

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

COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION ON AN  
INTEGRATED SAFETY, SECURITY AND SERVICE  
APPROACH AT FOOTBALL MATCHES AND OTHER  
SPORTS EVENTS (CETS No. 218)



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

**Saint-Denis Convention (CETS No. 218)**

**3-4 June 2025**

**LIST OF DECISIONS**

At its seventh meeting, held in Strasbourg on 3-4 June 2025, 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(2025)16;
2. Took note of the welcome address by Matthias Kloth, Head of Department of Digital Governance and Sport (DGI), and of the information provided by the Secretariat;
3. Welcomed Serbia as 31st State Party to the Convention and welcomed the first participation of Morocco as Observer State;
4. Welcomed the International Sports Press Association (AIPS) as new Observer to the Convention;
5. Took note of the work carried out by the Secretariat to further implement and promote the Convention;
6. Invited delegations of Observer States to further promote the Convention at national level towards its ratification;
7. Took note of the information regarding the forthcoming 4th meeting of the MARS Network, which will address the important topic of organised crime and ultras in football;
8. Took note of the proposal to mark the 10th anniversary of the Saint-Denis Convention on the occasion of the 19th Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, to be held in the Principality of Monaco, on 3-4 November 2026;
9. Elected to the following positions for a term of two years:
  - Chairperson: Rodrigo Cavaleiro (Portugal)
  - Vice-Chairperson: Nick Petropoulos (Greece)
  - Chairperson of the Advisory Group on Monitoring (T-S4 MON): Anton Cernat (Romania)
  - Chairperson of the Advisory Group on International Cooperation (T-S4 COOP): Martin Schlosser (Austria) and
  - Gender Equality Rapporteur: Sara Marques (Portugal);

### *Standard Setting and legal Issues*

10. Decided that the recommendation on collective bans against away supporters shall be submitted for adoption by written procedure, within one month upon receipt;
11. Entrusted the Advisory Group T-S4 LI to analyse the EU Council conclusions on countering CBRNE risks at sports events with a view to updating Recommendation Rec (2021)1, where applicable;
12. Entrusted the Advisory Group T-S4 LI to propose updating Recommendation Rec (2021)1 to reflect the updates made in 2024 to the European Handbook on Policing International Football Matches with Appendix 4 (Dynamic Risk Assessment and Crowd Management) and Appendix 5 (Spotters Training).

### *Monitoring*

13. Adopted the report of the monitoring visit to Germany and invited Germany to submit a draft action plan within 6 months, as established in the T-S4 Guidelines on Monitoring (§ 5.9.);
14. Decided that the report on the monitoring visit to Türkiye shall be submitted for adoption by written procedure, within one month upon receipt;
15. Took note of the recent monitoring visit to Bulgaria and thanked the Bulgarian delegation for the professional and hospitable organisation of the visit;
16. Took note of the monitoring visit to be held in Hungary in 2025 and in Portugal and the United Kingdom in 2026;
17. Took note of confirmations of possible visits for the period 2026-2029 and thanked the national delegations for volunteering for such visits;
18. Took note of the Secretariat's contacts with Irish and Moroccan authorities, with a view to organising possible monitoring visits and/or conferences, in the context of preparations for major football tournaments;
19. Took note of the state of preparation of the "Biennial Monitoring Questionnaire and Report" and its launch later this year;

### *International Cooperation*

20. Took note of the adoption by written procedure of the report on the possession and use of pyrotechnics at sports events; and entrusted the Advisory Group T-S4 LI to consider drafting a possible recommendation on this topic;
21. Took note of the Belgian national study and public campaign to prevent the use of pyrotechnics; and recommended this campaign as a good practice to be considered by other States and sports organisations;
22. Took note of the preparation of a report on the evaluation of the major sports events of Summer 2024 in Europe;
23. Took note of the adoption by written procedure of the revised document on international co-operation and technical assistance initiatives;
24. Took note of the activities led worldwide by the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) in the field of safety and security of major sports events, highlighting to the need to strengthen bilateral co-operation;
25. Took note of the strategy and activities of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in the field of safety, security and service, including a debrief of Paris 2024 Olympic Games;
26. Took note of the final state of S4 preparations of the UEFA Women's EURO 2025, as presented by Switzerland and UEFA;
27. Took note of recent developments in legislative, regulatory, administrative and institutional frameworks at national level and by non-State organisations;

### *EU – CoE joint projects*

28. Took note of the update presented on the EU - CoE joint project "Balance S4 - Strengthening the Safety and Service pillars of the Saint-Denis Convention", and looked forward to promoting and following-up the implementation of the legacy of this project;
29. Took note of the launch of the EU - CoE joint project "Sport For All: Promoting Inclusion and Combating Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities";

30. Stressed the importance of these EU - CoE joint projects in the field of sport as tools to ensure effective technical assistance to Member States in implementing the Council of Europe's sports-related standards;

#### *Showcasing the Saint-Denis Convention*

31. Invited the concerned countries - including the Observer States - to send their country profiles and recalled States of the need to regularly send updates to the Secretariat;
32. Acknowledged the relevance of the toolkit of 16 factsheets as a way to further promote the Convention and its standards; invited the national delegations to translate this toolkit into their respective languages, and all Parties and Observers to promote it as largely as possible on their webpages, social networks, and events;
33. Invited Parties and Observers to contribute to the dissemination of the MOOC on the Saint-Denis Convention; praised the fact that the MOOC is now available through UEFA and INTERPOL's e-learning platforms and is widely used by FIFA and CAF; and took note of the development of the Greek version of the MOOC;

#### *Next meeting*

34. Decided to hold its 8th meeting on 2-3 December 2025 in Strasbourg, in full in-person format, back-to-back with the second meeting of the Ad hoc Working Group on FIFA World Cup 2026 (3 December afternoon) and, possibly, the closing event of the EU-CoE Joint Project "Balance S4" (4 December morning).