

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

COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION ON AN
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**Fifth meeting of the
Committee on Safety and Security
at Sports Events (T-S4)**

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23-24 April 2024

LIST OF DECISIONS

At its fifth meeting, held in Strasbourg on 23-24 April 2024, 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(2024)07;
2. Took note of the organisation of the 3rd annual meeting of the EPAS Network of Magistrates/Prosecutors Responsible for Sports (Interpol, Lyon, 18-19 June 2024), as well as the 18th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (Oporto, 8-10 October 2024);
3. Took note of the 2nd annual conference of the Council of Europe’s Network of National Correspondents of Police Authorities (also known as “the Police Network”), held in Strasbourg on 19-21 March 2024, and supported the Secretariat’s proposal on “policing sports events” as a subject for a future annual conference;
4. Held an election for the position of Chairperson of the Advisory Group on Monitoring (T-S4 LI), and elected Anton Cernat, member of the Romanian delegation and head of the Romanian National Football Information Point (NFIP), for the second half of the term of office;
5. Took note of the work being carried out by the Advisory Group on Standard Setting and Legal Issues (T-S4 LI), namely on the draft questionnaire on collective bans against away supporters;
6. Took note of the delay for the delivery of the 2022-2023 Annual/Season Monitoring Report, due to late replies to the questionnaire;
7. Took note of the transmission of the draft report of the monitoring visit to Germany to the host country, for official comments by the end of May 2024;
8. Took note and regretted that the French authorities declined the proposal to host a monitoring visit in the context of the preparations for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games;
9. Took note of the planned monitoring visits: Greece (May 2024), Türkiye (2nd semester 2024), Bulgaria and Portugal (2025); and invited the Parties to volunteer for monitoring visits for the period 2026-2028, notably those who will organise major sporting events;
10. Took note of the work being carried out by the Advisory Group on International Cooperation (T-S4 COOP), namely regarding the draft questionnaire on the use of pyrotechnics at sports events;

11. Decided to enlarge the spectrum of relevant stakeholders to work with in the future, like players, coaches, referees, journalists, safety managers, leagues and clubs, having updated document (2022)10 rev2 accordingly;
12. Took note of recent developments in legislative, regulatory, administrative and institutional frameworks at national and European levels, and invited delegations to regularly update their country profiles;
13. Took note of the update provided by the French delegation on the state of preparations for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games;
14. Took note of the role and activities of the International Federation for Sports Officials (IFSO), as well as of the safety and security challenges to referees and officials are confronted;
15. Took note of the update by FIFA on the preparations for the FIFA World Cup 2026 (Canada, Mexico and USA), and instructed the Secretariat to invite the hosting countries to attend the forthcoming meeting;
16. Welcomed the launch - and highlighted the importance - of the joint EU-CoE project « Balance S4 – Strengthening the Safety and Service pillars of the Saint-Denis Convention», as well as expressed its commitment to effectively contribute to the implementation of this project;
17. Took note of the state of play of the joint project on «Combating Hate Speech in Sport»;
18. Took note of the state of play of the joint project «All in Plus – Promoting Gender Equality in Sport»;
19. Took note of the findings presented by the British delegation on the police investigation of sport-related hate speech; and
20. Agreed to hold its sixth plenary meeting in Strasbourg, fully in presence, on 3-4 December 2024, back-to-back with the 3rd and final meeting of the Ad hoc Working Group on UEFA EURO 2024 (4 December pm) and the 2nd Awareness-raising Workshop of the Joint Project “Balance S4” (5 December am).