



INTEGRITY IN SPORT: TACKLING THE MANIPULATION OF SPORTS COMPETITIONS

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP for Countries of Central Europe

AGENDA

Background

Competition manipulation has long been seen as a fundamental threat to the integrity of sport and as a cause of significant damage to sport itself, and its broader role in society, to the rule of law, and to partner organisations and sponsors in terms of reputation. For this reason, important initiatives have been taken, involving both sport organisations and governments as well as law enforcement and criminal justice authorities, which include the establishment of international standards, the adoption of national laws, the creation of national platforms, and the allocation of resources.

With a view to further enhance cooperation and collective response to the threat, identify best practices, but also lessons learnt, the International Olympic Committee (IOC), International Police Organization (INTERPOL) and the Council of Europe (CoE) are organising a virtual workshop for the Central Europe countries focused on ways to effectively tackle the manipulation of sports competitions through cooperation and investigations.

This virtual workshop is specifically designed for representatives of:

- Czech Republic
- Hungary
- Poland
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia

Objectives:

The objectives of this workshop include:

- Sharing and exchanging lessons learnt and good practices on legal and regulatory approaches to tackling the manipulation of sports competitions;
- Enhancing cooperation to prevent, detect and sanction the manipulation of sports competitions;
- Sharing and exchanging good practices related to establishing/developing a national platform;
- Sharing and exchanging good practices related to conducting effective criminal investigations and opportunities offered by the disciplinary investigation process;

Participants:

Participants in the workshops include officials representing:

- National Olympic Committees (Single Points of Contact (SPOC)) and national sports federations.
- Law enforcement and criminal justice authorities responsible for the investigation of serious/organized crime and/or the manipulation of sports competitions, anti-corruption authorities or Financial Intelligence Units.
- National Platforms and/or Ministries of Youth and Sports, Ministries of Justice, Ministries of Interior and relevant Government Department(s).

The date and timing for the workshop are:

Date	Time (CET)*
Tuesday 17 October 2023	14:00 – 16:00

Registration:

Participants are invited to register via the following link:

<https://interpol.webex.com/weblink/register/r5d6259b3a245cceaefd7559dfa2e2546>

Preliminary Agenda:

Time	Description
14:00-14:15	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Council of Europe- INTERPOL- International Olympic Committee
14:15-14:40	How does the Council of Europe contribute to the fight against the manipulation of Sports Competitions? key provisions of the Macolin Convention: National Platforms <i>Sophie Kwasny, Nicolas Saydé</i> Presentation of the Council of Europe's stakeholders (T-MC, GoC, Macolin Week, MARS) and activities Q&A
14:40-15:05	How do sports organisations play a role and interact with national platforms? <i>Evangelos Alexandrakis</i> How do IOC and NOCs support the implementation of the Convention with regards to education, regulation and enforcement of rules and regulations, including some examples through their involvement in the national platforms Q&A
15:05-15:30	How do law enforcement agencies interact with INTERPOL and with national platforms? <i>Dieter Braekeveld</i> The work of INTERPOL on sports integrity and related financial crime and corruption: the work of INTERPOL's Match Fixing Task Force in establishing a global network of law enforcement points of contacts; how these points of contact are an essential component of national initiatives and a national platform; and relevant INTERPOL tools, services and support. Q&A
15:30-15:50	How to enhance national cooperation – examples of national platforms
15:50-16:00	Conclusions, Closing Remarks & Next Steps