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Combating hate speech in sport

The Greek case

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How do you currently address hate speech in sport in your country?

- Current Legislative framework
 - Law against violence in sport (L. 4326/2015, article 1)
 - Law against racist comments (general) L. 4285/2014 and L. 4619/2019
 - Standing Committee Combating Violence in Sport (DEAV) for reporting
- Educational/Awareness raising campaigns
 - Famous athletes visiting schools (ambassadors)
 - Football federation through campaigns



Why did you join this project?

- Significant problem requires alliance of multiple stakeholders (teams, unions of players, unions of supporters, media, state)
- Especially in football and basketball games hate speech polarizes the atmosphere resulting in violent incidents among spectators
- To deal with the phenomenon of hate speech in sport which is multiplied in social media



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What kind of support do you need from the Council of Europe Sport Division ?

- Good practices from international experience adopted in our case
- Existed tools to control hate speech (prevention and suppression)
- Create new tools with partners in the frame of the joint programme
- Be part of a European Network
- Combating hate speech not only **in** sport, but **through** sport



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Thank you