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## **“Keep Crime Out Of Sport Plus” PROCEDURE for PILOT COUNTRIES**

### **Introduction**

Project KCOOS+ will explore innovative approaches to combating the manipulation of sports competitions and accompany countries in the development of national structures (national platforms articles 12-13 Macolin Convention), legislation and co-operation and coordination measures. The project will run until December 2020.

The Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (CETS 215) has been open for signatures by member states and non-Member States since 18 September 2014. The purpose of this Convention is to prevent, detect, investigate and discipline the manipulation of sports competitions, as well as to enhance the exchange of information and national, transnational and international cooperation between the public authorities concerned, and with sports organisations and sports betting operators. As of 5 December 2018, 33 Member States have signed the Convention, and three of these (Norway, Portugal and Ukraine) have ratified. More countries are preparing ratification in the coming months. For the Convention to be effective and useful in the fight against sports manipulation, public and private authorities need to be harmonized and collaborate in investigations. Co-operation between authorities from the various States needs to be fostered.

### **Background - Project KCOOS**

The KCOOS Project (2016-2017) initiated the concept of regional seminars (regional co-operation, identification of relevant stakeholders, first exchanges and collaborations) and of technical visits (under the first project, Latvia and Cyprus both received a team of experts constituted by the Council of Europe to facilitate the implementation of various measures of the Convention).

The two country missions allowed countries, based on their experiences from various events and trainings, including the KCOOS regional seminars, study visits, questionnaires and country assessment reports, to receive customised technical assistance in implementing various measures. They could

identify and overcome some difficult aspects through the assistance and guidance of the CoE secretariat as well as a team of experts, selected specifically for their needs.

### **KCOOS+ 2018-2020**

The KCOOS+ project builds on KCOOS. It is worldwide, therefore expanding the scope of expertise exchange and technical assistance. It will provide regional seminars on all continents. It will also select 20 pilot countries for targeted technical assistance.

### **Technical assistance**

#### *Annex 1: Layout of the Project*

The project has two major objectives- building coordination and co-operation structures. Regional seminars, the Macolin Clubhouse and Macolin Hub are all part of co-operation structures. Technical assistance includes national platform building, specific themes, pilot country accompaniment, associate project involvement all fall into coordination structure development. Thematic workshops and expert meetings are hybrid.

### **Pilot countries**

The project will support 20 pilot countries in order to:

- Support specific capacity building among participating stakeholders: individually discuss possible norms (draft legislation, etc), standards, procedures and to present examples of good practices, as well as specific assistance in function of need.
- Allow beneficiaries to experience first-hand administrative procedures and infrastructure

### **Aims**

- To ensure an integrated **national policy action plan** in the fight against manipulations of sports competitions, with the involvement of all nationally relevant stakeholders.
- Thorough understanding of the entire scope of manipulations of sports competitions and the Macolin Convention
- And therefore **fully functioning national platforms** within the full meaning of the Convention.

Therefore the pilot country is not necessarily a country that starts from the very beginning. It is targeted to any country willing to develop to be fully effective in the tackling of manipulations of sports competitions.

The following types of technical accompaniment (not necessarily all or in this order) will be possible:

- Visits to set the tone
- Associated project activities (Integrisport for law enforcement and judiciary, Perfintegritiy for national action policies, etc.)
- Targeted capacity building seminars and workshops

### Eligibility Criteria

- 1) Active involvement in desk research: Replies to KCOOS+ Questionnaires and other material developments (written, oral)
- 2) At least initial contact initiated between relevant national stakeholders (ranging from informal working group to an established national platform structure: or following a meeting, involvement in other projects such as Partnership Development meetings within the Interpol/IOC project, etc)
- 3) A criteria can also be preparation for hosting major sporting tournaments
- 4) Active involvement in other KCOOS+ and related Convention activities
- 5) Therefore a consistent national interest:
  - Access to all relevant national stakeholders (public and private)
  - Openness regarding needs by the country
  - Active interest to sign/ratify/implement the Macolin Convention
- 6) Any other information deemed to be relevant should be shared with the CoE secretariat

Candidate countries will be identified and initial visits may take place in the framework of short visits or within activities of other relevant projects to identify potential for developing national action policy plans and signing/ratifying/being fully prepared to ratify the Macolin Convention

