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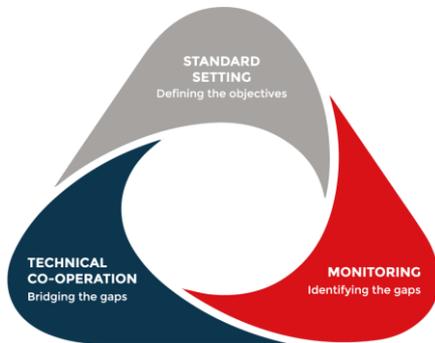
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Operational Programme 2021-2023 for implementation of the T-DO Strategy

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The Strategy of the Monitoring Group of the Anti-Doping Convention (document T-DO (2021) 07) identifies the T-DO's mission, values and strategic aims. The T-DO Operational Programme 2021-2023 for implementation of the T-DO Strategy has been developed in accordance with the Council of Europe results-based management approach and covers 3 types of activities, constituting the “dynamic triangle” of the Council of Europe:



- standard setting activities aimed at the elaboration and adoption of norms – whether legally binding or not – and the identification of best practices, such as conventions, protocols, recommendations, conclusions, guidelines or policy recommendations
- monitoring activities aimed at assessing compliance by States with the above-mentioned standards, whether in pursuance of legal undertakings or on a voluntary basis, or whether following a legal procedure or not; for example, to assess compliance with a convention, recommendation or undertaking by a State party
- cooperation activities conducted mostly in the field, aimed at raising awareness about standards and policies agreed by the Organisation, supporting States in reviewing their laws and practices in the light of those standards, and enhancing their capacity; including when the monitoring procedures reveal areas where measures need to be taken to comply with the standards of the Organisation

This T-DO Operational Programme outlines concrete activities for implementing the T-DO Strategy in the course of the next financial planning period 2021-2023. The T-DO Operational Programmes will be reviewed at the meetings of the Monitoring Group as necessary. These meetings are tentatively scheduled for November 2021, May 2022, November 2022 and May 2023. At the meeting in November 2023 the Monitoring Group will approve the implementation report of the T-DO Operational programme for 2021-2023 and adopt the T-DO Operational programme for 2024-2025.

In the period between May 2021 and November 2023, the Monitoring Group will carry out activities aimed at performing the following tasks:

- further improve the evaluation process for the implementation of the Anti-Doping Convention by the States Parties;
- develop, approve and regularly update the monitoring plan for the evaluation activities;
- complement the T-DO evaluation process with a viable technical assistance mechanism for the State party in question, following the report adopted by the Monitoring Group to improve implementation of the Anti-Doping Convention by the State Party;
- study and analyse the different coordination models between the national anti-doping organisations and government institutions involved in the fight against doping with a view to determining the efficiency of the process and the potential for improvement;
- set up a platform for engaging with athletes and athletes' organisations in order to ensure their meaningful participation in policy development and implementation;
- adopt the General principles of fair procedure applicable to anti-doping proceedings in sport and provide assistance to implementing these principles
- promote gender equality in the field of anti-doping by obtaining a clear, true and impartial picture of the field of anti-doping in terms of gender equality, and if necessary, develop

recommendations for the application of gender equality in the rules, policies and practices of the anti-doping organisations

- develop recommendations, guidelines and good practice examples to improve the effectiveness of educational programmes, focusing on anti-doping educators development programmes, a process of mutual recognition for anti-doping education programmes in different States parties, and ensuring coordination among national stakeholders to support the delivery of an education programme across the athlete pathway
- adopt a recommendation to the World Anti-Doping Agency on the development of the anti-doping laboratory network in the States Parties;
- develop recommendations on criminal legislation in the fight against doping in sport, as well as other legislation regulating anti-doping programmes
- enhance and align the working methods of the Monitoring Group, Advisory groups, ad hoc group and other activities, ensuring sufficient flexibility to allow swift adaptation to changing situations, especially with respect to the new realities following the pandemic;
- improve the Monitoring Group's communication strategy by making better use of the online technologies and social media, in order to reach out to the priority target groups and promote the usefulness and importance of T-DO standards in improving anti-doping policies at national level
- further develop and better structure cooperation with the Ad hoc European Committee for the World Anti-Doping Agency (CAHAMA) in order to make the most of the Monitoring Group's potential and the expertise of its advisory and ad hoc groups, as well as the input of the observers

In accordance with the Anti-Doping Convention, especially its Article 11, the Monitoring Group will continue to perform its permanent tasks as follows:

- keep under review the provisions of the Convention and examine any necessary modifications;
- make recommendations to the Committee of Ministers concerning non-member States of the Council of Europe to be invited to accede to the Convention and its Additional protocol (ETS188), and also promote further ratification of the Additional Protocol by Member States and those States Parties to the Convention which have not yet done so;
- collect annual reports concerning legislative and other measures taken by the States Parties for the purpose of complying with the terms of the Anti-Doping Convention, analyse these reports and utilise the findings to improve the T-DO Strategy and Operational Programme;
- ensure coordination of monitoring between the three CoE Sport Conventions, the European Sport Charter and other relevant CoE monitoring mechanisms;
- contribute to the regular revision of the list of pharmacological classes of doping agents and doping methods (Prohibited List International Standard) and approve it at least once a year;
- contribute to the revision of, approve and monitor the applicability of the criteria for accreditation of laboratories (International Standard for Laboratories), and accompanying WADA Technical Documents and Technical Letters;
- promote the exchange of good practices in the anti-doping field between the States Parties and provide appropriate platforms for this exchange (in-person, online or material);
- keep relevant international organisations and the public informed about the activities undertaken within the framework of this Convention.