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Objective :

In order to comply with the requirements of Article 9 of the Anti-Doping Convention, States Parties are invited to submit information to the Council of Europe through an annual online anti-doping policy questionnaire for the year 2023.

Instruction :

For general instructions, please select the documentation links at the top of the page.

For specific instructions, please note that each question has additional support tools - previous answers and specific information related to that question.

If you encounter any problems that prevent you from completing the questionnaire, please email us at sport.t-do@coe.int. Please complete, save and submit your country's 2023 data by 1 June 2024.

Questions :

1. Number of athletes



Please estimate the number of athletes in the following categories within your country:

international-level athletes

Min numeric value allowed : 0

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[X] Data not available

national-level athletes

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[]

[X] Data not available

recreational level athletes

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[]

[X] Data not available

athletes at the last Summer Olympic games

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[6]

[] Data not available

athletes at the last Winter Olympic games

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[1]

[] Data not available

athletes at the last Summer Paralympic games

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[2]

[] Data not available

athletes at the last Winter Paralympic games

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[]

[X] Data not available

athletes in your NADO's Registered Testing Pool (RTP)

[58]

[] Data not available

2. Doping definition



What is the definition of "doping in sport" used in your country?

[] Council of Europe Anti-Doping Convention

[] UNESCO International Convention against doping in sport

[X] World Anti-Doping Code

[] Other, please specify (e.g. national law):

3. Doping list



Which list of banned pharmacological classes of doping agents and doping methods (i.e. Prohibited List) is implemented in your country?

[X] Prohibited List, as adopted by the Executive Committee of WADA

[] List of banned pharmacological classes of doping agents and doping methods, as adopted by the Monitoring Group (T-DO)

[] Prohibited List, as adopted by the Conference of Parties of the International Convention against Doping in Sport (UNESCO)

[] Other, please specify :

4. Additional doping lists



For the purposes of restricting availability of doping substances, are there other lists than those defined in the question 3?

() Yes, please specify:

(X) No

5. Anti-doping laws



Does your country have an anti-doping legislation?

[X] Anti-doping law (other than ratification of the Convention).<https://nadamalta.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/LN-104-of-2021.pdf>

[X] Other types of national or regional norms including article(s) in a "Sports law" or Decree, please specify: Act LIV of 2021

[] No

Attachments

 Act LIV of 2021 : <https://parlament.mt/13th-leg/acts/act-liv-of-2021/>

6. National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO)

What is the legal status of your national anti-doping organisation? Please upload the statutes, if possible

- ☒ (X) Public authority
- ☐ () Non-governmental organisation
- ☐ () Private company
- ☐ () National Olympic Committee acting as a NADO
- ☐ () Other, please specify:

7. Funding of anti-doping programme

What was the annual budget of the NADO for the 2023 calendar year (or other 12-month period, if applicable)?

Min numeric value allowed : 0

[230000] amount in Euro (estimate)

[] Data not available

8. Funding sources

How is the NADO funded? Please select all that apply and indicate an estimate in percentages:

- ☒ [X] Government 100%
- ☐ [] National Olympic Committee (NOC) %
- ☐ [] Other sports organisations %
- ☐ [] Fee for service %
- ☐ [] Private %
- ☐ [] Other %

9. Distribution of funding

What percentage of NADO's annual budget is put towards the following core programmes?

- [39] Testing (including equipment, transportation, sample collection personnel fees)
- [36] Sample analysis (including Technical Document for Sport Specific Analysis, Athlete Passport Management Unit fees, sample retention fees, additional and further analysis)
- [4] Information and intelligence gathering, and investigations
- [1] Results Management/Legal
- [19] Education
- [0] Research
- [1] Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)

☐ Other (e.g. remuneration, administration)

☐ Data not available

10. Sport budget

What amount has been allocated to sport from the national budget through the national ministry responsible for sport for the year 2023 (or other 12-month period if applicable)?

☒ 10160000] amount in Euro (estimate). Comment, if applicable

☐ Data not available

11. Limiting public funding to organisations

Is public funding withheld from organisations that do not comply with anti-doping regulations and related legal instruments?

☐ Yes, all funding is withheld

☒ A limited amount of funding is withheld

☐ No financial implications

☐ Information not available / Comment

12. Limitation of public funding of persons

Is sport-related financial assistance provided by public authorities withheld from banned athletes or athlete support personnel during the period of their suspension?

