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Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions

Group of Copenhagen – Network of National Platforms

National Platform Fact sheet

BULGARIA

1. Administrative issues / State of progress

State of Progress

- ❖ Bulgaria has started the process of establishment of its National Platform.
- ❖ The country prepares an Agreement for cooperation and exchange of information between Law enforcement agencies, Gambling Commission and Sport Governing Bodies. This Agreement is the first step towards the establishment process. Currently this process has been coordinated by the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

Legal Status

- ❖ Still no basis in law. After many internal consultations at ministerial level, it is known that the most effective way to establish a National Platform in Bulgaria would be through a decree by the Council of Ministers. This option would allow all the stakeholders involved to freely communicate and exchange information between them without any additional legal act or instruction.

Responsible Secretariat

- ❖ Ministry of Youth and Sports – Coordinator for Bulgaria

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Organizational form and composition of NP (bodies/entities)

- ❖ Bulgarian National Platform will comprise Sport Governing Bodies, State Gambling Commission, Law Enforcement Agencies and Betting operators namely:
 - Ministry of Youth and Sports

- Ministry of Interior
 - Prosecutor's Office of Cassation
 - State Gambling Commission
 - Sport Movement
 - Betting Operators
- ❖ The Prosecutor's office of Bulgaria is the one to coordinate an Interdepartmental Working Group (IWG), consisted of representatives of the above mentioned bodies. IWG will meet every month in order to implement the Agreement for cooperation and exchange of information between the stakeholders.

2. Structure / Operational Aspects

Priorities / functions of the NP

- ❖ IWG shall propose legislative measures to facilitate the fight against match fixing. It will examine the national legislative system related to sport manipulations and pave the way towards facilitation of collaborative work and exchange of information between the regulating authorities in order to strengthen the fight against sport manipulations nationally and internationally.

Objectives

- ❖ Final aim of the IWG is to prepare and propose recommendations to the Council of Ministers for the issuing of Council of Ministers Decree establishing an official Bulgarian National Platform under article 13 of the Macolin Convention.

Operational procedures

- ❖ N/A

Implementation

- ❖ N/A

Funding of the NP (estimated yearly budget, sources)

- ❖ N/A

Other points

- ❖ N/A
N/A