

The Council of Europe « Match- fixing » convention

Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport
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Accord Partiel Élargi sur le Sport



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Why a Council of Europe instrument on Match-Fixing?

- 👤 An issue of sports ethics, but also rule of law and fight against corruption
- 👤 Use CoE assets
 - 👤 Existing bodies (EPAS, GRECO, CDPC, T-PD, T-DO, T-RV, Moneyval, Cybercrime...)
 - 👤 Experience in standard-setting
- 👤 Possibly open to non European states








Commitment to go world-wide

- 🏛️ Negotiation open to interested states
 - 🏛️ EPAS members (incl. Belarus, Israel, Morocco)
 - 🏛️ Other interested states (incl. Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand)
- 🏛️ Involvement, support from Interpol, UNODC, UNESCO, IOC, FIFA, ICSS
- 🏛️ Open to signature with simplified procedure

Timeline

-  Athens Ministerial Meeting on Sports and ethics
December 2008
-  Ministerial meeting in Baku September 2010
-  Adoption of Rec/CM(2011)10
-  Ministerial meeting in Belgrade March 2012
-  Report of the PACE
-  Green light to the negotiation of a convention
on 13 June 2012
-  Drafting Groups between October 2012 and
January 2013 (6 plenary + 3 sub groups)
-  Adopted in CoE July 2014
-  Opened to signatures in September 2014

Obstacles

-  diversity of the betting market
-  income to competitions organisers
-  Trend to avoid responsibilities
-  Autonomy of sport
-  Denial and scepticism about the issue
-  Financial crisis

Stakeholders

👤 Identification of action to be taken by :

👤 Governments

👤 Sports

👤 Betting regulators

👤 Corruption

👤 Criminal law

👤 ...

👤 Betting operators

👤 Private industry

👤 Lotteries




👤 Sport organisations



Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions







Preamble

Chapter I – Purpose, guiding principles, definitions

-  5 “**Sports betting**” means any wagering of a stake of monetary value in the expectation of a prize of monetary value, subject to a **future and uncertain occurrence** related to a sports competition. In particular:
 -  a “**illegal sports betting**” means any sports betting activity whose type or operator is not allowed under the applicable law of the **jurisdiction where the consumer is located**;
-  7 “**Inside information**” means information relating to any competition that a person possesses by virtue of his or her position in relation to a sport or competition, **excluding** any information already published or common knowledge, **easily accessible to interested members of the public or disclosed in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the relevant competition.**