☒ Yes, all funding is withheld

☐ A limited amount of funding is withheld

☐ No

☐ Not applicable (no sport-related financial assistance is provided by public authorities to athletes or support personnel)

☐ Information not available / Comment

13. NADO activities

Do you outsource any part of your anti-doping program to a delegated third party (e.g. Service Providers, another NADO)?

☐ Yes, please specify:

☒ No

14. Quality certificate

Is your NADO or part of its procedures certified according to a quality standard (such as ISO or any other quality assurance system)?

☐ Yes, please specify which standard, its scope and validity

☐ In progress

☒ No

15. NADO staff, committee members and other anti-doping specialists

Please outline below how many NADO staff, committees' members and other anti-doping specialists are involved in the coordination and management of your anti-doping programmes (except sample collection personnel)

Min numeric value allowed : 0

staff full time

staff part time

committees' members (including, but not limited to, members of the disciplinary panels, NADO Board, TUE, education, scientific, athletes, appeals commissions, ethics and/or other)

other specialists, please describe

☐ Data not available

16. Number of DCOs and BCOs

If your NADO acts as a Sample Collection Authority, how many sample collection persons are involved in the sample collection?

Min numeric value allowed : 0

Doping Control Officers

Blood Collection Officers

Chaperones

☐ Data not available

17. Use of WADA laboratories

Which WADA-accredited or approved laboratories are used for analysis of samples collected by your NADO as a Testing authority within your national testing programme in the year 2023? Please list all that applies, including the laboratory in your own country

	City or country
List all applicable laboratories	Austria

☐ Data not available

18. Testing statistics

How many samples were collected under your national testing programme in the year 2023?

	Urine	Blood (including ABP and DBS)
In-competition samples Min numeric value allowed : 0	175	0
Out-of-competition samples Min numeric value allowed : 0	68	0

19. Testing abroad

Have you tested (directly or by using Delegated Third Parties) athletes under your authority who live or train abroad?

- () Yes
- (X) Not in 2023, but we have authorisation to do so
- () No, we do not have authorisation to do so / Comment

20. Disciplinary system

To what extent your country implemented the recommendation on general principles of fair procedure applicable to anti-doping proceedings in sport (please check the Information Tab above)

- (X) Fully implemented
- () Partially implemented
- () Not implemented

21. Hearing process

Please provide additional information about the hearing process:

Is the Hearing panel independent and impartial?

- (X) Yes
- () No

Is right to an effective defense ensured, i.e. presumption of innocence, to be advised, to have adequate time to prepare the defense, to be assisted by an interpreter, to request witnesses or experts

- (X) Yes
- () No

Which party bears the costs of the proceedings? E.g. the sanctioned athlete or other person, the NADO, as decided by the Panel, a third party

- (X) Please describe the NADO

Is free legal aid mechanism available (possibly under certain conditions)?

- () Yes
- (X) No

22. Public hearing

How is a principle of public hearing implemented in your country ?

- () Public hearing is granted by default without limitation
- (X) Public hearing is granted by default , but can be turned to in camera by decision of the panel
- () Hearings are held in camera, but athletes/accused persons can request a public hearing
- () Hearings are held in camera only

23. Appeals system

Please describe the process for handling anti-doping rule violations. If there were no changes since 2022, you can copy the

text from the previous year (see the button on the top right corner of the window)

Describe, upload documents or add the link to the relevant content. No changes from year 2022. The procedure in handling anti-doping rule violations is that outlined in the ISRM which includes: Official notification of AAF/ alleged violation, (B-Sample analysis opportunity in case of AAF), Letter of Charge, Hearing (in case requested by the Athlete) / proposed consequences and the option of Substantial Assistance. In case a hearing is requested, the procedure for a fair hearing outlined in the ISRM is followed including the issuing (and content) and a decision.

[] Data not available

24. Anti-doping rule violations (ADRV)



How many anti-doping rule violations cases were initiated in 2023 and how many of these initiated cases resulted in the imposition of a sanction?

