

MONITORING GROUP (T-DO)

ANTI-DOPING CONVENTION

COUNCIL OF EUROPE



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**Terms of reference
Ad Hoc Group of experts on anti-doping in
recreational sport
(T-DO ADRS)**

AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ANTI-DOPING IN RECREATIONAL SPORT OF THE MONITORING GROUP OF THE ANTI-DOPING CONVENTION

Set up by the Monitoring Group to the Anti-Doping Convention (T-DO) under Article 11.2 of the Convention and Article 17 of the T-DO Rules of Procedure.

Type of committee: Ad hoc group of experts

Terms of reference valid from **1 April 2023** until **31 December 2024**

TASKS OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS

Under the authority of the Monitoring Group of the Anti-Doping Convention (T-DO), the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Anti-Doping in Recreational Sport (T-DO ADRS) will:

- a) analyse the actions taken by the T-DO States Parties in accordance with the Article 6 of the Anti-Doping Convention, with respect to educational programmes and campaigns highlighting the dangers to health risks of doping, based on the results and reports from the annual Anti-Doping Questionnaire;
- b) review the overview commissioned by the Council of Europe in 2022 on the health risks of doping by amateurs and the overview of empirical research findings and approaches to doping prevention;
- c) conduct a survey and interviews to explore in more depth and obtain additional evidence on the different approaches to tackling doping issues in recreational sport;
- d) draft a Recommendation on measures to be considered by the States Parties to the Anti-Doping Convention with a view to address the risks of doping in recreational sport. In developing this recommendation, particular attention should be paid to:
 - Article 6 of the Anti-Doping Convention;
 - the Council of Europe's pledge to raise awareness on the health risks of doping in sport for all (the Pledge) in response to the 2022-2023 European Commission's initiative on healthy lifestyle for all;
 - the Resolutions of the 17th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport regarding the need to develop national sports strategies on anti-doping in recreational and grassroots sport;
- e) present the results of its work to the Monitoring Group for approval;
- f) formulate proposals for the most appropriate mechanisms to implement the recommendation and, to this end, to engage in practical cooperation with relevant bodies within the Council of Europe and external partners.

COMPOSITION AND WORKING METHODS**Members:**

The Monitoring Group will endorse the proposal of the Coordination Group regarding the appointment of the members of the T-DO ADRS, i.e., the Chair and two members from the T-DO States Parties (preferably with good knowledge of recreational sport and anti-doping issues).

The Monitoring Group may decide on the recommendation of the Coordination Group, to appoint additional members to the T-DO ADRS or to invite other Council of Europe bodies or external organisations.

The T-DO ADRS:

- a) will carry out its work primarily by means of information technologies, including online meetings, electronic exchange of documents and communication between the meetings;
- b) may decide to hold consultations or hearings with the representatives of T-DO States Parties, T-DO Observers, and any other stakeholders or experts;
- c) will report regularly to the T-DO Coordination Group and/or to the Monitoring Group;
- d) may be assisted by an external consultant and rapporteur.

The work of the T-DO ADRS will be supported by the T-DO Secretariat.