

**COMMITTEE ON SAFETY AND SECURITY AT SPORTS
EVENTS (T-S4)**

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POLICY STRATEGY 2021-2025¹

1) MISSION

To maximise States capacity to ensure safe, secure and welcoming sports events across Europe and worldwide, through standard-setting, monitoring and promoting the Saint-Denis Convention standards at football and other sports events.

The T-S4 Committee is the only competent body responsible for monitoring the application of the Saint-Denis Convention and for the interpretation of its provisions.

2) VISION

To make sporting events safer, more secure and welcoming, thus contributing to the protection and promotion of sport, the rule of law and human rights in and through sport.

The T-S4 Committee is the international platform to exchange knowledge and experience, to share good practices and develop co-operation on safety, security and service at football and other sports events.

3) VALUES

The T-S4 Committee shares and promotes the Council of Europe 's core values: human rights, democracy and the rule of law, as well as sports core values, such as respect, tolerance, honesty, solidarity, health, fair-play, integrity and good governance.

The activities of the Committee are based upon and guided by these values.

¹ The duration of the Strategy encompasses the Secretary General four-year strategic framework 2022-2025 reflecting the priorities for the Council of Europe's longer-term mission.

4) T-S4 COMMITTEE STRATEGY (2021-2025)

Strategic Goal 1. Establish a solid and effective monitoring mechanism under the Saint-Denis Convention

- **Objective 1:** Adopt and implement guidelines on monitoring the Saint-Denis Convention and establish a process of their regular review
- **Objective 2:** Develop and launch a programme of monitoring and follow-up visits in States Parties
- **Objective 3:** Provide the States Parties with necessary support in implementing the recommendations of the monitoring visits
- **Objective 4:** Share and promote the outcomes of monitoring activities, namely through reports and comparative studies

Strategic Goal 2. Promote the implementation of the Saint-Denis Convention through focused policy advice

- **Objective 1:** Establish a system to identify priority areas for the T-S4 normative and standard setting work and aiming at a balancing the three pillars: safety, security and service
- **Objective 2:** Ensure that the human rights, hate speech, anti-racism and anti-discrimination dimensions are streamlined in any standards-setting work of the T-S4 or other policy advice
- **Objective 3:** Support States Parties in developing and implementing national strategies based on the Convention
- **Objective 4:** Maintain, in co-operation with the Standing Committee of the European Convention on Spectator Violence (T-RV), the work on promoting and updating the Recommendation Rec(2015)1, as revised in 2019 and adopted in 2020

Strategic Goal 3. Develop operational capacity of the T-S4 Committee

- **Objective 1:** Ensure effective functioning of the new Committee on Safety and Security at Sports Events (T-S4), its Bureau and Advisory and Ad Hoc Groups, in close co-ordination with the T-RV

- **Objective 2:** Establish an institutionalised process to promote the implementation of the provisions of the Saint-Denis Convention in the context of the major tournaments, such as 2022 FIFA World Cup (Qatar), UEFA EURO 2024 (Germany), 2026 FIFA World Cup (Canada, Mexico, USA), etc.
- **Objective 3:** Develop synergies with relevant Council of Europe bodies (Congress, ECtHR, ECRI, EPAS, PACE, etc.)
- **Objective 4:** Invest in attracting new signatures and ratifications of the Convention by European countries and beyond, and promote awareness-raising about the Convention and the activities of the Committee

Strategic Goal 4. Develop partnerships with relevant stakeholders

- **Objective 1:** Establish, in the context of the implementation of the MoU between the CoE and FIFA, a permanent bilateral co-operation mechanism; and ensure adoption and implementation of annual co-operation plans
- **Objective 2:** Establish, in the context of the implementation of the MoU between the CoE and UEFA, a permanent bilateral co-operation mechanism; and ensure adoption and implementation of annual co-operation plans
- **Objective 3:** Involve, where relevant, European supporter organisations and other NGO's in the design, implementation and evaluation of activities as well as in the promotion of results achieved
- **Objective 4:** Exchange knowledge and expertise with relevant intergovernmental partners on promoting safety, security and service at sports events

Strategic Goal 5. Promote international cooperation

- **Objective 1:** Strengthen institutional co-operation with the European Union
- **Objective 2:** Establish partnership with the sport movement, namely the International Olympic Committee, international federations and other sports bodies involved in the organisation of international major sports events in Europe and beyond
- **Objective 3:** Influence and contribute to the implementation of the United Nations global programme on safety and security of major sporting events
- **Objective 4:** Develop a clearing house on national strategies, legal and administrative frameworks, good practices and lessons learned in the field of safety, security and service at sports events.