	Initiated cases	Cases that resulted in a sanction	Cases that resulted in no sanction
Presence of a prohibited substance Min numeric value allowed : 0	3	3	0
Use or attempted use Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0
Evading, refusing or failing to submit to sample collection Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0
Whereabouts failures Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0
Tampering Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0
Possession Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0
Trafficking Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0
Administration Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0
Complicity Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0
Prohibited association Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0
Retaliation Min numeric value allowed : 0	0	0	0

[] Data not available

25. Co-operation with law enforcement agencies



What measures have been taken to ensure co-operation between NADO and law enforcement agencies?

☒ Law, please specify Act LIV of 2021 Art 40(3)

☐ Agreement, please specify

☒ Ad hoc activities, please specify Meeting with Head of Drug Squad (Police) for cooperation

☐ Other, please specify

☐ None

26. Sanctions for doping trafficking

Are there specific penalties or sanctions for illegal circulation of doping substances, in addition to those regulating the movement of medicines and narcotics?

☒ Criminal penalties, please specify Art 38(3) of Act LIV of 2021 of the Laws of Malta

☒ Financial penalties, please specify Art 38(3) of Act LIV of 2021 of the Laws of Malta

☒ Administrative or civil sanctions, please specify Suspension

☒ Professional disciplinary actions, please specify Possible revocation of warrant

☐ Other

☐ Information not available

27. Statistics on doping trafficking

Do law enforcement agencies share data on the seizure of doping substances with the NADO?

☐ Yes, please specify how many seizures have been reported in 2023

☐ No. comment (optional)

☒ Other, please specify Informal and ad hoc

28. Anti-doping education target groups

Which anti-doping target groups are educated and by whom?

	NADO	Other organisations; please list	Not targeted in 2023
International-level athletes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National-level athletes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth athletes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children / School sport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreational athletes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Athletes returning from a sanction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coaches, trainers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sports administrators, officials, managers, agents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medical / Paramedical professionals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Team staff/Members of a delegation at a major event	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School and university teachers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IPES - University of Malta	<input type="checkbox"/>
University students	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial sponsors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Media, journalists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

29. Mandatory anti-doping education

Is completion of a national anti-doping education programme (confirmation of in-person training, e-learning certificate or similar) mandatory for any part of your sport structure?

☐ No, all anti-doping education is voluntary

☒ Yes, it is mandatory for certain groups of athletes and support personnel (e.g. Olympic and Paralympic team); please specify Olympic Team

☐ Other

30. Nutritional supplements

What measures have been taken to address the problems related to nutritional supplements in sport?

☐ Restrict availability

☐ Control of production

☐ Provide quality assurance

☐ Comprehensive labelling

☐ Limit advertising and promotion

☒ Educational and informational measures

☐ Other, please specify:

31. Areas of anti-doping research

What are the areas of anti-doping research?

☐ Doping prevention


☐ Detection methods

☐ Social science, including the behavioural and social aspects of doping

☐ Health consequences of doping

- ☐ Physiological and psychological training programmes
- ☐ Emerging substances or methods
- ☐ Alternative testing methods
- ☐ None
- ☒ Otherthe interplay between sports and technology with a specific focus on techno-doping

Attachments

 Facing the future : the interplay between sports and technology with a specific focus on techno-doping :
<https://www.um.edu.mt/library/oar/handle/123456789/117587>

32. Anti-doping research

Has any anti-doping research been undertaken or supported?

- ☐ Yes; your comment (optional)
- ☒ Yes, to a limited extent; your comment (optional)
- ☐ No; your comment (optional)

33. Publication of anti-doping research

How many articles with the results of this research have been published in peer-reviewed scientific journals? Please upload a summary or share links to resources, if available

- ☐ in 2023
- ☒ Data not available

34. International agreements

Has your country signed any new agreements in 2023 with other Anti-Doping Organisations (ADOs) or agreements on anti-doping with any other organisation or state?

☒ Yes, please explain or upload the document or provide a link <https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/news/integrity-blog/2023-10/mous-aim-strengthen-capability-globally> ; <https://tvmnews.mt/sport/1-aims-bi-ftehim-ta-koperazzjoni-ma-antidoping-sverige/> ; https://www.facebook.com/story.php/?story_fbid=797440378834383&id=100057052855640&paipv=0&eav=AfZ-gp6yioZayoh0U0TzePK4HstPsMhRRfQ39IwDqVrIDQg0k6uV7wNsf4JzREkwQck&_rdr

- ☐ No