

MONITORING GROUP (T-DO)

ANTI-DOPING CONVENTION



Statement by the State Parties to the Anti-Doping Convention to mark the 35th anniversary of the Convention reaffirming their commitment to clean sport

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For 35 years, the Council of Europe Anti-Doping Convention has paved the way for an international approach to the reduction and eventual elimination of doping in sport.

The Anti-Doping Convention is the cornerstone of our shared efforts to safeguard the integrity of sport and protect the health of athletes.

We, the States Parties to the Convention, celebrate our collective achievements to ensuring clean sport and renew our unwavering commitment to the principles and objectives enshrined in this pivotal instrument, as well as the fundamental pillars of the Council of Europe—human rights, democracy, and the rule of law.

The Convention has significantly contributed to the global anti-doping effort setting out the main principles and standards while also fostering cooperation, enhancing regulatory frameworks, and promoting a culture of fair play and transparency.

While we acknowledge the significant progress made over the past 35 years, we also recognise the continuing challenges that require ongoing vigilance:

- Advances in science and technology have led to new and innovative forms of doping, which are matched by improved detection methods, enabling more precise controls and investigations.
- The illegal production and trafficking of performance-enhancing substances necessitate close collaboration between law enforcement and anti-doping organisations to implement effective countermeasures.
- The promotion of unhealthy body image ideals through social media underscores the need for high-quality, targeted education from anti-doping experts to protect athletes' well-being.

These challenges represent only a few of the complexities we face in today's anti-doping environment.

Convinced of the need to reaffirm and strengthen our commitment to clean sport in Europe and globally, we pledge to:

1. Strengthen international cooperation on anti-doping activities by enhancing our collaborative efforts and sharing good practices to effectively address doping in sport.
2. Ensure the full and effective implementation of the Convention's provisions at national level, by coordinating actions of all stakeholders involved in anti-doping - public authorities, sports movement, including the athletes, and independent national anti-doping organisations.
3. Promote and invest in both general and targeted educational initiatives to raise awareness about the dangers of doping and instil the values of clean sport among athletes, coaches, and the broader sporting community.
4. Support and promote research to advance anti-doping science, improve detection methods, and develop new strategies to combat emerging challenges in the field.
5. Uphold the highest standards of transparency and accountability in all anti-doping efforts, ensuring that all stakeholders adhere to ethical practices and principles of good governance.
6. Safeguard athletes' human rights by ensuring fair equitable procedures in anti-doping proceedings.
7. Strengthen public trust in anti-doping activities through the fair, consistent, and equitable application of anti-doping rules, fostering a broader culture of clean sport.

We call on all stakeholders—governments, sports organisations, athletes, and the public—to join us in this renewed commitment to safeguarding the integrity of sport for future generations. Together, we will build on the achievements of the past, embrace new opportunities for collaboration, and work toward a future where sport remains free from doping, and all athletes can compete on a fair and healthy playing field.