### Beneficiary countries will also undertake the following:

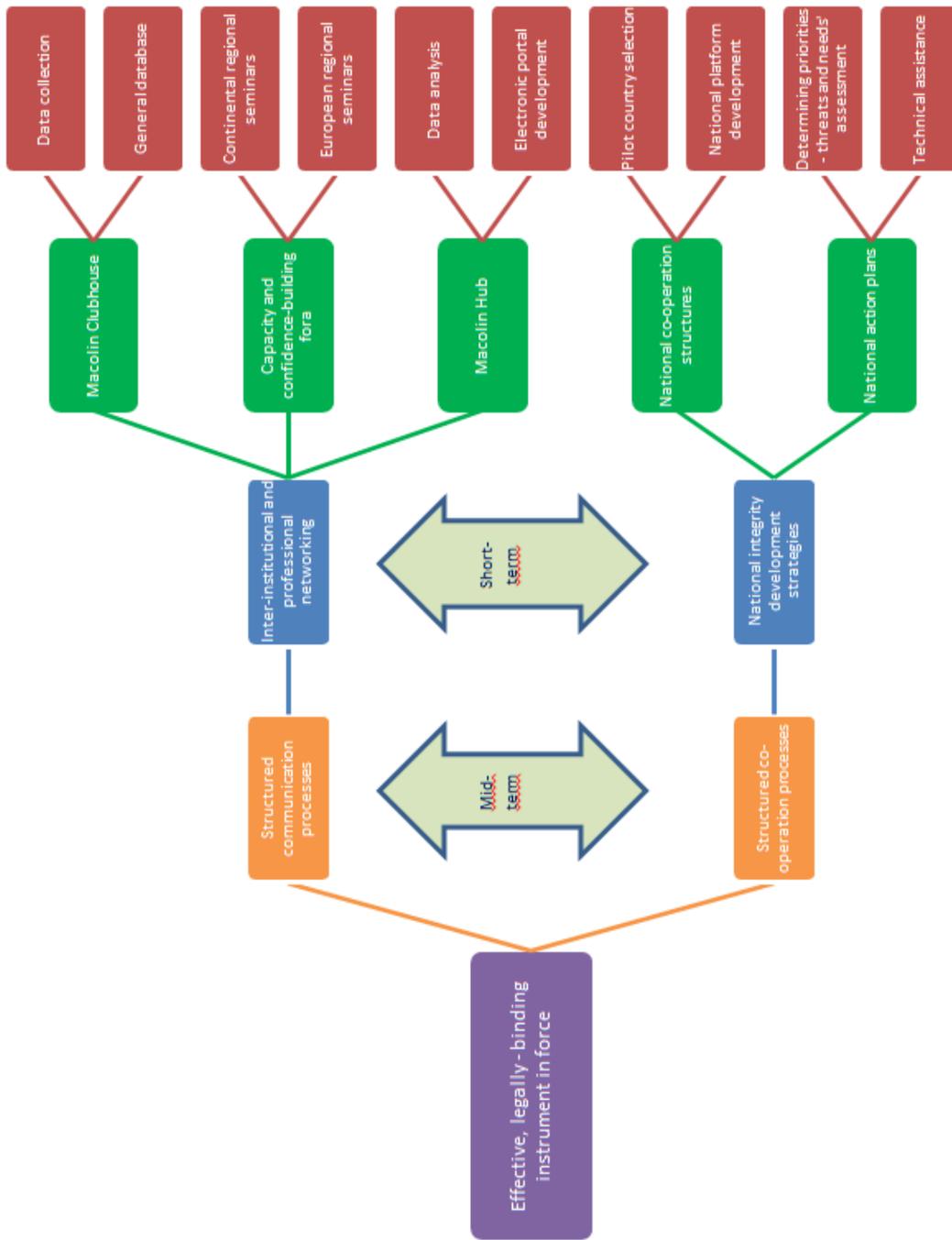
- 1) Presentation of a report 2 weeks after each technical assistance activity
- 2) Presentation/update of a short action plan 1 month after each activity
- 3) Development of a national action policy plan in the year 2020
- 4) Signing/ratifying/becoming prepared for ratification of the Macolin Convention

### How to apply:

#### *Annexes 2 and 3*

- Expression of interest (to be signed by designated national contact/ministry)
- Nomination of countries after studying your situation and request for a country report to be completed before any visit (annex 3). The sooner the report, the earlier the possibility of technical assistance.
- Contact with the KCOOS+ secretariat – [sport.kcoos@coe.int](mailto:sport.kcoos@coe.int)

**Annex 1: KCOOS+ visual diagram**



## Annex 2: Expression of interest for becoming a KCOOS+ Pilot country

Please return completed forms to [sport.kcoos@coe.int](mailto:sport.kcoos@coe.int)

Applicant Country and contact person/details	
National Contact ( )	
Have you participated/ are you participating in any parts of the KCOOS+ events? Yes/No	
Please specify: regional seminars, thematic workshops, other relevant projects, other Convention activities, etc.	
Have you signed the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions? (Yes/No)	
If you have not yet signed the Convention, please describe your progress in this.	
Have you ratified the Convention? (Yes/No)	
If you have signed, but not yet ratified the Convention, please describe your progress in this. (For example, besides the blockage within the EU, what have you done to push the point further on the agenda?)	
Do you undertake to permit access by experts and the CoE secretariat to relevant stakeholders?	
Do you undertake to present a short evaluation report two weeks after each technical assistance activity? (Yes/No)	
Do you undertake to prepare and update the action plan after each activity within 4 weeks? (Yes/No)	
Do you undertake to develop an action plan in 2020? (Yes/No)	
Other information/input	
Signature and Date	

The KCOOS+ Secretariat reserves the right to request additional information for the purposes of the selection process.

### **Annex 3: For an applicant country report**

- Your considerations of manipulations of sports competitions – nationally, points of views of different national stakeholders. (reference: Updated Concept on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions TMC(2018)87rev
- Your current involvement in Council of Europe’s Group of Copenhagen
- Your involvement in other projects in the domain of manipulations
- Current national structures (formal and/or informal): working groups, national platform, betting regulatory authority
- Adhesion to other relevant conventions (of Council of Europe, internationally, etc): for example, on topics of : data protection, corruption, money laundering, organised crime, cyber criminality, human rights, etc
- Risk assessment – past, current, planned
- Activities with international sports organisations in this field
- Actions with other organisations
- Involvement in manipulation-related events