

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

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LIST OF DECISIONS

At its ninth meeting, held in Strasbourg on 28-29 April 2026, the Committee on Safety and Security at Sports Events, of the Saint-Denis Convention (hereafter “T-S4” or “Committee”):

1. Adopted the agenda of the meeting, as appears in document T-S4(2026)06;
2. Welcomed the Union of European Clubs (UEC) as the 13th Observer to the Committee;
3. Took note of the work carried out by the Secretariat to further implement and promote the Convention;
4. Invited delegations of Observer States to further promote the Convention at national level towards its ratification;
5. Took note of the information regarding the 6th meeting of the MARS Network, held back-to-back with this meeting, including a joint session aimed at reinforcing cooperation and sharing good practices of common interest;
6. Took note of the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Saint-Denis Convention, to be held on the occasion of the 19th Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, to be organised in the Principality of Monaco, on 3-4 November 2026, back-to-back with the 10th plenary meeting of the Saint-Denis Committee; and thanked the Monegasque authorities for hosting these events, in the context of Monaco’s first Presidency of the Council of Europe;
7. Elected, by acclamation, to the position of Chairperson of the Advisory Group on Monitoring (T-S4 MON), for a first term: Ann Ramage (United Kingdom);
8. Praised the organisation of a joint session with MARS Network, which enabled to share national good practices in the field of cooperation between prosecutors and law enforcement in the prevention of and fight against sport-related crime and disorder;

Legal Issues

9. Took note of the adoption, early this year, of the T-S4 Recommendation (2026)1 on Countering CBRN-E Risks at Sports Events,

10. Took note of the drafting of the report on the costs of policing football matches in Europe and entrusted the Advisory Group T-S4 LI to analyse it, before adoption by the Committee by written procedure, and to draft a Ministerial Resolution on the topic, to be adopted by the Ministers responsible for Sport in November 2026, in Monaco;
11. Adopted the T-S4 Recommendation (2026) 2 on the Safety and Service Essentials and Guidelines,
12. Entrusted the Secretariat to showcase this and other Recommendations through new factsheets;

Monitoring

13. Took note that, following the update of the Guidelines on Monitoring, all visited countries will be asked to orally update the Committee on the state of implementation of the action plan, one year after its adoption;
14. Requested Germany to submit, in due time, an Action Plan and Situation Report on the state of implementation of the recommendations;
15. Took note that Türkiye submitted an Action Plan, for adoption by written procedure;
16. Took note of the submission of the Action Plan by Bulgaria, for adoption by written procedure;
17. Took note of the submission of the full report of the monitoring visit to Hungary, for adoption by written procedure;
18. Took note of the recent monitoring visit to Portugal and thanked the Portuguese delegation for the professional and hospitable organisation of the visit;
19. Took note of the state of preparations of the forthcoming monitoring visit to the United Kingdom, to be held in September 2026;
20. Took note that Poland and Serbia, by this order, will host visits in 2027;

21. Took note of the request by Sweden to anticipate the visit to the 2nd semester of 2028 and requested the national delegations to formalise their request for such visits, in due time;
22. Took note of the Secretariat's contacts with Moroccan authorities, with a view to a possible monitoring visit, in the context of the preparation for FIFA Men's Football World Cup 2030;
23. Took note that the "T-S4 Biennial Monitoring Questionnaire" was drafted and will be launched online in the coming days;

International Cooperation

24. Decided to launch a survey on improving stewarding at football matches and other sports events, early 2027, and, based on its report, the drafting and adoption of a Recommendation on this topic;
25. Took note of the developments in Tunisia in the field of safety, security and service at football matches and other sports events, and hopes that Tunisia will join the Convention in the near future;
26. Took note of the nature and work of the European Football Clubs (EFC) in the field of safety and service at football matches, as well as of their intention to request the Observer status;
27. Took note of the Council of Europe's online course on gender equality; invited delegates to follow this course; and congratulated the Portuguese authorities for their offer to translate it into Portuguese;
28. Took note of the safety, security and service legacy the Milano-Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, as presented by Italy;
29. Took note of recent developments in legislative, regulatory, administrative and institutional frameworks at national level and by non-State organisations;
30. Took note of the state of play of the revision of the British Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds (Green Guide), the 7th edition of which is due to be published in 2029, and invited delegations to contribute to SGSA.;

EU – CoE joint projects

31. Took note of the launch of the EU-CoE joint project “Active and Equal: Women's health in sport across generations”;
32. Took note of the implementation of the EU-CoE joint project “Sport For All: Promoting Inclusion and Combating Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities”;
33. 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

34. Invited the countries concerned - including the Observer States - to send their country profiles and recalled States of the need to regularly send updates to the Secretariat;
35. 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;
36. Took note of the launch of the Greek version of the MOOC in the coming weeks;
37. Invited Parties and Observers to contribute to the dissemination of the MOOC on the Saint-Denis Convention;

Next meeting

38. Decided to hold its 10th meeting in Monaco, on 3-4 November 2026, back-to-back with the event celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Convention and the 4th and final meeting of the Ad hoc Working Group on FIFA Men’s Football World Cup 2026.