

## Closing event of Joint European Union and Council of Europe Project on Sports Manipulations

### Keep Crime Out Of Sport

15-16 June 2017, Strasbourg

The Joint European Union-Council of Europe project, Keep Crime Out of Sport, comes to an end after 18 months of implementation. Results will be presented at a closing event on 15-16 June 2017 at the Council of Europe premises in Strasbourg (France), jointly organised with three other projects that were part of the same call for applications, ANTI MATCH-FIXING FORMULA, BETMONITALERT and PRECRIMBET.

The joint project was co-funded by the European Union's Directorate-General for EU and Home Affairs and by the Council of Europe and implemented by the Sports Conventions Division between 1 January 2016 and 30 June 2017.

The closing event will include a steering committee meeting and an open plenary. Results will be delivered based on betting and non-betting related sports manipulations and notably the national and international co-ordination of relevant stakeholders in the fight against sports manipulations including prevention, detection, criminal and sporting procedures and sanctioning, which saw the involvement of 42 countries via questionnaires, regional seminars, study visits and expert missions.

National stakeholders from relevant groups, including Ministries of sport, justice and interior, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, sports betting regulatory authorities, sports betting operators and the sports movement made up over 250 participants during the project, including 5 regional seminars, 4 study visits and 2 expert missions.

The project also widely promoted the articles and assisted with the implementation of the Council of Europe's international Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions. Specific challenges have been identified and are starting to be tackled, via strategic activities by the sports manipulations secretariat of the Council of Europe's Sports Conventions Division, including the creation of thematic networks.

The Council of Europe aims to build on results and the partnerships with the European Union and stakeholders via a follow-up project, to be launched in Autumn 2017, [KCOOS+](#), financed by voluntary contributions.

The Council of Europe adopted the only international, legally binding text to exist in this domain in 2014. The Convention has increased signatures to 28 in the last 2 years and 3 ratifications, the most recent by Ukraine in January 2017 and remains open to accession by countries from all over the world.

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