

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

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Committee on Safety and Security
at Sports Events (T-S4)**

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LIST OF DECISIONS

At its fourth meeting, held in Strasbourg on 18-19 October 2023, 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, with a new item on “collective travel bans against away fans”, as appears in document T-S4(2023)21rev;
2. Acknowledged the high relevance of the 4th Summit of the Council of Europe Heads of State and Government (16-17 May 2023, Reykjavik, Iceland), and the Declaration adopted; underlined the importance of sport to achieve the objectives and priorities established therein; and called for the sport sector to be given the necessary financial and human resources for the coming years;
3. Adopted by unanimity the revised version of its Rules of Procedure, as it appears in document T-S4 (2021)14 rev5;
4. Held an election for the position of Chairperson of the Advisory Group on Standard Setting and Legal Issues (T-S4 LI), and elected İnanç Özçakmak, Head of the Turkish delegation and Deputy Director General of the General Directorate of International Organisations and Foreign Relations, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Türkiye;
5. Welcomed the success of the 2nd meeting of the network of Magistrates Responsible for Sport (MARS), held in Paris on 18-19 September; and entrusted the Secretariat to liaise with it and bring new relevant topics of common interest for future discussion;
6. Took note of the outcomes of the EPAS Governing Board annual meeting held on 8-9 June 2023, and confirmed its willingness to continue working with EPAS and other conventional sectors in areas of common interest, towards greater sports integrity;
7. Welcomed of the [Declaration of the Committee of Ministers on sport integrity](#), adopted on 27 September 2023, which notably invites member States to ratify and implement the Saint-Denis Convention;
8. Welcomed the establishment of the Council of Europe’s Network of National Correspondents of Police Authorities (also known as “the Police Network”) and the conclusions of its first annual conference, held in Strasbourg on 24-25 May 2023;
9. Endorsed the updated programme of monitoring visits for 2023-2025, as proposed by the Advisory Group on Monitoring (T-S4 MON);
10. Took note of the corrective measures adopted by UEFA and France, following the incidents of the 2022 UEFA Champions League Final (Stade de France, Saint-Denis, 28 May);

11. Adopted the 2022 annual monitoring report and agreed to enhance the next questionnaire, aiming at facilitating and clarifying the replies; and instructed the Secretariat to launch in the coming weeks the Questionnaire for the year 2023 or season 2022/2023;
12. Decided to enlarge the spectrum of relevant stakeholders to work with in the future, like players, coaches, referees and journalists, having entrusted to the Secretariat the task of establishing contacts with the respective organisations;
13. Invited delegations to revisit their involvement in the Advisory Groups and increase, where applicable, their level of participation, by appointing national experts;
14. Took note of recent developments in legislative, regulatory, administrative and institutional frameworks at national and European levels, and asked delegations to regularly update their country profiles;
15. Took note of the update of the French pilot projects on controlled use of pyrotechnics in stadia and on standing tribunes, as well as of the experience of other countries;
16. Took note of the work carried out by UNOCT, notably the UN Global Sports Programme, and instructed the Secretariat to keep following it;
17. Took note of the role and activities of FIFPRO, namely their latest report on Workplace Safety for Football Players, and their intention to request the observer status to the Committee;
18. Underlined the importance of the proposed joint EU-CoE project « Balance S4 – Strengthening the Safety and Service pillars of the Saint-Denis Convention», and entrusted to the Secretariat the task to share details as soon as possible;
19. Took note of the state of play of the joint project on «Combating Hate Speech in Sport»;
20. Took note of the findings presented by Signify Company on the dimension and impact of online sport-related hate speech;
21. Took note of the state of play of the joint project «All in Plus – Promoting Gender Equality in Sport»;
22. Took note of the findings of the EU-funded project “Safe Stadium - Integrated large sport facilities protection system supporting the CBRN security of mass events”, of the University of Lodz (Poland); and tasked the Secretariat to follow-up this project and its deliveries, with a view to eventually draft a T-S4 recommendation on this topic;

23. Took note of the state of play regarding the illegal use of pyrotechnics and tasked the Advisory Group on International Cooperation to circulate a questionnaire and present results at the next meeting;
24. Took note of the state of play regarding the use of collective travel bans against away supporters; and tasked the Advisory Group on Standard Setting and Legal Issues to make an assessment of the current situation in this regard and present a report with proposals at the next meeting, to ensure that these measures are used in a legitimate and proportionate way;
25. Welcomed the recent launch of the Polish and Portuguese versions of the free online e-learning course on the Saint-Denis Convention; and tasked the Secretariat to share the Polish and Portuguese communication plans with delegations;
26. Welcomed the publication of the toolkit of 16 factsheets of the Saint-Denis Convention, and invited national delegations to liaise with the Secretariat with a view to translating it into other languages;
27. Agreed to hold its fifth plenary meeting in Strasbourg, fully in presence, on 17-18 April 2024 (to be confirmed).