

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

Council of Europe Convention on the  
Manipulation of Sports Competitions  
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**7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Follow-up Committee on the  
Manipulation of Sports Competitions (T-MC)**

**29-30 November 2023**  
Athens

**List of decisions**

## I. OPENING

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### 1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the participants and congratulated France for its first participation as new Party to the Macolin Convention (effective on 1/10/2023, becoming the 9th State Party to the Convention).

The Committee welcomed a delegation from Spain as a guest country, in accordance with its Rules of Procedure.

The Follow-up Committee thanked the Greek authorities for hosting this 7th meeting during the Sport Integrity week on fighting the manipulation of sports competitions, and their warm hospitality.

### 2. 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. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT COUNCIL OF EUROPE LEVEL

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Secretariat, notably:

- ✓ The **4<sup>th</sup> Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe**, 16-17 May 2023, in Reykjavik, Iceland, was an historical reaffirmation of their union around common values.
- ✓ The important work of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) in protecting sport integrity and formalising the **Network of Magistrates and Prosecutors responsible for Sports (MARS)**, which held its meeting on 18-19 September 2023 in Paris (France), with participation of the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Sports, Olympic and Paralympic Games of France.
- ✓ The adoption by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe of a **Declaration on sport integrity** (adopted on 27 September 2023) which notably stresses the importance of ratifying and implementing the Macolin Convention.
- ✓ The adoption by the Committee of Ministers of the 2024-2025 Programme and Budget of the Council of Europe.

## II. STANDARD SETTING AND LEGAL ISSUES

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### 4. STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS

The Follow-up Committee took note of the information provided by the Secretariat and welcomed the announced upcoming ratifications by a number of countries, including non-European ones.

The Follow-up Committee took note of the presentation on the Draft opinion on the request for accession by Tunisia. The Committee agreed to finalise the document by written procedure before the end of the year.

## 5. INFORMATION SHARING AND DATA PROTECTION

The Follow-up Committee took note of the presentation made by Arnold Roosendaal on the development of a draft data sharing agreement aimed at facilitating the exchange of information between sport organisations and betting operators.

The Committee agreed to finalise at a later date this model data sharing agreement, possibly by written procedure, before addressing other pressing data protection issues (cross checking, standard contractual clauses, etc.).

The Working group was asked to continue its efforts and report its progress, particularly on developing the Macolin data protection toolbox, at the next plenary meeting.

## 6. REASONABLE BETTING

The Follow-up Committee took note of the presentation by Christian Kalb and invited the Working group to continue its work on defining the applicable criteria, in accordance with Article 9.1.b of the Convention.

The Committee highlighted the importance of consulting other relevant stakeholders while establishing connections with the themes of responsible betting (addiction) and illegal betting.

## 7. MONEY LAUNDERING AND SPORTS BETTING

The Follow-up Committee welcomed the participation of the Chair in the MONEYVAL Plenary meeting on 25 May 2023, and emphasised the importance of cooperating with this important committee of the Council of Europe.

The Committee took note of the presentation by Pim Verschuuren and invited the Working group to finalise its preliminary analysis.

The Committee encouraged the Group to continue its works in 2024 in close collaboration with MONEYVAL.

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

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### 8. WORKING STRATEGY FOR 2024-2025

The Follow-Up Committee took note of the information presented by the Secretariat regarding the finalisation of the questionnaire, which will serve for the start of the biennial exercise (2024-2025).

It tasked its Secretariat to prepare the Monitoring methodology based on the existing documents already considered by the Committee.

It entrusted its Advisory Committee with the task to present an overview of the status of national platforms (article 13) at its next plenary meeting.

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

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

The Follow-up Committee took note of the recent developments presented during the round table by the State parties, the guest country, and the observers.

The Committee welcomed the recent decision by the Portuguese Parliament to approve the new platform for preventing the manipulation of sports competitions.

##### 10. ADVISORY GROUP

The Follow-Up Committee took note of the work of the Group of Copenhagen and the outcomes of the 5th meeting held on 8-9 November in Rabat.

##### 11. ACT PROJECT (ADDRESSING COMPETITIONS' MANIPULATION TOGETHER)

The Follow-up Committee welcomed the outcomes of the ACT conference on illegal betting organised in Rabat (Morocco) on 7 November and agreed to follow-up on the issues raised during the Conference.

It also welcomed the organisation of a training programme for national platforms to kick-start next year, in collaboration with UEFA.

Finally, the Follow-up Committee invited interested donors to financially contribute to ACT to sustain this important action.

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

The Follow-up Committee took note of the information provided by Jean-Yves Lourgouilloux, Chair of MARS and welcomed the setting-up of this Network under the aegis of EPAS, stressing the crucial importance of international cooperation in the field.

#### **V. CLOSING**

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##### 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Secretariat informed the participants of the dates of the 18th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for sport which will be held in Portugal on 8-10 October 2024 and the opportunity it will provide to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention.

