Day One - Monday 6 December

Valentina Vezzali Speech, read by Michele Sciscioli

Welcome to home. Welcome to Italy. It's a pleasure to have you here today and tomorrow we will have this interesting conference on the integrity of sport and I'm sure that our time will be spent in a very fruitful way. I'm Michele Sciscioli, the head of the Department for Sport of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, the Italian Government. Our Departments and the governments have been in in the last few years following these track of protecting the integrity of sport, we passed some reforms in the last few years and we still want to go on in this way because we think and we are supported also by the work that all the experts that will be here in Rome today and tomorrow and are working and had been working in the last few years on these themes and on these subjects. And we are sure that support to this did the integrity of sport to support the integrity of sport will be a stronger and stronger in the next few years.

I will be reading a statement by Minister Vezzali, Secretary of Sport. And then I will let you to the other experts and Independence Day will follow my statement.
I will read the statement in Italian:
“Buongiorno. Good afternoon everyone, just a few days before the start of our chairmanship of the Council of Europe were honored to host in Italy this conference on Integrity in Sport. Sport is a pure world, but through the economic interest surrounding it, often it becomes tempting for people following objectives far removed. Anything to do with sport? Some of the main threats to integrity in sport as part from bulking are much manipulation and corruption and these are values diametrically opposed to those on which sport is built. In other words, respect, solidarity, sacrifice and fair play. Nowadays media coverage in sport, striving for a result at all costs, individualism, economic and political interests can threaten the values of credibility and the integrity of sport. That means that we all have to work together to defend integrity in sport. Coming up with global and specific solutions, as we did in the past, so initiatives of this type are to be welcomed. I would like to thank EPAS for the crucial role it played in drafting in record time the Macolin convention on manipulation in sports competitions at convention aimed at preventing and repressing manipulation in sport competitions, including through cooperation between public authorities, sporting organizations and operators in the sector, both national and international level.
it's silly, stands firmly on the side with defending ethical values in sport and is in the front line in drawing up per reports and exchanging experiences arising from this type of experience which will always useful for guiding successful policies and governance in sport. Improving governance in sport and combating corruption help guarantee values both of sport and of our democratic societies. These are these central principles. Also the Council of Europe. The principles which should be defended at all levels and in all sectors, the principles which also applied to sport. On the agenda this conference we are going to be addressing various different and very interesting issues or regarding integrity in sport, combating manipulation of results right through to good governance with offer, all responsible providing sporting organizations with ineffective legal instruments for bloating. Good governance in sport, thereby protecting it. I'm fully aware that this is a highly sensitive and delicate issue, but I do know that if we address it head on with courage and determination and particularly working all together in a coordinated way, we will be able to achieve some important results. In completing this warmest of welcomes, I would like to remind you of the Council of Europe's resolution 1875 of 2012 on good governance and ethics in sport, which stipulates that intervention by the state must allow for the need to preserve their tournament

autonomy of the sports movement, but also for the need to ensure that this whole Tommy just not become an excuse for failure to react to the abuse is eroding sports ethics and tax covered or which should be covered by criminal law. I wish everyone a good conference and Long live sport, Oliver said she need. That has been.Central and very important in the organization of this conference will take the floor and introduce other experts and the following panels.

Paolo Bertaccini

Thank you Michele, and also from my side welcome to everybody to Rome. It might be any way relevant to highlight that Council of Europe was founded in 1949, and then Italy is one of the founding members and that the since 2020 Italy has joined the membership of the Apostles and the platform. Sport policies of the Council of Europe. They said that it is a pleasure to give immediately the floor to the Deputy Secretary General Berge, who is connected live. Please, the floor is yours. If the connection is working. Yes, yes we can hear you now. Please go ahead. The floor is yours.

