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**Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions  
Group of Copenhagen – Network of National Platforms  
National Platform Fact sheet**

**G R E E C E**

**1. Administrative issues / State of progress**

***State of Progress***

- ❖ Finalizing the membership and the structure of the National Platform

***Legal Status***

- ❖ Considering various options (non for profit private legal entity (Civil Code 743) or Independent Committee in the General Secretariat of Sport)

***Responsible Secretariat***

- ❖ General Secretariat of Sports - Ministry of Culture & Sports

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***Organizational form and composition of NP (bodies/entities)***

❖ **Core Composition:**

1. General Secretariat of Sport
2. National Transparency Authority
3. Hellenic gaming commission (Independent Public Authority)
4. Hellenic Police (Interpol / Europol / Cybercrime / Financial police)
5. Greek Justice Sport Prosecutors

❖ **Members:**

1. General Secretariat of Sport
2. National Transparency Authority
3. Hellenic gaming commission (Independent Public Authority)
4. Hellenic Police (Interpol / Europol / Cybercrime / Financial police)

5. Greek Justice Sport Prosecutors
6. Betting companies operating legally in Greece
7. Leagues football–basketball–volleyball etc.
8. Hellenic Olympic Committee (HOC)
9. Sport federations
10. Unions of athletes – coaches – referees – judges
11. Sport universities

## **2. Structure / Operational Aspects**

### **Awareness raising – education – training – capacity building**

Involved:

1. General Secretariat of Sports
2. Leagues football, basketball, volleyball, handball, water polo, tennis
3. HOC – Federations
4. Unions athletes, coaches, referees, judges
5. Sport universities

### **Intelligence & investigations**

Involved:

1. General Secretariat of Sports
2. Hellenic Police [interpol / europol / cybercrime / financial police]
3. National Transparency Authority
4. Greek justice sport prosecutors
5. Hellenic gaming commission

### **Monitoring – Reporting – Whistleblowing – Irregularities reporting**

Involved:

1. General Secretariat of Sports
2. Hellenic Gaming Commission
3. National Transparency Authority
4. Greek justice sport prosecutors
5. Hellenic Police [interpol / europol / cybercrime / financial police]
6. Unions of athletes – coaches – referees – judges

### **Regulations & Legislation**

Involved:

1. General Secretariat of Sports
2. Hellenic Gaming Commission
3. National Transparency Authority
4. Greek justice sport prosecutors

### **Focus - Mission**

To confront corruption and manipulation in sport using prevention and repression activities, to emphasize on integrity and ethical issues, to coordinate nationwide and to cooperate worldwide.

## **Functions**

1. Coordinate the national stakeholders in order to promote both prevention and suppression regarding the manipulation in sport competitions:
  - a. Prevention has to do with awareness raising and education regarding integrity in sport
  - b. Suppression has to do with monitoring and reporting, evaluating, information exchange, intelligence and law enforcement
2. Cooperation with other national platforms and international institutions

## **Priorities**

1. Finalize the membership and the structure of the National Platform
2. Develop the Strategic Plan with emphasis on proactive - prevention actions and the importance of anti-corruption in Greek Sport
3. Develop Sector Specific Strategies to Combat Sport Corruption in High Risk Areas
4. Raising awareness among athletes, sports coaches about the phenomenon of sports manipulation
5. Conduct sessions tutorials and training seminars specifically for athletes, public sport officials and sport federations officials of anti-corruption, betting fraud - match manipulation practices in Greece
6. Awareness raising activities of Physical Education Teachers against the phenomenon of sports manipulation in Greece through the educational system.
7. Practical implementation of the existing legislative framework for whistleblowers. Establish robust and safe whistleblowing mechanisms Coordination of the operations and Services for the Fight against Sports Corruption, betting fraud and match manipulation. Creation of an electronic system for registering and transmitting complaints by interfacing with other systems.
8. Developing the flow of procedures for evaluating information from reporting and further actions (penal, disciplinary etc.)
9. Developing the international cooperation

## **Objectives**

1. Draws up a draft national strategy for the prevention and combating of manipulation in sports in Greece, monitors the implementation of the agreed plan and updates its national strategy whenever necessary by following up on European and international developments in sport events manipulation in Europe and the World.
2. Coordinates all agencies and bodies involved in the implementation of the national strategy against sport corruption and fraud. To this end, it shall take the necessary initiatives and actions to ensure the coherence and effectiveness of the national strategy and shall be designated as the competent authority according to Magglingen/Macolin Convention to coordinate the fight against sports manipulation in Greece.
3. Collaborates with international sport organizations and bodies and agencies of the European Union or other States to develop, undertake, use, implement programs - strategic plans, exchange best practices and receive technical assistance in the fight against sport events manipulation.
4. Collaborates with the Sport organizations and Athletic bodies involved in the fight against sport events manipulation corruption and fraud and coordinates their actions on relevant issues in the fight against sport events manipulation in Greece.
5. Cooperate with the directors of the judicial and prosecutorial authorities of all grades and exchange views on matters of their competence.
6. Ensures that the public is aware and well informed of the risks involved in the phenomenon of sports events manipulation corruption, bribery - betting fraud - in Greece, for the sporting community as well as for the community as a whole.

### ***Operational procedures***

- Monitoring and Collection of information
- Reporting and Developing application for Whistleblowing
- Analysis and Evaluation of the information and the reports (triage process)
- Investigation and Law enforcement
- Creating and applying educational tools and awareness raising
- National Coordination of the stakeholders
- International Cooperation with other national platforms

### ***Implementation***

- ❖ Very early stages, finalizing the legal status of the platform

### ***Funding of the NP (estimated yearly budget, sources)***

- ❖ Approximately 100 k€ per year mostly from Ministry of Culture and Sport and Hellenic Gaming Commission
- ❖ Personnel: Mostly from member bodies

### ***Other points***