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MATCH FIXING: A KEY ISSUE FOR SPORTS INTEGRITY

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Illegal practices in sports have become a major concern and source for debate in the last years: doping, match-fixing, illegal betting, organized crime involvement, money-laundering, corruption in great events, violence, discrimination, racism.

The Italian Presidency of the EU Council considers the strengthening of cooperation in the sport integrity sector a very significant element, not only regarding the efficiency and the effectiveness of the specific prevention in contrasting corruption, but also in order to foster the full development of sport practices in favour of the civil, social and economic progress of the Union.

Within the general framework of a growing awareness around the need of strengthening those actions which prove to be effective in order to promote sports integrity and to fight corruption in sports, the Italian Presidency is organizing a seminar dedicated to the in-depth analysis of the match-fixing phenomenon, focusing on the evaluation of good practices and on tools to improve the fight against it.

A web platform has been planned as an outcome of the seminar to facilitate the follow-up activities.

The seminar will take place back to back with the first meeting of the UE Commission Expert Group on the issue of match fixing. This will help to consolidate the ongoing dynamics, with reference to the cooperation among all the different stakeholders involved.

IT Presidency Team

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SEMINAR PROGRAM

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www.ad-hoc-network-against-match-fixing.net

08:30 - REGISTRATION

09:00 - 09:40 INTRODUCTION

WELCOME GREETINGS AND INSTITUTIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Welcome greetings and introduction by IT Presidency of the EU Council

Giovanni Panebianco

Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Italy
Director General of the Office for Sport

Information from EU Commission

Yves Le Lostecque

European Commission

Welcome greetings

Giuliano Pisapia

Mayor of Milano

Franco Anelli

Rector of Università Cattolica Sacro Cuore,
Milano

09:45-11:05 - Section I (Panel)

SPORTS INTEGRITY, A CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGE. THE ONGOING PROCESS TO OPTIMIZE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC POLICIES

Speeches

Mike Huggins

University of Cumbria

Emeritus Professor of Cultural History

Drago Kos

OECD Anti-Bribery Working Group

Chair

Dimosthenis Chrysikos

Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer,
Division for Treaty Affairs, Corruption and
Economic Crime Branch, UNODC

Chairman

Paolo Bertaccini Bonoli

Università Cattolica Sacro Cuore, Milano

11:10 – 12:40 Section II (Round Table)

THE COE PROJECT CONVENTION AGAINST MATCH-FIXING: PRINCIPLES, CONTENTS, OPEN ISSUES

Speech

Stanislas Frossard

Council of Europe – EPAS

General Secretary

Discussants

Friedrich Stickler

European Lotteries Deputy Ceo

Nick Tofiluk

UK Regulatory Operations, Gambling

Commission

Director

Sylvia Schenk

Transparency International

Senior Advisor for Sport

Carsten Thiel von Herff

German Football League

Ombudsman

Harri Syväsalmi

Ministry for Education and Culture, Finland

Director of the Division for Sport

Moderator

George Paterson

European Commission Sports Unit

12:40-14:10 - LUNCH BREAK

14:10 – 15.30 Section III (Round Table)

IMPLEMENTING POLICIES, REGULATIONS AND ACTIONS

Speeches

Luigi Magistro

AAMS

Director General

Silvio Meile

German Minister of Justice

Public Prosecutor

Discussants

Vassos Koutsoundas

Cyprus Sport Organization

Director of Finance

Daniela Giuffrè

Interpol

Sport Integrity Office

Andreas Krannich

Sportradar

Managing Director Strategy and Integrity

Antonio Ape

Guardia di Finanza

Senior Officer

Moderator

Filippo Grassia

Sport Journalist

15:35 – 16.50 Section IV (Round Table)

PREVENTING MATCH-FIXING AND FOSTERING INTEGRITY

Speech

Paquerette Girard Zappelli

IOC Secretary of the Ethics Commission

Discussants

Andrea Abodi

Italian Football League B

Chair

Francesco Ghirelli

Italian Football League PRO

General Secretary

Kristof Szucs

Sportaccord

Director of the Department for Integrity

Rafal Piechota

Ministry of Sport and Tourism of Poland

Director of Sport Policy Analysis

Jair Bertoni

European Professional Football Leagues

Head of Cabinet

Massimo Passamonti

Sistema Gioco Italia

Chair

Moderator

Caterina Gozzoli

Università Cattolica Sacro Cuore, Milano

16:50 – 17:00

CONCLUSIONS

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