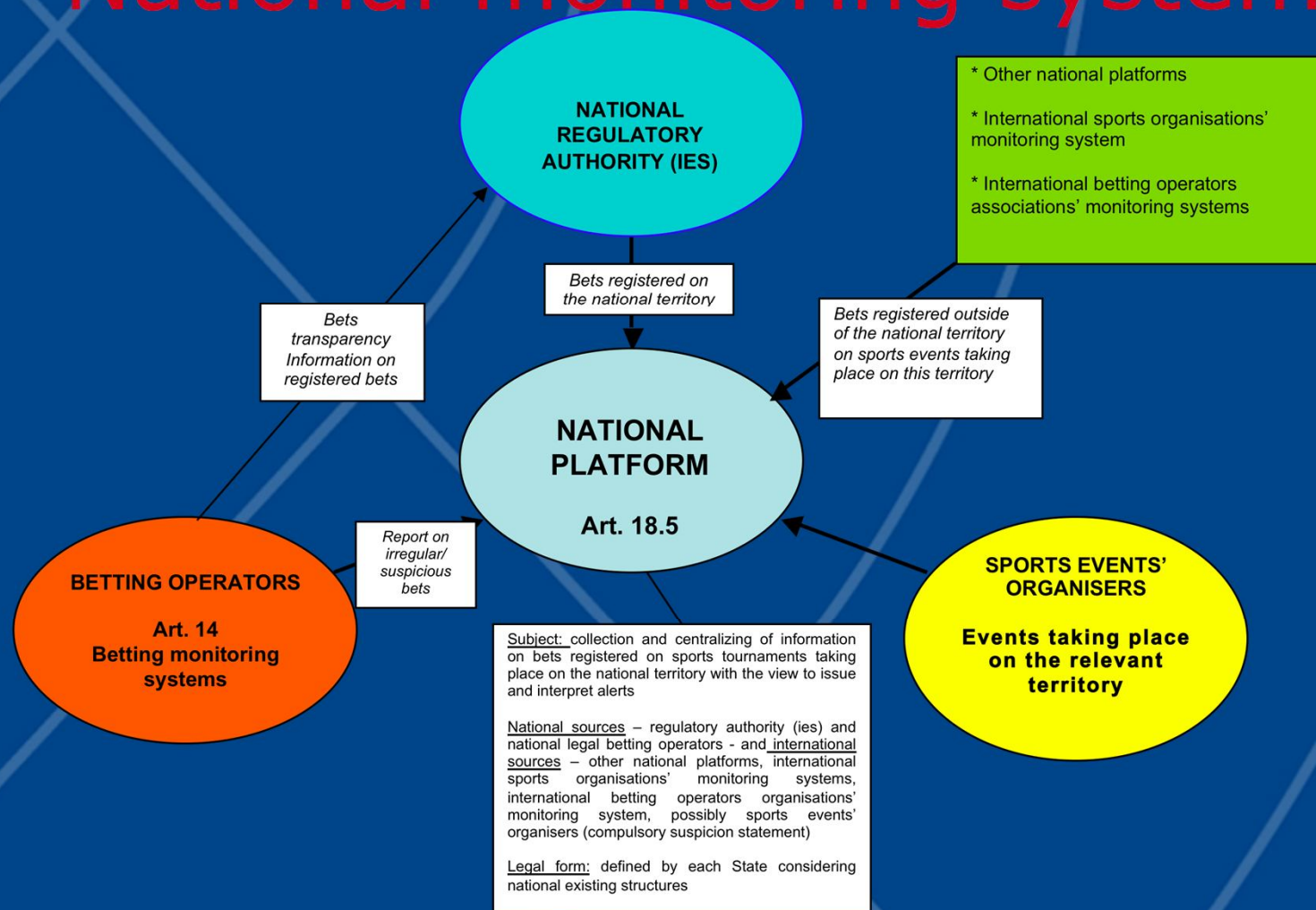
Scope of the Convention

Prevention and co-operation

-  prevent conflicts of interest and misuse of inside information
-  means to fight operators :
 -  a closure or restriction of access to illegal remote or land-based sports betting operators;
 -  b blocking of financial flows;
 -  c prohibition of advertising for illegal sports betting operators;
 -  d raising of consumers' awareness of the risks associated with illegal sports betting.







Exchange of information, data protection and national platform

National monitoring systems



Scope of the Convention

Substantive criminal law and enforcement

-  **Article 15 – Criminal offences relating to the manipulation of sports competitions**
-  1 Each Party shall ensure that its domestic laws enable to criminally sanction manipulation of sports competitions when it involves either coercive, corrupt or fraudulent practices, as defined by its domestic law.
-  **Article 20 – Measures to secure electronic evidence**
-  **Article 21 – Protection measures**
-  a persons who provide information, witnesses and their the family members.
-  **Article 22-24 – Criminal and administrative sanctions against natural**

Scope of the Convention

International co-operation

-  In criminal matters

-  In prevention

-  With sports organisations








Follow-up

-  Monitoring of its implementation

-  Further development of technical standards




-  Reports to the Council of Europe

5 years vision

-  World-wide mobilisation
-  Operational co-operation (Sport/BO/PA)
-  Education, prevention
-  Effective detection
-  Convention follow-up Committee
-  Clear legal + disciplinary provisions
-  Effective law-enforcement (incl. cooperation with sports movement)

News bulletin from end September 2014 (video)

Conclusions

-  Let's protect sport, based on fair and equal competition and unpredictable in nature by:
 -  inviting our authorities to sign and ratify
 -  cooperating with them in effective implementation
- of the Match-Fixing Convention



Thank you for
your attention

