



## MACOLIN COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

### ***THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN COMBATING SPORTS COMPETITIONS MANIPULATION***

With the support of “CIBELAE”  
(Ibero-American Corporation of State Lotteries and Betting)

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CONCEPT NOTE



## BACKGROUND

The Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions, more commonly known as **the Macolin Convention**, has two major objectives.

Firstly, it aims to prevent, detect, and sanction any form of manipulation of sports competitions, whether national or transnational. This effort is crucial for ensuring the integrity and fairness of sports on an international scale. Secondly, the convention seeks to strengthen cooperation both nationally and internationally, bringing together a wide network of stakeholders, including public authorities, sports organisations, and entities involved in sports betting.

By promoting common understanding and collaboration among these actors, the convention lays the groundwork for a unified and comprehensive strategy to combat the manipulation of sports competitions.

Article 13 of the Convention specifically encourages each signatory State to establish a national platform dedicated to combating the manipulation of sports competitions. These national platforms play a pivotal role as centres for collecting and sharing information on potential manipulation of competitions and suspicious betting cases. They ensure coordination among various entities at national level, including government institutions and regulatory authorities, law enforcement, sports organisations, and betting operators, with the goal of effectively preventing and combating manipulation.

Moreover, the convention aims to enhance international cooperation by facilitating exchanges of information at international level and by supporting international co-operation in criminal matters.

To boost international cooperation, a network of these national platforms, has also been established thereby facilitating the exchange of information, expertise, and best practices across borders. This global network of national platforms, more commonly referred to as “the Group of Copenhagen”, is vital for addressing a problem that is inherently international, given the nature of both sports competitions and betting markets.

The network, gathering representatives from national platforms, acts as a global network of operational experts. Together, they work and support each other's in detecting, sanctioning, and preventing the manipulation of sports competitions, in accordance with the Macolin Convention.

**The aim of this roundtable will be to clarify the role and functioning of a national platform and identify the initial steps for its implementation.**

The organisation of the round table is supported by the [ACT project](#)<sup>1</sup> and CIBELAE.

## EXPECTED RESULTS

- ❖ Raising awareness among participants about the importance of national and international cooperation in addressing sports competitions manipulation.
- ❖ Providing the necessary information to establish a national platform, considering the specific national context.

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## DATE AND LOCATION

Thursday, 18 April, at Sofitel, Buenos Aires Recoleta, Argentina.

## MEETING TYPE

An on-site meeting for approximately 20 participants, including public authorities, law enforcement agencies, sports organisations, lottery, and betting operators, and invited experts.

The proposed programme is organised into two distinct segments, spanning two sessions:

- ❖ **Exploring the role of functioning of different forms of National Platform**, particularly in information gathering and sharing.
- ❖ **Developing a strategy to establish a National Platform**, considering the country's specific context and features.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

Time	Description
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Registration
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	<b>Session 1   Overview of the role and functioning of a National Platform</b> Q&A
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Break
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	<b>Session 2   Strategy for establishing a National Platform</b> Q&A
1:00 PM	Closing