

**Follow-up Committee on the Manipulation  
of Sports Competitions  
(T-MC)**

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Manipulation of Sports Competitions  
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**5<sup>th</sup> meeting  
20 October 2022**

**List of Decisions**

## **1. WELCOME**

The Follow-up Committee warmly thanked the Ukrainian delegation present in Strasbourg for the Macolin week and expressed its sympathy and solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

## **2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The Follow-up Committee adopted the agenda of the meeting as appearing in Appendix I. The list of participants features in Appendix II.

## **3. VICE-CHAIR ELECTION**

The Follow-up Committee elected Wilhelm Rauch (Switzerland) by acclamation as Vice-Chair for the remaining duration of the current term.

The committee confirmed that pending the election of a third additional member, the Bureau would 's decisions would be composed only of the President, the Vice President and two other members.

## **4. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

The Follow-up Committee took note of the information provided by the Secretariat, notably regarding the following:

- The forthcoming Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for sport (25-27 October, Antalya, Türkiye);
- Some important outcomes of the Autumn session of the Parliamentary Assembly (the adoption of Resolution 2465 on "[the fight for a level playing field – ending discrimination against women in the world of sport](#)" and the organisation of a hearing on workers' rights in Qatar;
- The recent report of the High-level reflection Group which contains a reference to the Macolin Convention and the importance of the EU's accession to it.

## **5. STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS**

The Follow-up Committee appreciated the letter – jointly signed by the Chairs of the Follow-up Committee and of the Group of Copenhagen – sent to countries that have not signed/ratified the Convention.

The Committee welcomed the announced signature by North Macedonia at the next ministerial conference to be held in Antalya.

The Committee invited members, observers, and the Secretariat to continue actively supporting signatures and ratifications throughout Europe and beyond.

## **6. INFORMATION SHARING AND DATA PROTECTION**

The Follow-up Committee noted the presentation by Daniel Cooper presentation on the model legal provisions and the guidance document.

The Committee agreed to continue working on transborder data flows.

## **7. NON-COMPETITIVE MATCHES AND ILLEGAL BETTING**

The Follow-up Committee noted the presentation by Steve Menary and will further explore the possibility of drafting guidelines considering Article 9.1.b of the Convention.

The Committee noted the presentation by Martin Purbrick on illegal betting.

## **8. SELF-EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE**

The Follow-up Committee welcomed the presentation by Ramunė Bistrickaitė on the first self-evaluation questionnaire and invited each member to complete their response by the end of October.

The Committee instructed the Secretariat to provide a comprehensive report with proposed recommendations for examination at its next meeting.

## **9. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL**

The Follow-up Committee took note of the recent developments presented by States parties and observers, which illustrate a dynamic pace of actions and initiatives in the fight against the manipulation of sports competitions, welcoming in particular (non-exhaustive list):

- In Greece, the preparation of an e-learning tool and in-house alerting system;
- In the Republic of Moldova, the transfer of the host institution of the National Platform to the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA);
- In Norway, the establishment of a working group to create learning/awareness-raising material and the possibility of developing specific legislation to criminalise sports manipulation;
- In Ukraine, despite the war and the losses, the national platform continues to strengthen by improving working documents, the website and holding educational webinars;
- In Switzerland, the development of legislation to improve ethics in sport (link with IPACS 50 recommendations) and the future creation of an independent national reporting office;

- At FIFA, the establishment of the World Cup Integrity Task Force (Qatar 2022);
- At IOC, the extensive education work in various multi-sports events, the preparation of the next Olympic Games (Paris and Ganwon 2024) and ongoing work with Interpol to bring national stakeholders together;
- At Interpol, the training for investigators in Belgium (with the IOC), an integrity workshop in North Macedonia (with the IOC) and some important operations in Spain and Ireland.
- At UEFA, the conference with EUROPOL, the Anti-Match-Fixing Working Group in Manchester, the monitoring of the WEURO 2022 and the launch of the Fight the Fix programme.

## **10. INFORMATION BY THE ADVISORY GROUP**

The Follow-Up Committee took note of the work of the Group of Copenhagen and welcomed the new participation of 5 countries. It supported the creation of Working Groups to implement the 2022-2025 action plan.

The Committee highlighted the importance of reactivating the exchange of information and alerts between the national platforms.

## **11. ACT PROJECT**

The Follow-up Committee recalled its support to the ACT project, which enabled the promotion of the Convention and its implementation. It supported the proposal of the Chair of the Group of Copenhagen to seek financial support from national delegations in the form of a fundraising letter.

## **12. NETWORK OF MAGISTRATES/PROSECUTORS (MARS)**

The Follow-up Committee strongly supported the establishment of the network, looking forward to cooperating with prosecutors.

## **13. TYPOLOGY OF MANIPULATIONS**

The Follow-up Committee noted the presentation by Lorraine Pearman on the revised methodological framework and interactive tool. It looked forward to publishing a resource guide on the typology of sports manipulations.

## **14. INTER-INSTITUTIONAL EXCHANGE WITH UNODC**

The Follow-up Committee noted the presentation by Alexandra Sokolova and stressed the importance of further developing close cooperation between the Council of Europe and UNODC.

**15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No specific matter was raised.

**16. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Follow-up Committee took note of the proposed dates for its next meeting (week of 1 to 5 April 2023). It intended to hold the next meeting of its Bureau early March 2023.

**17. CLOSING OF THE MEETING**

The Follow-up Committee adopted the present list of decisions.

