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# The Actions of the European Lotteries against match-fixing

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# EUROPEAN LOTTERIES



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## ❖ 76 Members from 45 countries

Driven by their core values, Lotteries in Europe

## ❖ **Primary partners of sport**

- Sustainable financing of more than 2bn EUR per year
- Further impact to economy and employment (40,000 direct and indirect jobs secured per year thanks to this funding / *SportsEconAustria, 2015*)
- Contribution to the creation of accessible sport facilities all over Europe
- Sustainable partners of the European Week of Sport
- Active in sport social projects (social inclusion, skills development through sport, etc.)

## ❖ **Responsibility & Sustainability of Operations**

- Always operating with an explicit licence in the jurisdiction of the consumer
- Abiding by a strict **Code of Conduct on Sports betting**

# SPORTS INTEGRITY: CHALLENGE FOR SPORT AND BETTING



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- ❖ A HUGE PROBLEM
- ❖ EXPLANATIONS
- ❖ WHAT SOLUTIONS ?
- ❖ EL's ANSWERS



# EL's proposals – EL Sports Integrity Action Plan–The 7–points programme



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Fight against  
illegal betting

Strong betting  
regulation  
(including no bets  
easy to influence)

Education &  
Prevention

Betting  
monitoring &  
obligation to  
alert

International  
cooperation

Strong national  
legal  
framework

Corporate  
governance &  
conflict of  
interests  
provisions

# EL actions against match-fixing



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- ❖ **Key partnerships: SportAccord (2011-2015) / AIPS /**
- ❖ **Monitoring of sport competitions (ELMS/GLMS)**
- ❖ **Supporting national networks: IRIS Project**
- ❖ **Strong support to the EPAS Convention**

# The IRIS / EL Integrity Tour



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## WHAT NATIONAL NETWORKS TO FIGHT AGAINST MATCH-FIXING ?

JUNE 2013 – MAY 2014

# 23 participating countries



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Austria	Belgium	Croatia	Czech Republic	Denmark
Estonia	Finland	France	Germany	Greece
Hungary	Italy	Latvia/Lithuania	Malta	Poland
Portugal	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden
	The Netherlands		The UK	

# Many different stakeholders



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Sports Ministry,  
NOC/Confederation, National  
Federations, Players' Unions

Law Enforcement: Police and  
Prosecution

Betting : Regulators and betting  
companies







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**Objective 1: Provide information  
and raise awareness**

**Objective 2: Collect national  
information**

**Objective 3: Favour national  
cooperation through networks**

*National Workshops – Forerunners of national platforms*

# Results



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In many countries, it was the first meeting between different stakeholders (Malta, Estonia, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, etc.)

For several countries, the seminar triggered instant mobilisation (Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, Greece, etc.)

For all countries, the results will have to be assessed on the long-term

After the seminar, some countries set up national networks in anticipation to the national platforms planned through the Council of Europe Convention

# Recommendations at national level



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Systematic implementation of education programs and disciplinary regulations

Nomination of integrity officers in the main sports federations

National coordination through a dedicated platform / taskforce

Limitation of sports betting risks (illegal betting, money laundering, etc.)

Enhanced cooperation between sports authorities and legal betting operators

# General Recommendation



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Promotion of the  
Council of Europe  
Convention

# EPAS Convention



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- ❖ **A concrete legal instrument**
- ❖ Addresses **all relevant matters** (Conflict of Interests provisions, education & prevention, monitoring, national platforms, sharing of information, measures against illegal betting)

## Lotteries

- ❖ Have supported and promoted the Convention (IRIS Project -national platforms)
- ❖ EL - Partner of the Keep Crime out of Sport project (KCOOS)
- ❖ Lotteries are the only operators that fully abide by the Convention
- ❖ Many Lotteries already actively participate in the national platforms in their countries (France, the Netherlands, Norway, Finland, Denmark)

# Recent Developments



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## ❖ CAS – Skënderbeu case

-CAS dismiss the appeal lodged by KF Skënderbeu against the UEFA Appeals Body decision of 1 June 2016

-case affirms the reliability of UEFA's betting fraud detection system (BFDS) in identifying abnormal betting patterns on matches played by the Albanian club at European and domestic levels - **monitoring systems' alerts acceptable evidence**

## ❖ IOC/Interpol handbook on protecting sport from competition manipulation

## ❖ IOC/UNODC handbook on model criminal law provisions for the prosecution of competition manipulation



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