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Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions

Group of Copenhagen – Network of National Platforms

Data base – country fact sheet

SWEDEN

1. Administrative issues / State of progress

State of Progress

- ❖ First set up in 2014 as an informal platform through the Swedish Sports Confederation.
- ❖ Established platform at the Gambling Authority since January 1st 2019.
- ❖ Ongoing discussions regarding the platforms role and the exchange of information between the participants in the platform.

Legal Status

- ❖ A council against match-fixing set up by the Gambling Authority through a mandate in the Gambling Act (2018:1138).

Responsible Secretariat

- ❖ The Gambling Authority

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Organizational form and composition of NP (bodies/entities)

- Gambling Authority
- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Health and Social Affairs
- State Prosecutor's Office
- The Police
- Swedish Sports Confederation
- SPER The Swedish Gambling Association
- BOS The Swedish Trade Association for Online Gambling

2. Structure / Operational Aspects

Priorities / functions of the NP

- ❖ Discuss match-fixing;
- ❖ Exchange information regarding match-fixing between the participants;
- ❖ Elaborate upon a national strategy against match-fixing.

Objectives

- ❖ The council against match-fixing shall promote strategic operational cooperation in matters concerned with preventing match-fixing, which can be achieved through the exchange of information and collaboration on risk assessments.

Operational procedures

- ❖ Meetings 4-6 times a year. The meetings are summoned by the Gambling Authority.

Implementation

Funding of the NP (estimated yearly budget, sources)

- ❖ There has been no funding of the NP between 2015 – 2018.
- ❖ From January 1st 2019 the council is run through the Gambling Authority.

Other points

3. Development Process

Origin of the initiative

- ❖ Initially the Swedish Sports Confederation took steps to initiate the platform. Since January 1st 2019 there is a new Gambling Act in which it is stipulated that the Gambling Authority shall install a council against match-fixing. Which is the national platform.

Leading actors involved in the development process

- ❖ Since January 1st 2019 it is the Gambling Authority who is the leading actor.

Work carried out to mobilise actors? How many meetings necessary / agendas?

- ❖ The work with creating the group in Sweden has been very smooth since all the work that takes place in the NP is on the strategic level.
- ❖ Since January 1st 2019 the work has continued.

Process in defining priorities and objectives (assessments, analysis, documents produced / published)

Previous situation (domestic law in application, difficulties in proceeding)

- ❖ Before January 1st 2019 match-fixing was entitled bribery and was a challenge with the difficulties of proceeding with such prosecution regarding evidence and the like.

Challenges in defining tasks and responsibilities / Reasons for inclusion or exclusion of main actors (and inclusion/exclusion of representatives)

- ❖ The participants of the council share the same challenge as other platforms regarding the difficulty of sharing information between them. Information must be shared in compliance with the GDPR.
- ❖ In the Gambling Act (2018:1138) there is a new crime called cheating, there are some interpretation difficulties regarding this new paragraph:
- ❖ Those who take inappropriate actions to manipulate the outcome of a game that is subject to licence requirements under this Act shall be imprisoned for a maximum of two years for cheating.