

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

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LIST OF DECISIONS

At its eighth meeting, held in Strasbourg on 2-3 December 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 Stanislas Frossard, Head of the Sport Division (DGI), and of the information provided by the Secretariat;
3. Welcomed Hungary and Cyprus as 32nd and 33rd States Parties to the Convention;
4. Welcomed the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the United Nations Office on Counter Terrorism (UNOCT) as 11th and 12th new Observers 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 5th meeting of the MARS Network, held in June 2025, which addressed the important topic of organised crime and ultras in football;
8. Took note of the preparations of 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. Took note of the adoption of the final assessment of the T-S4 Policy Strategy 2021-2025 and thanked the Secretariat for this comprehensive assessment;
10. Took note of the adoption of the Policy Strategy for 2026-2029 by written procedure;
11. Took note of the work of the Council of Europe in the field of gender equality and on the role and objectives of the T-S4 Gender Equality Rapporteur;

12. Elected, by acclamation, to the following position, for the second term of two years: the Chairperson of the Advisory Group on Standard Setting and Legal Issues (T-S4 LI): İnanç Özçakmak(Türkiye);

Standard Setting and legal Issues

13. Took note of the adoption, by written procedure, of the T-S4 Recommendation on collective bans against away supporters was adopted (Rec(2025)1);
14. Took note of the adoption, by written procedure, of the T-S4 Recommendation on the possession and use of pyrotechnics at football matches and other sports events (Rec(2025)2);
15. Took note of the amendments to Recommendation Rec (2021), including 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);
16. Took note that the Advisory Group T-S4 LI analysed the EU Council conclusions on countering CBRNE risks at sports events and agreed on a draft recommendation, to be soon submitted to the Committee for adoption by written procedure;
17. Took note of the launch of a European-wide survey on the costs of policing football; and entrusted the Advisory Group T-S4 LI to analyse the final report and, accordingly, draft a Resolution, to be adopted by the Ministers responsible for Sport., at the 2026 Ministerial Conference;

Monitoring

18. Recalled Germany to submit a draft action plan by the end of the year, as established in the T-S4 Guidelines on Monitoring;
19. Welcomed the revision of the T-S4 Monitoring Guidelines, which take on board all good practices and lessons learned from the five monitoring visits of the first cycle; and took note that, following that revision, all visited countries will be asked to verbally update the Committee on the state of implementation of their action plan, one year after its adoption;

20. Took note that Turkish authorities shall submit to the Committee their draft Action Plan by 15 March 2026;
21. Took note of the adoption of the report on the monitoring visit to Bulgaria;
22. Took note of the recent monitoring visit to Hungary and thanked the Hungarian delegation for the professional and hospitable organisation of the visit;
23. Took note of the preparations for the monitoring visits to be held in Portugal and the United Kingdom in 2026;
24. Took note of confirmations of possible visits for the period 2026-2029 and requested the national delegations to formalise their request for such visits, in due time;
25. 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;
26. Invited Morocco to debrief the Committee, at its Spring 2026 meeting, on the legacy of the African Nations Cup 2025-2026;
27. Took note of the state of preparation of the "T-S4 Biennial Monitoring Questionnaire and Report" and its launch early next year;

International Cooperation

28. Took note of the adoption of the T-S4 Evaluation Report of the major sports events of Summer 2024 in Europe (UEFA EURO 2024 and Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games);
29. Took note of the nature and work of the Union of European Clubs (UEC) in the field of safety and security of major sports events, as well as of their request to be granted the Observer status;
30. Took note of the safety, security and service legacy of the UEFA Women's EURO 2025, as presented by Switzerland and UEFA;

31. Took note of recent developments in legislative, regulatory, administrative and institutional frameworks at national level and by non-State organisations;

EU – CoE joint projects

32. Took note of the final update 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;
33. Took note of the launch of the EU-CoE joint project “Sport For All: Promoting Inclusion and Combating Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities”;
34. Took note of the outcomes of the Erasmus+ project “SAFER”, led by Football Supporters Europe (FSE);
35. 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 values and standards;

Showcasing the Saint-Denis Convention

36. 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;
37. 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;
38. 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;

Other business

39. Entrusted the T-S4 Bureau to study the proposal and procedure to launch a study on the national standards and practices of stewarding/private security services, to be submitted to the Committee for adoption;

Next meeting

40. Decided to hold its 9th meeting on 28-29 April 2026, in Strasbourg, in full in-person format; back-to-back with the third meeting of the Ad hoc Working Group on FIFA World Cup 2026 (29 April afternoon);
41. Decided that, starting with the forthcoming meeting, there shall be a longer *in camera* session, to enable Parties to discuss specific issues, namely on standard-setting and monitoring; and
42. Entrusted the Bureau to examine the renewal of the observer status to States and non-State organisations, after the period of 3 years, and to make a recommendation to the Committee.