Bjørn Berge

Thank you very much and thank you very much. Chair and good afternoon to all of you and their friends. It's really a great pleasure to open this conference. Sports hold a unique place in the lives of so many people and from cycling to gymnastics to their beloved calcium Italians had a wonderful year, almost infectious enthusiasm for watching, supporting and participating in sports. And that enthusiasm is shared by people around the world. But to maintain it, they must also be able to see that the sports they love, our open, inclusive, and honest. They must be sure that there is fair play. On this, Italy has a strong record of pushing for progress at the international level.Has not only been active in the Council of Europe, but it has also helped ensure the adoption of important United Nations resolutions as well as the very recent G20 high level principles on tackling corruption in sport and today.Let me congratulate the Italian Presidency of our Committee of Ministers Fork organizing this important conference with air pods or enlarged partial agreement on sport and for also highlighting.On the agenda that addresses the key issues. First of all, the role played by Integrity guidelines. Secondly, how to best to combat the manipulation of sports competitions.I'm certainly the means to ensure good governance in sports.The impressive range of high level experts participating today will no doubt help us move forward and I would say together.From sports organizations and betting regulators to NGOs and a full and impressive range of government officials.I not only from Italy or not, but some countries throughout Europe and the wider world.I think this only confirms the growing international momentum for addressing these issues.Only last month at the 4th International Forum for Sports Integrity, organized by the International Olympic Committee, we reached an agreement on strengthening international cooperation in order to protect the credibility and integrity of sport, but.We are certainly not beginning from scratch in the Council of Europe in the Castle Europe. You have a long record of putting in place measures to ensure integrity in sports.First, of course, we have a pulse itself. This I would say unique Intergovernmental Forum brings together 14 Member States alongside countries from outside Europe to Italy. Succession last year marked an important step forward. On top of that.Airbus has a consultative body consisting of 29 sports organizations as well as representatives from civil society.And I must say that the recently adopted, revised European sport soccer was a milestone next year we will start implementing it, made a focus on good governance and integrity.And most importantly.In the context of modern globalized and commercialized, sport and emphasis on sports for all and the promotion or financial solidarity.We also do a pinko vention of human rights, which is in turn interpreted by the European Court of Human Rights in its judgments, including those

related to sports are legally binding without any exception.Awesome, we have the three specific sports conventions. Firstly, our anti doping Convention which remains central and important to all of us who want to see sports that are true and fair, it's statutory body, the TDO as they say.Monitors implementation provides targeted technical assistance to its 52 state parties, and it's not working.

on a set of general principles of Fair procedure applicable to anti doping proceedings.This would be important.Secondly, our conventional safety and security at sports events, it is the only internationally binding instrument of its kind and takes an integrated approach that promotes cooperation between all public and private stakeholders, including spectator.Absolutely we have seen Macolin convention on the manipulation of sports competitions.It asks public authorities to cooperate with sports organization, betting operators and competition organizers to prevent, detect, and sanction the manipulation of sports competitions made in Europe but open to the world.It proposes a common legal framework for a fish international corporation that can respond to this global threat.On it is supported by a network of national platforms. The so called Group of Copenhagen, which lays the foundations for progress in individual countries.But we have a problem.Only seven countries have ratified it.I hear I want to thank Italy for being one of those seven countries. That is leadership.But although there my Pauline Convention is in force and another 32 states out sign it, we need more ratifications in order to maximize its effect.And I hope, really, that today's conference will generate further momentum for that.I also want to highlight the importance of our corporation made UFO with FIFA and the International Olympic Committee IOC.I first need to national partnerships against corruption is for a pax is vital.It has proven effective in building consensus and developing guidelines that prevent and address is abuse.I don't love that both past and Greco, a group of states against corruption, are contributing to the work of its task forces.Dear friendsLet me in the end.Also mentioned that the Council of Europe has just started the process of further strengthening our work on sports by adopting a new strategy. That's it's clear priorities for our activities over the next four years.Of course, I'll focuses on human rights in sports and also the promotional value strippers sport.But we will not succeed if we cannot work together with you, governments, sports organizations, civil society and all others playing around. As I said in the beginning, sport is such a vital part of the lives of so many people.We cannot afford to let them down.I wish you all a very successful conference and I thank you very much for your attention.

