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Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions

Group of Copenhagen – Network of National Platforms

National Platform Fact sheet

Poland

1. Administrative issues / State of progress

State of Progress

- ❖ The Macolin Convention signed by Poland on 7th of July 2015 (not ratified yet).
- ❖ The National Platform in Poland is not formally established yet.
- ❖ In 2017 The Ministry of Sport and Tourism set up an informal operational group with a specific task, it means monitoring of irregular or suspicious betting concerning national sports competitions.

The group consists of potential representatives of our prospective platform, including among others central administration, law enforcement authority, sport organisations, legal betting operators.

Informal contacts and exchange of relevant information to the fight against manipulation of sports competitions are taking place within the Group.

Legal Status

- ❖ National Platform will have the inter-ministerial team status, appointed by an agreement between relevant stakeholders or by the resolution of the Prime Minister.
- ❖ The established National Platform will be based on the provisions of the Macolin Convention and the Act on Sport of 25 June 2010, which introduces criminal liability for offences against the principles of sport competition, including in particular those related to corruption in sport.
- ❖ The informal operational group shall also act in accordance with both the Macolin Convention and the Act on Sport of 25 June 2010.

Responsible Secretariat

- ❖ The Ministry of Sport and Tourism is in charge of implementation of the National Platform.
- ❖ The informal operational group is coordinated by the Control and Supervisory Department of the Ministry of Sport and Tourism (contact details: telephone: (+48 22) 24 43 159, e-mail: dk@msit.gov.pl).

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Organizational form and composition of NP (bodies/entities)

- ❖ Bearing in mind the need to ensure compliance with the principles of sports ethics and integrity in sport, the following is planned:
 1. The established National Platform will be composed of: the steering group, having decision-making powers and supervising the work of individual teams coming within the National Platform; and of the operational group carrying out specific tasks within the responsibility of the platform.
 2. The steering group would include representatives of:
 - a. the Ministry of Sport and Tourism, including the Chair of the National Platform,
 - b. the Ministry of Finance (betting regulator),
 - c. the Ministry of the Interior and Administration,
 - d. the Ministry of Justice,
 - e. the Central Anticorruption Bureau,
 - f. the National Police Headquarters,
 - g. the Polish Olympic Committee.
 3. The operational group may include inter alia:
 - a. representatives of Polish sports associations, particularly of sports at high risk of manipulation of sports competitions (e.g. the Polish Football Association, Polish Volleyball Federation, Polish Automobile and Motorcycle Association, Polish Ice Hockey Federation, Polish Basketball Association and Polish Handball Association).
 - b. representatives of management bodies of team sports professional leagues (according to the provisions of the Act on Sport).
 - c. representatives of Totalizator Sportowy, a company operating on the lotteries market, and representatives of legal sports betting operators would also be engaged in the work of the operational group, mostly with the advisory role.
 - d. the National Platform may also invite, as observers, representatives of other Polish sports associations and selected sports entities whose scope of activities is related to issues discussed in the National Platform's meetings.
- ❖ The informal operational group consists of potential representatives of our prospective platform, including among others central administration, law enforcement authority, sports organisations, legal betting operators.

2. Structure / Operational Aspects

Priorities / functions of the NP

- ❖ The overall aim of both the National Platform (currently being established) and the informal operational group is fighting against the manipulation of sports competitions in order to protect the integrity of sport and sports ethics.

Objectives

- ❖ Coordinate the fight against manipulation of sports competitions.
- ❖ Improve information exchange system between relevant stakeholders in order to prevent and detect manipulation of national sports competitions.

- ❖ serve as an information hub, collecting and disseminating information that is relevant to the fight against manipulation of sports competitions between stakeholders.
- ❖ Develop monitoring and conduct the risk analysing.
- ❖ Support national and international co-operation against manipulation of sports competitions between relevant stakeholders, including other national platforms.
- ❖ Share good practices, raise awareness within the sport community etc.

Operational procedures

- ❖ National Platform - N/A (not established yet).
- ❖ Informal operational group.
- ❖ monitoring of irregular and suspicious bets placed on national sports competitions.
- ❖ the activity focuses on the use of the alert notification system determining the risk of manipulation of sports competitions.
- ❖ permanent contact between members via ad hoc mailing list.
- ❖ members of the group take part to international cooperation.

Implementation

- ❖ The Control and Supervisory Department of the Ministry of Sport and Tourism coordinates work of the informal operational group, which operates continually within business hours.
- ❖ Communications between members of the group via e-mail.

Funding of the NP (estimated yearly budget, sources)

- ❖ Currently the informal operational group is funded by the Ministry of Sport and Tourism through budgetary resources.
- ❖ However, the individual members of the group are financed by their own entities.

Other points

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