



## MACOLIN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

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

**3 April 2025**

**Gatineau, Quebec, CANADA**

### **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 serve as centres for collecting and sharing information on potential manipulation of competitions and suspicious betting cases. They ensure coordination among various entities at the national level, including government institutions, 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 the international level and supporting international cooperation in criminal matters.

To strengthen international collaboration, a network of these national platforms has been established, facilitating the exchange of information, expertise, and best practices across borders. This global network, 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, comprising representatives from national platforms, functions as a global community of operational experts. Together, they work to detect, sanction, and prevent the manipulation of sports competitions, in accordance with the Macolin Convention.

The organisation of the round table is supported by the [ACT project](#)<sup>1</sup> (Addressing Competitions' Manipulation Together).

## OBJECTIVES

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

## DATE AND LOCATION

Thursday, 3 April 2025, at Casino du Lac-Leamy (Room Beethoven)

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## 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 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.

## SCHEDULE

| Time                | Description   |
|---------------------|---|
| 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM   | Registration  |
| 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM  | Welcome and scene setting   |
| 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM | <b>Session 1   The Macolin Convention and national platforms: a comprehensive overview</b>    |
| 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM | Break   |
| 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | <b>Session 2   Intelligence and investigations techniques : from theory to practice</b>       |
| 12:30 M – 2:00 PM   | Lunch   |
| 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM   | <b>Session 3   National context : challenges and opportunities</b>                            |
| 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM   | Break   |
| 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM   | <b>Session 4   Building an effective national platform: key components and implementation</b> |
| 5:00 PM – 5:30 PM   | Takeaways and next steps  |