##### 14. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Follow-up Committee took note of the possible dates for its 8th meeting, scheduled for the end of May 2024.

##### 15. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

## **Annex I – Agenda**

### **I. OPENING**

1. WELCOME
2. AGENDA
3. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT COUNCIL OF EUROPE LEVEL

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

4. STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS
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### **III. MONITORING OF THE CONVENTION**

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### **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)

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

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
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15. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

## Annex II – List of participants

### MEMBERS

COUNTRY	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
FRANCE	CARTON	Amandine	Legal expert in charge of sports integrity	Ministry of Sports and the Olympic and Paralympic Games
GREECE	DIMOPOULOU	Maria	Head of the Security and Administrative Sanctions Division	Hellenic Gaming Commission (HGC)
GREECE	KARAMANLAKI	Fotini	Executive Assistant, Ethics, Integrity & Compliance Commission	Hellenic Olympic Committee (HOC)
GREECE	MAVROTAS	Georgios	Secretary General of Sport Chair of the T-MC Committee	Ministry of Culture and Sport
ICELAND	ÓLAFSSON	Örvar	Senior Advisor	Ministry of Education and Children
ITALY	AGOSTA	Guglielmo	Executive of Department of Sports	Presidency of the Council of Ministers – Office for Sport
ITALY	MAURIELLO	Silvia	Analyst of Games Control Office	Customs and Monopolies Agency (ADM)
ITALY	TAUCER	Ugo	Prefect-General Sports Attorney	Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI)
NORWAY	GLASSER	Trond	Director International Relations	Ministry of Culture and Equality
NORWAY	TYSSE	Eirik Haugen	Coordinator of the Platform Bureau member of the T-MC Committee	Norwegian Gambling Authority
PORTUGAL	ALMEIDA	João	General director	Olympic Committee
PORTUGAL	ESPINHO	Maria	Financial director	Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Lisboa - Department of Games
PORTUGAL	FIGUEIREDO	Esperança	Director	Gambling Regulation and Inspection Service
PORTUGAL	PEREIRA	Rafael	Sports Advisor	Portuguese government's Secretary of State for Youth and Sport
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	ARTIOM	Juciov	General director	National Anti-Doping Organisation
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	SARACENI	Mariachara	Lawyer	Federal Office of Justice
UKRAINE	DAVYDENKO	Oleksandr	Advisor to the President	National Olympic Committee
UKRAINE	PEREVEZENTSEV	Oleksiy	First Vice-President	National Olympic Committee of Ukraine
UKRAINE	POLUBINSKYI	Denys	Expert in Anti-Corruption in Sports	Ministry of Youth and Sports

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>INSTITUTION</b>
<b>UKRAINE</b>	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>FIFA</b>	DOGGE	Jan Peter	Team Lead Integrity Management
<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>	GARCIA	Carlos	Senior Internal Controls & Risk Manager
<b>INTERPOL</b>	BRAEKEVELD	Dieter	Police training Officer
<b>INTERPOL</b>	COURT	Nick	Assistant director
<b>INTERPOL</b>	MARINELLI	Claudio	Criminal Intelligence Officer / Project Manager, Organized and Emerging Crime Directorate
<b>UEFA</b>	EICHENBERGER	Stephanie	Anti-Match-Fixing Expert
<b>UEFA</b>	VEN	Vincent	Head of Anti-Match-Fixing
<b>UNITED LOTTERIES FOR INTEGRITY IN SPORTS (ULIS)</b>	ESPOSITO	Luca	General Secretary
<b>UNITED LOTTERIES FOR INTEGRITY IN SPORTS (ULIS)</b>	MAILLET	Gilles	President
<b>UNITED LOTTERIES FOR INTEGRITY IN SPORTS (ULIS)</b>	SWAN	Cristina	Project manager

### **INVITED COUNTRY**

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>INSTITUTION</b>
<b>SPAIN</b>	MOLINERO REVERT	Fernando	Director General for Sports	High Council for Sports
<b>SPAIN</b>	RODRIGUEZ PORRAS	Raul	Director of the legal department	High Council for Sports

**INVITED**

<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>INSTITUTION/ ORGANISATION</b>
<b>KALB</b>	Christian	Director	CK Consulting
<b>LOURGOUILLOUX</b>	Jean-Yves	Deputy Public Prosecutor Chair of the MARS network	Marseille Judicial Court Ministry of Justice
<b>VERSCHUUREN</b>	Pim	Lecturer	University Rennes 2
<b>ROSENDAAL</b>	Arnold	Director	Privacy company

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<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
<b>KWASNY</b>	Sophie	Head of the Sport Division
<b>RIEGER</b>	Céline	Administrative assistant
<b>SAYDÉ</b>	Nicolas	Secretary of the Macolin Convention
<b>YILDIRIM</b>	Ibrahim	Trainee (Data Protection Unit)

**INTERPRETERS**

<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>AITKEN</b>	Eline	29/11 and 30/11
<b>OUEDRAOGO</b>	Léa	29/11 and 30/11