

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

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**Third meeting of the
Committee on Safety and Security
at Sports Events (T-S4)**

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LIST OF DECISIONS

At its third meeting, held in Strasbourg on 19-20 April 2021, the Committee on Safety and Security at Sports Events, of the Saint-Denis Convention (hereafter “T-S4” or “Saint-Denis Committee”):

1. Adopted the agenda of the meeting as appears in document T-S4(2023)4;
2. Took note of the working breakfast with Ambassadors organised to promote the Saint-Denis Convention and the sport sector and, with the same purpose, invited delegations to, where appropriate, liaise regularly with their Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe;
3. Took note of the annual meeting between the Secretary General and the Chairs of Monitoring and Advisory Bodies and of the future coordination meetings between the secretariats of these bodies;
4. Took note with interest of the 4th Summit of the Council of Europe Heads of State and Government (16-17 May 2023, Reykjavik, Iceland);
5. Adopted by unanimity the revised version of its Rules of Procedure, together with its five annexes (List of Observers, Terms of Reference of its three Advisory Groups and its Ad Hoc Working Group on UEFA EURO 2024 - Germany), as it appears in document T-S4 (2021)14 rev4;
6. Decided by unanimity to restrict the participation of Belarus, as observer State, in the work of the Committee, with immediate effect;
7. Held elections for the Bureau, for Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Working Group on UEFA EURO 2024 and for Gender Equality Rapporteur, and elected by unanimity and acclamation:
 - as Chairperson of the Committee: Adrian Dinca (Romania);
 - as Vice-Chairperson: Rodrigo Cavaleiro (Portugal);
 - as Chairperson of the Advisory Group on Monitoring (T-S4 MON): Lucie Loubeyre (France);
 - as Chairperson of the Advisory Group on Standard Setting and Legal Issues (T-S4 LI): vacant; the Secretariat will moderate this Group until further election;
 - as Chairperson of the Advisory Group on International Cooperation (T-S4 COOP): Martin Schlosser (Austria);
 - as Chairperson of the T-S4 Ad hoc Working Group on UEFA EURO 2024 (Germany): Adrian Dinca (Romania); and

- as Gender Equality Rapporteur: Elena-Katharina Liedl (Austria).
8. Welcomed the establishment of the network of Magistrates Responsible for Sport (MARS); and entrusted the Secretariat to liaise with it, notably to discuss the feasibility of a European-wide mechanism of mutual recognition of judicial sports banning orders;
 9. Took note of the invitation to attend the Forum on Human Rights in Sport, to be held in hybrid format on 30 June 2023, on the general topic of “Data protection in sport”, including the exchange of information in the fight against offences/crime and facial recognition and crowd management;
 10. Took note that EPAS Governing Board will hold its annual meeting on 8-9 June 2023, to which the T-S4 Chair will be invited to participate, in particular, in the session on sport integrity;
 11. Entrusted the Advisory Group on Standard Setting and Legal Issues (T-S4 LI) to prepare draft recommendations or guidelines on the following topics:
 - temporary law on safety, security and service at major sporting events;
 - licensing, certification and inspection of sports venues;
 - safe standing at sports venues;
 - specificities of S4 women’s major sporting events;
 - equality, diversity and inclusiveness (EDI) at sports grounds;
 - safety and service outside sports grounds (“Zone-ex” and fan zones);
 - public health at sports events: good practices and lessons learned from COVID-19 pandemic;
 - the challenges of safety and security technologies for human rights at sports events; and
 - follow discussions at the EU level on a cross-European mechanism of mutual recognition of judicial and administrative banning orders;
 12. Agreed to hold, at its next meeting, a larger discussion on the effectiveness of collective banning orders against away fans;
 13. Entrusted the Advisory Group on Monitoring (T-S4 MON) to update the program of monitoring visits for 2023-2025;
 14. Took note of the reports and corrective measures to be adopted by UEFA and France, following the incidents of the 2022 UEFA Champions League Final

(Stade de France, Saint-Denis, 28 May), to be updated at the next meeting and proposed a monitoring visit to France in early 2024, as part of the preparations for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games;

15. Took note of the first findings of the 2022 annual monitoring questionnaire and entrusted the Secretariat to circulate the draft report by late May 2023, to be adopted by written procedure; and agreed to develop a new approach for the next questionnaires, aiming at embedding open-source information and allow a more accurate analysis of the incidents;
16. Took note of a document prepared by the Secretariat, with open-source national statistics on sport-related violence, to complement the annual monitoring report and be regularly updated by countries;
17. Took note of recent developments in legislative, regulatory, administrative and institutional frameworks at national level, and asked delegations to regularly update their country profiles;
18. Took note of the French pilot project on controlled use of pyrotechnics in stadia and decided to hold a more in-depth discussion at the next meeting;
19. Took note of the state of play of the EU/CoE joint project on «Combatting Hate Speech in Sport», to be updated at the next meeting;
20. Welcomed the establishment of the Council of Europe’s Network of National Correspondents of Police Authorities (also known as “the Police Network”) and the participation in its 2023 annual conference, on the topic of “Police activities in a context of violence and use of force”, to be held in Strasbourg on 24-25 May; and
21. Agreed to hold its fourth plenary meeting in Strasbourg, if possible in-person, on 18-19 October 2023.