## **APPENDIX I – AGENDA**

### **I. OPENING**

1. WELCOME
2. AGENDA
3. VICE-CHAIR ELECTION
4. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT COUNCIL OF EUROPE

### **II. STANDARD SETTING AND LEGAL ISSUES**

5. STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS
6. INFORMATION SHARING AND DATA PROTECTION
7. NON-COMPETITIVE MATCHES AND ILLEGAL BETTING

### **III. MONITORING OF THE CONVENTION**

8. SELF-EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE

### **IV. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

9. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL
10. ADVISORY GROUP
11. ACT PROJECT
12. NETWORK OF MAGISTRATES/PROSECUTORS (MARS)
13. TYPOLOGY OF MANIPULATIONS
14. INTER-INSTITUTIONAL EXCHANGE WITH UNODC

### **V. CLOSING OF THE MEETING**

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
16. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS
17. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

## APPENDIX II - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

### MEMBERS

STATE PARTY	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
GREECE	KAPERONI	Amalia		
GREECE	KARAMANLAKI	Fotini	Executive Assistant, Ethics, Integrity & Compliance Commission	Hellenic Olympic Committee (HOC)
GREECE	KERAMARIS	Vasilis	Legal Advisor	General Secretariat of Sport
GREECE	LAMPRINI	Sakellariou		
GREECE	LIBERIS	Reggas		
GREECE	MAVROTAS	Georgios	Secretary General of Sport  Chair of the T-MC Committee	Ministry of Culture and Sport
ITALY	MARIOZZI	Luca	Analyst	Excise, Customs and Monopolies Agency (ADM)
ITALY	MORRA	Giulio	Analyst	Excise, Customs and Monopolies Agency (ADM)
NORWAY	HJETLAND	Kristian Johnsen	Senior Advisor	Norwegian Gambling Authority
NORWAY	TYSSE	Eirik Haugen	Coordinator of the Platform	Norwegian Gambling Authority
PORTUGAL	FIGUEIREDO	Esperança	Director	Gambling Regulation and Inspection Service
PORTUGAL	LYRA	Andre	Financial Director	Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Lisboa - Departamento de Jogos
PORTUGAL	PEREIRA	Rafael	Sports Advisor	Portuguese government's Secretary of State for Youth and Sport
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	CHIRIAC	Natalia	Sports Law Counsel  Bureau member of the T-MC Committee	Football Association of Moldova
SWITZERLAND	EICHENBERGER	Patrik	Coordinator National Platform; Deputy Director	Swiss Gambling Supervisory Authority
SWITZERLAND	RAUCH	Wilhelm	Head of Steering and Law  Bureau member of the T-MC Committee	Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport, Federal Office of Sport
SWITZERLAND	SPESSCHA	Giannina	Legal Officer, Legislative Projects Unit II	Federal Office of Justice, Federal Department of Justice and Police
UKRAINE	ANTYPOV	Anton	Expert on Anti-corruption	Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine
UKRAINE	DAVYDENKO	Oleksandr	Advisor to the President	National Olympic Committee

<b>STATE PARTY</b>	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>INSTITUTION</b>
UKRAINE	RADCHUK	Nataliia	Head of Department of International Cooperation and European Integration Bureau member of the T-MC Committee	Ministry of Youth and Sports

### OBSERVERS

<b>INSTITUTION</b>	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
<b>ADVISORY GROUP/GROUP OF COPENHAGEN</b>	SEGALEN	Corentin	Chair of the Group of Copenhagen, Coordinator of the French National Platform
<b>ADVISORY GROUP/ GROUP OF COPENHAGEN</b>	WARNERS	Chiel	Vice-Chair of the Group of Copenhagen, Information coordinator Netherlands Platform
<b>FIFA</b>	BARONE	Stefano	Senior Legal Counsel Investigatory
<b>INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (IOC)</b>	ALEXANDRAKIS	Evangelos	NOCs Contact Manager, Olympic Movement Unit on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions
<b>INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (IOC)</b>	MARTENS	Friedrich	Head of Olympic Movement Unit on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, Ethics and Compliance Office
<b>INTERPOL</b>	BRAEKEVELD	Dieter	Police training Officer
<b>INTERPOL</b>	MARINELLI	Claudio	Criminal Intelligence Officer / Project Manager, Organized and Emerging Crime Directorate
<b>UEFA</b>	EICHENBERGER	Stephanie	Anti-Match-Fixing Expert

### INVITED GUESTS

<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>INSTITUTION/ ORGANISATION</b>
<b>COOPER</b>	Daniel P.	Partner	COVINGTON & BURLING LLP
<b>BISTRICKATITÉ</b>	Ramuné	Sport legal expert	INDEPENDENT EXPERT
<b>MENARY</b>	Steve	Journalist and Researcher	INDEPENDENT EXPERT
<b>PEARMAN</b>	Lorraine	Consultant	EVOLVE SPORTS INTEGRITY
<b>PURBRICK</b>	Martin	Chairman	COUNCIL ON ANTI-ILLEGAL BETTING & RELATED FINANCIAL CRIME, ASIAN RACING FEDERATION
<b>SOKOLOVA</b>	Alexandra	Crime prevention and criminal justice associate	UNODC



**COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
<b>GUIDIKOVA</b>	Irena	Head of the Children's Rights and Sport Values Department
<b>KWASNY</b>	Sophie	Head of the Sport Division
<b>SAYDÉ</b>	Nicolas	Coordinator of the Macolin Secretariat
<b>MARTIN</b>	Caroline Helene	Project Officer
<b>UNGUREANU</b>	Lorena	Project Officer, Moneyval
<b>ZECCHETTO</b>	Francesco	Administrative Assistant
<b>FASINO</b>	Luca	Trainee