Paolo Bertaccini

Thank You very much Mr. Deputy Secretary General and a warm greeting from Rome to Strasbourg. Even if we know that currently you are not really based there in this moment, but symbolically, the relation between Roman Strasburg, we are really convinced that the the next month.In years to come will become stronger and stronger.Then you can add the same thing in the next phase. This said that it is a pleasure just to give the floor to Mrs Francine Rodney.Literally Francine Heather and on revenue. And who is deputy Secretary General of Amos? And who will accompany me and share with me the moderation of these two days of work? Francine, the floor is yours.

Francine Hetherington Raveny

Thank you very much, Paolo. Well, it's my absolute pleasure to welcome you all here this afternoon for this conference on integrity in sports. Has already been mentioned, so this is a joint conference between F S the enlarged partial Agreement on Sport and also the Italian department. His thoughts and already delighted to work together on this initiative.On top of that, it's being organized under the aegis of the Italian chairmanship of the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers, and of course this is very important symbolically to have this event here in Rome today, the confidence will be divided into three sessions. There will be two sessions this afternoon and one session.Tomorrow morning, so this afternoon will begin by a session on Integrity guidelines and then we'll move on to the manipulation of sports competitions. Tomorrow morning will be discussing good governance in sport, so this afternoon's first session from 3 until 4:30 PM will be on a specific topic towards a holistic.Approach to sports integrity. So this afternoon we're going to start each of our sessions with some keynote presentations and these will last roughly half an hour. And then we're going to move on to a panel discussion, followed by questions and answers. Now, for those of you following us remotely.You will have the possibility to ask some questions. There will be a question and answer section on zoom that you can activate and you can write your questions in there. If you have difficulty doing that, you can send an email to sport.fpass@co.in T.But we wouldn't eat those questions in advance. And of course it will be time permitting, so we'll try and answer as many questions as possible, but there will be, time permitting now, as this is a hybrid conference, we are relying on technology, so please bear with us just a little bit in case of any technical glitches.These things can happen if you do have trouble connecting at any point and you're following remotely. First of all, please refresh your screen, but you can also follow the conference using the live web streaming links. We had these both in English and in French, and also we had them in Italian. You can find the links.On the S conference on Integrity in sport web page and just one little note that be a different link tomorrow. So the current days link are on the web page now pass integrity in sport conference. The event is also being recorded so you can always watch it afterwards as well. So without further ado.It is my absolute pleasure to welcome our first keynote speaker on this section towards a holistic approach to sports integrity.Hold out chief now at the sports section at UNESCO, Mr Phillip Mueller vet Phillip over to you.

Phillip Mueller Wirth

Wonderful good afternoon. Distinguished participants and guests here, colleagues, partners and friends.Throughout 2017, because an action plan was adopted by the six World Conference of Sportsman Sports, Ministers may have six in cars on the Council of Europe was along the Commonwealth, stepping up to assume the coordination of the international implementation of one of the five actions of the plan.Even the Council's historical international leader football in the field of spot integrity. We're confident that the ambitious objectives of actual three of the conservation plan could be achieved. This trust was fully justified.The phrase and Arnold unify and further develop international standards supporting spot ministers interventions in the field of spot integrity in combination with the International Convention against Doping in Sport.How's the chief Minton of the Council's work was to interpret this action by privileging support rather than standard hands to focus on capacity building practical guidance rather than on standard setting perceived?The second achievement was to ensure that participation of her representative range of stakeholders in the elaboration of the guidelines representative in geographical terms in terms of stakeholder groups and in terms of competencies. The third achievement was the timely, efficient and high quality delivery of the guidelines.In September 2020, on the occasion of the ordinary session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Physical Education and Sport features in this conference,

