

## **Group of Copenhagen**

Council of Europe Convention on the  
Manipulation of Sports Competitions  
(CETS No. 215)



# **FOOTBALL LOCAL ALERTS GLOBAL STRATEGY (FLAGS)**

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## **Strasbourg closing event**

**18 October 2022**

09/10/2022  
*FINAL VERSION*

## BACKGROUND

■ The Council of Europe's Secretariat of the Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (Macolin Convention) launched the Football Local Alerts Global Strategy (FLAGS) project on 30th Jun 2021. This initiative is based on a proactive surveillance system to quickly and effectively alert stakeholders of any match-fixing attempts. The ambition is gathering the main actors to collectively support investigations on specific football teams.

■ To that purpose the Council of Europe has teamed up with FIFA, INTERPOL, Confederations, National Football Association, prosecutor and the Group of Copenhagen to create a robust information and alert network to detect match-fixing in football. The group also relied on the expertise of instrumental partners: GLMS, IBIA, Sportradar, Starlizard and StatsPerform.

■ After the identification phase (2-3 months), 5 teams were selected to be placed under surveillance:

- Group 1 Team in Bangladesh
- Group 2 Team in Kenya
- Group 3 Team in Albania
- Group 4 Team in Georgia
- Group 5 Team in Sweden

■ For each team, a national platform was designed to take the lead on the monitoring phase (8 months) which ended in September 2022.

## OBJECTIVE THE MEETING

■ The objective of this meeting is to officially close the FLAGS project by:

- Presenting the results of the monitoring phase by Group;
- Discussing lessons learned and possible improvements for the future.

## DATE AND LOCATION

■ Tuesday 18/09/2022 (18:00-19:00, CEST), Council of Europe Strasbourg.

## MEETING TYPE

■ On-site meeting for approximately 30 persons.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

Time	Description
18:00-18:05	Welcome speeches
18:05-18:10	General introduction to the FLAGS project
18:10-18:30	Presentation of the results of the monitoring phase by the National Platforms
18:30-19:00	Round table <i>Each partner is invited to share their feedback on:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <i>What worked well</i></li><li>✓ <i>What had not worked well</i></li><li>✓ <i>What could be improved for the future</i></li></ul>
19:00-20:30	Social event