

**Follow-up Committee
on Manipulation of sports competitions (T-MC)**

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**Terms of reference
Network of National Platforms
(Group of Copenhagen)**

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NETWORK OF NATIONAL PLATFORMS (GROUP OF COPENHAGEN) (T-MC / AG)

Set up by the Follow-up Committee (T-MC) under Article 31.4 of the Macolin Convention and Article 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the T-MC

Type: Advisory Group, Group of Copenhagen

TASKS OF THE ADVISORY GROUP

The Group of Copenhagen (GoC) is the network of National Platforms established in the spirit of Article 13 of the Macolin Convention.

The GoC is a global network of operationally engaged experts, working together and supporting each other to detect, sanction and prevent sports competition manipulation as defined in the Macolin Convention.

Under the authority of the Follow-up Committee (T-MC), and in close cooperation with the Secretariat, the Advisory Group will:

- Coordinate the Network of National Platforms according to the general guidance provided by the Follow-up Committee.
- Make proposals on minimum requirements for membership of the Group as well as the process for the Group to decide on membership issues.
- Formulate proposals to further enhance the establishment, operation and development of National Platforms.
- Develop those proposals by means of designated working groups.
- Support capacity building initiatives for National Platforms.
- Strengthen the broader Macolin community.
- Propose and undertake research and surveys on general and specific topics pertaining to its tasks.
- Prepare an annual report on achievements and developments of the Network of National Platforms.

COMPOSITION

Members:

The Advisory Group shall elect, from among its members representing public authorities¹, for a period of two years a Bureau comprising the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Advisory Group and five other elected representatives. The Chair and Vice-Chair may be re-elected only once. Other Bureau members may be re-elected once and become Chair or Vice-Chair. The maximum period a member may serve in the Bureau is 6 years.

Advisory Group Bureau members are elected in their personal capacity and cannot be replaced in the Bureau meetings.

While electing its Bureau, the Advisory Group shall aim to ensure a sufficient diversity in terms of expertise, gender and geographical distribution.

The Advisory Group will decide, based on the approved criteria, on its composition and the possible admission of new members to the Advisory Group.

Observers:

The Advisory Group may invite observers, including other Council of Europe bodies or external organisations, to attend its meetings and participate in its work, without the right to vote.

WORKING METHODS

The Advisory Group will carry out its work through plenary meetings at least two times per calendar year, either physically or by teleconference, as well as through online communication between the plenary meetings.

Documents issued by the Advisory Group will be in both official languages of the Council of Europe (English and French). Meetings of the Advisory Group may be held in English only, where appropriate.

The Advisory Group may decide to hold consultations or hearings with representatives of stakeholders not included in the Advisory Group.

The Bureau of the Advisory Group will prepare all meetings. The Bureau will, on behalf of the Advisory Group, report regularly to the T-MC Follow-up Committee and will represent the Advisory Group as appropriate.

¹ See Article 2.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the T-MC.

The Bureau of the Advisory Group will meet at least four times per calendar year either physically or by teleconference.

The Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Advisory Group are invited as observers to the meetings of the T-MC Follow-up Committee meetings.

The Bureau can set-up thematic working groups. These groups should comprise a small number of participants to streamline the contribution of the Advisory Group to advise on and/or to implement specific programs and/or activities. Chairs of each thematic working group will report to the Bureau of the Advisory Group on their activities.

If needed, the Advisory Group may be assisted by a consultant.

The work of both the Advisory Group and the Bureau will be supported by the T-MC Secretariat.

Subject to budgetary feasibility, the Council of Europe will bear the cost of the organisation of and participation in the Bureau meetings.