with European best practices and standards.

WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED?

- ▶ desk research and a questionnaire for the overview report (collecting information from all national football information points (NFIPs) in Europe;
- ▶ training sessions on stewarding and safety management in Romania;
- ▶ round tables on fan dialogue in Croatia;
- ▶ workshops on legal framework and national coordination in the Slovak Republic;
- ▶ regional seminar for the Balkan region on an integrated safety, security and service approach;
- ▶ maintaining a website with access to resource documents;
- ▶ creating a network of experts in safety and security of sport events;
- ▶ closing conference.



WHAT ARE THE MAIN OUTCOMES OF THE PROJECT?

- ▶ a European overview of current trends and emergent challenges at football matches in Europe;
- ▶ three country-specific action plans for Croatia, Romania and the Slovak Republic;
- ▶ a training program for safety officers in Romania;
- ▶ legal and procedural guidelines for a national co-ordination mechanism in the Slovak Republic;
- ▶ pilot projects for promoting dialogue between clubs and their supporters in Croatia.

” Promoting police/
fan dialogue...



Europa League Final, Bucharest, September 2012

WHO DO WE WORK WITH?

■ A Project Management team has been set up to manage this project, it comprises:

- ▶ the Bureau of the Standing Committee of the European Convention on Spectator Violence;
- ▶ the Pan European Think Tank of Football Safety and Security Experts;
- ▶ governmental institutions, supporter and sports organisations from Croatia, Romania and the Slovak Republic;
- ▶ And the European Commission.

■ Close partnerships have been developed with other organisations to help achieve the project's goals:

- ▶ the National Football Information Points (NFIPs) network;
- ▶ Football Supporters Europe (FSE);
- ▶ Supporters Direct;
- ▶ the UK Sports Ground Safety Authority (SGSA).

More information:

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