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THE SAINT-DENIS CONVENTION: A FIRST DECADE OF SUCCESS AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Conference to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Convention

3 November 2026 | Principality of Monaco

From 4 pm to 6.30 pm
Grimaldi Forum, Auditorium Camille Blanc

Draft programme

In July 2016, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted the "Council of Europe Convention on an Integrated Safety, Security and Service Approach at Football Matches and other Sports Events" (Saint-Denis Convention, CETS No. 218).

Ten years on, this unique legally binding international instrument is the reference for countries and sports organisations in the field of safety, security and service at football matches and other sports events.

A decade after the adoption of the Convention, this is the time to take stock of the added value and impact of the Convention and reflect together on the challenges and priorities for the next decade.

PROGRAMME OF THE EVENT

15:30 Welcome desk open

16:00 – 16:20 **Opening of the Conference**

- Hanne Juncher, Director of Security, Integrity and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
- Lionel Beffre, Government Councillor - Minister of Interior, Principality of Monaco

16:20 – 16:30 **Setting the scene**

- Sara Marques, Gender Equality Rapporteur, Saint-Denis Committee

16:30 – 18:00 SESSION 1: MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE FIRST DECADE

16:30 – 17:15 First Panel discussion
Safety, Security and Service developments at national level

Moderator: Ann Ramage, Chair of the Advisory Group on Monitoring, Saint-Denis Committee
Each intervention will last 10 min

- Developing an S4 integrated approach in Greece (Georges Mavrotas, Greece)
- Improvement in the management of football matches in Monaco (Fabien Vachetta, Monaco)
- The impact of a T-S4 monitoring visit at national level: the Turkish experience (Inanç Ozcakmak, Türkiye)
- Discussion

17:15 – 18:00 Second Panel discussion
The impact of the Saint-Denis Convention on citizens' daily lives

Moderator: Nikos Petropoulos, Vice-Chair of the Saint-Denis Committee
Each intervention will last 10 min

- How has UEFA used the Convention to improve its competitions? (Steven Furnham, UEFA)
- What has been the added value of the Convention for the supporters? (Ronan Evain, Football Supporters Europe)
- A long-term commitment: Strengthening the Safety and Service pillars (Ken Scott, United Kingdom)
- Discussion

18:00 – 18:15 Questions, testimonies and discussion

Moderator: Katarzyna Gierak, Head of delegation, Poland

Open discussion: enabling other national delegations and Observers to share the positive developments in policies and practices thanks to the Saint-Denis multi-agency integrated approach to safety, security and service

18:15 - 18:30 SESSION 2: FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

- Rodrigo Cavaleiro, Chair of the Saint-Denis Committee