indeed is a fourth achievement as it marks the strong commitment to using two, activating the sport integrity guidelines is a unique tool for fostering.Integrity.I would like to express UNESCO's platitudes to the colleagues from the Council of Europe for the excellent work and further continued commitment. Also think the talent Department for Sport for hosting this conference and providing a platform for the next and challenging phase of this action.Optional underpinning actually of the modern action plan is more relevant than ever as we just heard the scope of friends to spot integrity has not diminished capacity of governments to tackle these threats is still largely insufficient, especially as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to diminish revenue streams.Within this particle system.While within the spot Integrity field, most human and financial resources are devoted to the fight against doping new priorities, especially at Glassford sports levels as well as new phenomena are emerging, including safety and safeguarding as well as the mental health of top athletes.Can we ask ministries or sport to simply add such new priorities and issues to their already heavy agendas? In most parts of the world, became not ministries of former. Also, other public authorities will not organize the resources and capacities required, product effective protection or spot.On this participant, if we continue business as usual.This is Robbie holistic approach, promoted by integrity. Guidelines appears to be the only feasible and plausible solution.The guidelines I need a robust mythological bird batting starting point along with the practical experience of a few pioneer countries that have already put in placed cost cutting sport policies and structures. I'm glad that we have several of these champion countries attending this conference.Possibly take this work further. I would like to propose 5 main areas of work. Firstly we should bring the gardens to the attention of all countries, notably in connection with minutes. Seven that is planned to take place in 2022 at this cross, fingers that COVID will not once again be an obstacle to.Holding this conference. Secondly, we should sustain and an up-to-date Open Access resource in which the new tools and good practice can be promoted. Nothing is more effective for capacity building and peer to peer knowledge sharing, and the guidelines will only succeed as a living document. We shouldn't visit partnerships with universities.To build such a large platform.Thirdly, we should consider some more specific guidance on the organizational implications of the guidelines, which steps to interested governments need to take for setting up the required policies and superstructures and capacities now that some of the government's present in this conference would be available to organize.Workshops in developing countries that use the guidelines as a first step for multi stakeholder dialogue on spot integrity.Coffee, along with other sport for development trends.We need to elevate the business case for sport integrity. As long as we cannot use precise data concerning its impact on the achievement of the SDG's and the social and economic return of investment in spot integrity. Governments development partners in the sport industry will not scale up funding to the required levels.Finally, on policy development, capacity building should build on standard structures, capacities and practices developed in the framework of UNESCO's International Convention against Doping in Sport.He's gonna play in many countries and incubating role towards the oldest holistic protection or sport integrity.This conference comes very timely and it's much more much needed. Follow up after the construction store were caused by the COVID-19 19 pandemic. I wish to end with sincere words of appreciation and thanks for standing transfers and his team stand. You have been a very competent in solid pillar in our work on spot integrity.Understand this conference is one of your last activities in your current position. Thank you for that. Placing the guidelines as important part of your legacy.Please calm down UNESCO. Strong commitment to continue our excellent cooperation with your successors. Thanks also to Paolo Bertacccini has been and remains an important ally in our work for protecting sport as a unique catalyst for standard development and peace. And we should all in excellent conference.

Francine Hetherington Raveny

Thank you very much Philip. Now this isn't on the program, but I'm going to surprise Stan and give him the opportunity just so weird as it is his last conference as the Executive secretary of impasse over to Stan.

These nice surprise are, well, uh, and uh I. I would like to support water water. Flipper has just said and expressed the hope that this conference will be a champion for the integrated implementation of the integrity guidelines. I think that.Now we will have also within the Council of Europe, closer cooperation between the conventions and which are all relating integrity issues and and the bus and the perspective of a mind maps conference that is due to take place in.22 I think that's a really a challenge for us and the concept of Europe to take to keep this leadership that we have taken in coordinating the action three and to support the implementation of these guidelines all over the world. And so thank you.

Francine Hetherington Raveny

Thank you very much Stanislaus. So our next speaker joining us also remotely isn't as Satu hiking, and she is a senior advisor in the Division for Sport and the finished Ministry of Education and Culture. Satuan handing over to you. Now I hope we have a good connection. I will still do you hear me now?Loud and clear, that's fantastic. Thank you so much. Wonderful, thank you. Francine and Mr. Secretary General colleagues?

