



# Match Fixing

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## (INCREASING) SCALE OF THE PROBLEM

- Technological developments
  - **increasing (online) gambling opportunities**
  - **faster data traffic**
  - **digitalisation = globalisation**
- Deficiencies in governance of sport bodies
- Low priority enforcement bodies
  - **lack of skills**
  - **difficult to gather evidence**



## ACTORS

- Sports world
  - **sportsmen, referees, management**
- Gambling world
  - **operators**
  - **supervisors**
- Organized crime including "intermediaries"
- Public prosecutors and courts

## STATE LEVEL

- Individual states
- Bilateral/regional cooperation
  - Germany and France
  - Nordic states
- EU (including Europol)
- Europe (Council of Europe)
- Other parts of the world (Asia, Caribbean)
- International (Interpol, Unesco)

## ELEMENTS TO ADDRESS

- Prevention/awareness
- Detection
- Compliance/enforcement
- Cooperation

## ISSUES TO ADDRESS

- Regulatory framework
- Cooperation
- Willingness to act
- Expertise and skills

# SO WHAT IS THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION DOING ABOUT IT?

- Increasing awareness EU institutions since 2007
- Cooperation involves DGs (EAC-HOME-GROW)
- Funding of studies and (pilot) projects, enhancing cooperation and regulatory measures, e.g.:
  - **Studies on prevention and fight against betting-related match-fixing (2013)**
  - **Negotiation Council of Europe Convention (2014)**
  - **Expert Group on Gambling Services (since 2014)**
  - **Brokering Administrative Cooperation arrangement between EEA gambling regulators (2015)**
  - **Match-Fixing workshop Brussels (February 2016)**
  - **Support Council Expert Group Match-Fixing (2016)**

## PENDING INITIATIVES

- Proposal EU to sign (and ratify) the CoE Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (blocked in Council)
- Pilot project "New integrated mechanisms for cooperation between public and private actors to identify sports betting risks" (2016-2017)
- Non-binding initiative (Recommendation?) on betting related to match-fixing (Action Plan Online Gambling 2012)



# What could be covered in a Recommendation on (betting related to) Match-Fixing?

- Purpose
  - a toolbox with "best practices"
  - building on the CoE Convention
- Terminology
- Prevention
  - **Awareness**
  - **Licensing conditions**
- Detection
  - **Monitoring**
  - **Reporting obligations**
  - **Whistle-blowing**
- Compliance/enforcement
- National platforms and cross-border cooperation



# Thank you!

[http://ec.europa.eu/growth/single-market/services/gambling/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/single-market/services/gambling/index_en.htm)