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## **Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions**

### **Group of Copenhagen – Network of National Platforms**

#### **Data base – country fact sheet**

#### **SPAIN**

#### **1. Administrative issues / State of progress**

##### ***State of Progress***

- ❖ Not formally set up yet.
- ❖ However the model is currently being developed:
  - a. Regular ad hoc meetings are held among a network of relevant stakeholders every 3 months approx. to discuss relevant cooperation, legal and enforcement issues and to prepare and set up for the presumable formal constitution of a National Platform when the next Governmental term is initiated
  - b. Mechanisms between Law enforcement authorities and State Gambling Regulatory Authority for cooperation under particular match-fixing investigations and swift information exchange already well in place
  - c. General acquaintance and dissemination initiatives on match-fixing implications towards stakeholders (sports professionals) and monitoring projects are being carried out by members

##### ***Legal Status***

- ❖ Currently no basis in law
- ❖ Actual shape of the Platform (dedicated ad hoc agency, co-operation mechanisms between existing agencies and stakeholders) yet to be defined

##### ***Responsible Secretariat***

- ❖ N/A as platform is not constituted as such. Meetings are agreed upon on previous meeting held

##### ***Contact persons***

- ❖ No single contact point defined yet. International information (e.g. related to Copenhagen Group) is however distributed through the network
- ❖ In this situation the following contacts are to be maintained:
  - National Police (CNP): Ms. Olga Lizana Cortopassi, [olga.lizana@policia.es](mailto:olga.lizana@policia.es) +34 619 00 29 99

- Gambling regulatory authority (DGOJ): Ms Rosa Godino [rosa.godino@minhafp.es](mailto:rosa.godino@minhafp.es) +34 425 08 20

- ❖ Both contacts should be included in issues of institutional and general interest
- ❖ In case of Police matters the former should be favored
- ❖ In case of gambling regulation matters the latter should be favored

### ***Organizational form and composition of NP (bodies/entities)***

- ❖ Currently, involved stakeholders are: Law Enforcement Agencies: Cuerpo Nacional de Policía (CNP, National Police). Gambling regulatory authorities: State-wide Gambling Regulator: Dirección General de Ordenación del Juego (DGOJ). Sports Administrative Agencies: Consejo Superior de Deportes. Sports Organisations: Liga Nacional de Fútbol Profesional (La Liga, Professional Football League)
- ❖ Additional relevant actors (Prosecution authorities, other sports bodies) are to join the network shortly

## **2. Structure / Operational Aspects**

### ***Priorities / functions of the NP***

- ❖ Exchange of relevant information on specific match-fixing procedures between involved authorities
- ❖ Streamlining of info exchange procedures between network members and stakeholders and co-operation protocols between authorities, taking into consideration the nature and powers of the different actors involved
- ❖ Discussion of issues of common interests related to match-fixing and integrity.
- ❖ Initiatives to convey to stakeholders and to general public the implications of match-fixing and the rationale for the fight against match fixing
- ❖ Sharing understanding in risk analysis and monitoring
- ❖ Building a common general policy on sports participants and betting

### ***Objectives***

- ❖ Fight against match-fixing
- ❖ More generally, preserving integrity of sports competitions including but not limited to potential threats and practices related with betting
- ❖ Increase effectiveness and efficiency of every party's corresponding role
- ❖ Allow information exchanges allowing for the said objectives with relevant guarantees in place
- ❖ Improve threat awareness, risk assessment and risk management related to match-fixing related to betting practices

### ***Operational procedures***

- ❖ To be further defined but as it stands
- ❖ Cooperation between jurisdictions and info exchange: mostly dealt with on a bilateral basis (ie National Police-Gambling Regulator; La Liga-any of the above)
- ❖ Multilateral meetings involving network members held approximately once every three months
- ❖ Regular permanent contact via ad hoc mailing list

### ***Implementation***

- ❖ Network is operational on both bilateral and multilateral bases
- ❖ However Platform has not been formally set up yet and it remains uncertain whether, in that case, it will take the form of a dedicated body or maintain current co-ordination nature
- ❖ Hence no single contact point clarified

### ***Funding of the NP (estimated yearly budget, sources)***

- ❖ No clear funding rule to be envisaged. For the time being the operational costs are borne on the current network participants

#### ***Other points***

### **3. Development Process**

#### ***Origin of the initiative***

- ❖ Current network members jointly

#### ***Leading actors involved in the development process***

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#### ***Work carried out to mobilise actors? How many meetings necessary / agendas ?***

- ❖ Dealt with informally so far

#### ***Process in defining priorities and objectives (assessments, analysis, documents produced / published)***

- ❖ Mostly via ad hoc regular meetings

#### ***Previous situation (domestic law in application, difficulties in proceeding)***

- ❖ When it comes to issues of match-fixing: the Spanish Criminal Code
- ❖ When dealing with gambling integrity and bans on betting: gambling regulations.
- ❖ Further implications for sports participants involved in betting and match-fixing: specific sporting rules may potentially apply

#### ***Challenges in defining tasks and responsibilities / Reasons for inclusion or exclusion of main actors\* (and inclusion/exclusion of representatives)***

- ❖ Relevant roles still open to debate, for example relating to the national contact point if in presence of a co-operative multilateral scheme