Satu Heikkinen

First, I would like to send the Italian presidency and the Council of Europe for the opportunity to participate with you today. To this seminar, Uncle Francis. Great pleasure and honor.I think we all agree that the ethics and integrity of sport is a whole whose importance has constantly increased in both national and international sports policy. I'm also witnessed that over the past ten years, integrity issues in sport had taken a great leap forward. Governments have adopted recommendations at conventions and the sports movement has taken its own initiatives. Together we have worked to promote anti doping, good governance and anticorruption measures for the gas money. Pilation responded to other challenges of our time.The international commitments provide the basis for a national working promoting integrity in sport. I found that the the guidelines or sporting decorati launched by Airbus.Ask part of implementation of gas on action plan of units coming up. Six provides a coherent tool for governments on how to proceed. Implementing the governance and actions on integrity issues.It's not listed percent. You know what is being done in Finland in recent years to promote integrity in sports. 5 transversal cooperation. Protecting sporting decorati requires a multi stakeholder approach. Public bodies and policymakers have a significant role to play in Finland. Combining the forces of different actors to defend the integrity of sports emerged from a need.The first cases of match fixing that came up in Finland made closer cooperation necessary.The same unofficial network of several ministries police regulator prosecutor as Fertilizations was also base for our delegation to the provision of the Council of Europe Convention or many placement sport competitions and to the body's sacrifice later.Suddenly realized that in addition to the future implementation of the macula Convention, it is also necessary to address other ethical issues in sports together and potentially institutionalized cooperation somehow.We commissioned a feasibility study on how to manage ethical introductory issues in Sports Center in Finland.The study analyzed the adequacy of the existing structures and

compared them with the effective operation management of the obligations imposed by international agreements and other ethical challenges and with the efficiency of administration.The governmental committee then recommended summary rearrangements as a result. First, the Ministry of Education accounts are established, an Advisory Board for Sport Ethics in 2015 and second, the famous Anti Doping Agency expanded thrown his range of duties to become the fitness Center for.Integrity in sport fences in 2016.The ministry's adviser report for specific functions as a coordination and collaboration facilitating body between different ethnicity branches as portfolio. The task of the Advisory Board is to monitor and develop the joint activities of public authorities and the sport in matters related to integrity.Bad, difficult questions as well as to keep track on international cooperation.The board may issue recommendations and make initiatives.It consists of representatives from several ministries, several sport federations, athletes, national Olympic and Paralympic committees, fences, as well as Save the Children feelings. LGBTI rights in Finland, as well as the Phoenix League for Human Rights.Professor of Sports Rochester boy.The Advisory Board subcommittee operates as a national platform referring in the McAllen Convention.It's like by fences and its members comes from the office of Prosecutor General, National Police for their own investigation. National Lottery on the committee, Professional Footballers Association, finish Football Association and mutual educational culture.Mostly bored and it's some committee meets approximately five times a year during its term and a half. The Advisory Board has discussed not only the issues related to implementation of sport conventions, but also wide range of IT support. Ethical issues such as child protection, human rights, child labor, export industry.And GT in sports and sustainable development.The Advisory Board has also issued several opinions.At his first meeting in 2015 at the Advisory Board discussed the initiative of the Phoenix and Doping Agency to expand its role also to the operational implementation implementation of a sport related conventions. The strong expertise the agency had in anti doping work helped to expand its activity and health.Expanded activities sorry especially to prevention and investigation. Also, manipulation inspected violence cases in sports. The fitness Center for Integrative Pharmacy established early 2016. It's a private association.The Ministry of Education and Culture increase its funding to the center so that it could perform its new tasks.Weakening the high quality anti doping work at the expense of centers, new tasks was by no means a question.While reinforcing other ethical work, strong anti doping work could not be compromised.The fence is also investigates other violation of sovereign integrity of sports. If the sports federations. So request and it promotes, researchers found.Ah, well, at this point I have to point out that in addition to the collaboration based mentioned earlier, the sport policy which gives priority to ethics and integrity, flexibility in administering administrative structures, as well as supportive legislation enabled, it built the system with relatively side effects.Besides creating structures, we have taken other methods miss US to support in decorative policy.I think our priorities are reflected in the criteria for discretionary government cramps.In which the emphasis on responsibility of sustainability and integrity has been increased to 15% of the amount of the credit.The criteria consists of matters related to good governance, save, sporting, sporting environment, gender equality and diversity, the environment and climate as well as anti doping and match fixing.The sustainability program for the sports community created by the Olympic Committee is in line with our criteria, which also supports sport organizations efforts, set integrity and ethical targets, and develop their administration and activities.Finally.What have we achieved through these new structures and policy?Find steps more. Policy coherence. More efficiency at both ministrative and operational levels and increased importance and awareness of the integrity and ethical issues in sport.The stock of commitment of all stakeholders has been a key to success.Stakeholders are strongly committed to promote integrity and ethics in sport nationally and also in the international cooperation.I'd also like to point out that there is room for improvement all the time.And in addition, the world and the sports are throwing new challenges in the field.As you already know, gaps in integrity gap can affect the recreational sport organizations and lead to the loss of financial and personal resources.Is there fat in the

