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BACKGROUND

In the framework of the **Italian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers**, the Council of Europe's **Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)** and the **Italian Department for Sport** are co-hosting a conference on **integrity in sport**.

This follows the important work carried out by the Council of Europe, in particular by EPAS and the Sport Conventions Division, in the areas of:

- the preparation of **integrity guidelines**,
- combating the **manipulation of sports competitions**,
- ensuring **good governance** in sport.

The aim of the joint conference is to outline and **plan the next steps** to be pursued in these three areas in collaboration with our Italian and international counterparts.

SESSION 1

Integrity in Sport

6 December 2021 (afternoon)

Further to Action 3 of the Kazan Action Plan, approved by Unesco in 2017, EPAS prepared detailed guidelines to improve sport integrity, covering five policy areas:

1. Preserving the **rights, safety** and **security** of athletes, spectators, workers and other groups involved,
2. Preventing and addressing **harassment** and **abuse** in sport,
3. Fostering **good governance** of sports organisations,
4. Strengthening measures against the **manipulation of sports competitions**,
5. Ensuring an adequate **anti-doping** policy framework, its implementation and effective compliance measures.

Session 1 of the integrity conference will provide an opportunity to decide how best to **promote** and **implement** these guidelines. It will also deal with issues such as:

- the **services** needed to support sports ministries,
- **transversal co-operation**, with relevant case studies,
- a **risk assessment module**, with discussion on methodological or cross-cutting aspects which specialised activities should focus on.

Manipulation of Sports Competitions

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The **Macolin Convention** is the only international legally binding framework on combating the manipulation of sports competitions. It requires public authorities to co-operate with sports organisations, betting operators and competition organisers to prevent, detect and punish such crimes.

The Macolin Committee's priorities are to promote the Convention, evaluate its implementation and integrate the Network of National Platforms ("Group of Copenhagen") as its advisory group.

The topics which will be discussed in Session 2 include:

- enhancing **co-operation with prosecutors**,
- **information sharing** and **data protection** under the Convention,
- the **tools** needed to train stakeholders on data protection,
- facilitating **international data transfers**.

Good Governance in Sport

7 December 2021 (morning)

IPACS is an informal network bringing together international sports organisations, intergovernmental organisations and governments. It combines the efforts of various stakeholders in the **fight against corruption in sport**, including EPAS and GRECO, the Council of Europe's anti-corruption governing body, as well as a number of member states and sports bodies.

Among the four task forces created by IPACS to improve coordination and action against corruption in sport, Task Force 3 developed a **benchmark for sport governance** and presented options for advising, supporting and monitoring compliance with it at international and national levels. The benchmark includes five dimensions: Transparency, Integrity, Democracy, Development and solidarity, and Checks and balances/control mechanisms.

During Session 3, participants will learn more about examples of **promotion** and **monitoring** of good governance in sport, as well as receive feedback from the **G20** Italian Presidency high-level principles meeting.

Other issues covered will include:

- **communication** on the IPACS benchmark,
- the kind of **co-operation** to be established between organisations and governments reviewing good governance in sport,
- **involving more organisations and governments** in the implementation of the integrity guidelines.

For over four decades, the **Council of Europe** has advocated fair play and respect in sport, tackling corruption and helping make sport safe, ethical and accessible to all. This work contributes to the creation of inclusive, democratic societies which respect human rights and the rule of law – the Council of Europe's *raison d'être*.

The **Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)** provides a platform for intergovernmental sports co-operation between the public authorities of its member states. It also encourages dialogue between public authorities, sports federations and NGOs, with the aim to improve sport governance and make sport more ethical, more inclusive and safer.

The **Revised European Sports Charter** was adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 13 October 2021. This concludes a revision process carried out by EPAS since 2018. The Charter is the Council of Europe standard which lays down the basic principles for national sports policies, allowing governments to develop a comprehensive framework for sport and provide their citizens with opportunities to practise sport under well-defined conditions.

The **Italian Department for Sport** is the support structure for the President of the Council of Ministers in the field of sport. It proposes, coordinates and implements the Government's policies on sport, taking care of international relations with intergovernmental organisations and other states in the field of sport.

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The Council of Europe is the continent's leading human rights organisation. It comprises 47 member states, including all members of the European Union. All Council of Europe member states have signed up to the European Convention on Human Rights, a treaty designed to protect human rights, democracy and the rule of law. The European Court of Human Rights oversees the implementation of the Convention in the member states.



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