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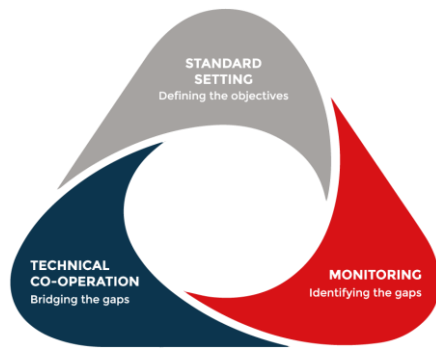
Operational Programme 2024-2027 for implementation of the T-DO Strategy

For discussion
at the 59th meeting of the Monitoring Group

The Strategy of the Monitoring Group of the Anti-Doping Convention (T-DO Strategy) identifies the T-DO's mission, values and strategic aims. It was adopted by the Monitoring Group in 2021 and revised in 2023 [document T-DO(2021)07rev1; reference number changed in 2024 to T-DO(2024)25].

In November 2023, the 57th Monitoring Group evaluated the outcomes of the 2021-2023 T-DO Operational Programme, which was adopted by the 53rd Monitoring Group in 2021 [document T-DO(2021)08]. The Monitoring Group took note of the completed tasks and decided to continue the implementation of the remaining tasks as well as to identify new tasks for the period of 2024-2027.

The T-DO Operational Programme 2024-2027 has been developed in accordance with the Council of Europe results-based management approach and covers three 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 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;
- ☐ 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 2024-2027. The T-DO Operational Programme will be reviewed at the meetings of the Monitoring Group as necessary.

In the period between March 2024 and November 2027, the Monitoring Group will carry out activities aimed at performing the following tasks:

Long-term activities

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

- 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, and promote further ratification of the Additional Protocol;
- 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 bodies responsible for the implementation of the other Council of Europe Sport Conventions and the Revised European Sport Charter as well as other relevant Council of Europe 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.

Standard setting activities

- analyse the role of public authorities in the implementation of the Convention, in particular, the normative framework in place to strengthen the fight against doping at national level;
- study 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;
- develop recommendations on criminal legislation in the fight against doping in sport, and other legislation regulating anti-doping programmes;
- consider the vulnerability of children in the anti-doping process, analyse how children are supported, educated, protected, tested, fairly heard and sanctioned, and develop recommendations and/or guidelines;
- 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 education programmes, focusing on:
 - o development programmes for anti-doping educators,
 - o mutual recognition of anti-doping education programmes in different States;
 - o coordination of education programmes across the athlete pathway among national stakeholders;
 - o preventing the use of doping in recreational sport and the risks associated with nutritional supplements;
- promote and ensure the implementation of the CoE core values in the context of the updating the World Anti-Doping Code and International Standards (2027).

Monitoring activities

- implement the Guidelines regarding the evaluation of States Parties compliance with the Convention;
- regularly update and approve the evaluation schedule with the view to ensure a 10-year evaluation cycle;
- 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.

Cooperation activities

- engage with athletes and athletes' organisations in order to ensure their meaningful participation in anti-doping policy development and implementation;
- 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 the 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 contributions of the observers.

Reporting

The Secretariat will monitor the progress of the implementation of the Operational Programme. When appropriate, the T-DO Chair will make an oral progress report at the meetings of the Monitoring Group. The Monitoring Group may review and update the programme at any time, including between formal meetings, through a written consultation process.