sustainability of spring? We think that investing in integrity export is worthwhile and benefits not only those who engage in sports, but also the entire sports community and society in general. Like thank you very much. I hope you all enjoy their conference. Thank you.

Francine Hetherington Raveny
Thank you very much. Now. I believe some of you listening at home and by distance didn't hear Miss Heikkinen as clearly as we did here and other people did it. So please be aware that the whole event is being recorded and you can catch that later on just in case. Unfortunately, you didn't miss it if you're following the conference.So finally last, but by no means least, your absolute delighted to welcome Miss Maria Victoria Disarmonia. So she is the deputy national prosecutor at the DNA, Italian Antimafia Agency and part of the G20 Italian course. Thank you very much.See, that's it, thank you.

Maria Vittoria De Simone

Thanks to the Department of Sports of the Prime Minister's Office Council of Europe and all the other organizers of this important meeting which allows me to share. With all of you the outstanding results obtained in the G20.Ah, with the principles. High principles on against corruption in sport. Sports is the source of fundamental values for social and cultural growth in a country. But sport is not just a social phenomenon because it's become an economic era which has seen its importance grow exponentially in recent decades. This is contributed to a gross financially of the business linked to the world of sports. A multi billion.Ah.Business with the with the intricate links between private and public interests, so it's an area which is very attractive economically and therefore an area with this high risk of corruption and crime. Italy's commitment to. Why integrity into combatMiss teaching sports derives from this awareness. The amount and the quality of criminal activity and sport in the last 20 years, so that a holistic approach to the ominous phenomena is necessary and a global approach.To strengthen the regulatory and political framework and it is with this view is that we find the proposing and defining the role Italy played in defining the guidelines of the Council of Europe the 18th of December, 2000.14 which meant a major step in moving to strengthen our approach to combat fraud in sports. Because it's the only legally binding instrument aimed at promoting overall cooperation to combat.Manipulation of sports events and this is something which has been forcefully supported by the most important sports organizations, including FIFA, UEFA, and others. Therefore, it's an international agreement which is aimed at identifying.Preventing and combating any form of match fixing in sports events and at the same time prompting states to adopt measures aimed at avoiding conflicts of interest between those operating in the gambling sector and sports organization.And it also.Mum asks the management to authorities into gambling sector to intensify their efforts against fraud and illegal betting.And it is in pursuing these goals that the Convention combines all the possible entities involved in combating their manipulation, public organizations, sports organizations, and.Uh, betting the organizers, but at least also had a fundamental role in the adoption of two major resolutions in the area of corruption and sport. Adopted by the Conference of the States Parties in the to the Convention of the United Nations Against Corruption in 2017.2019 on Italian initiative and this.To combat various stuff.A criminal activities.Doping the match fixing.Miss management talk for the assignment to sports activities interfering with contracts and procurement. These negative activities of it.Ah, negative affect in and the values represented by sports taking into account the importance of sports and the.Olympic and sports values of Fair competition.Uhm in QFCA growing international spread of corruption in sports and with the further goal of preventing the risk of

organized crime being involved, we also find the organization on these safe flood of sport uh against corruption. Organized by UN ODC and sponsored by Italy.During the conference, it was recognized that corruption may undermine the potential of sports in its role to contribute. To achieve the goals of stable development goals contained in the 2030 agenda, the United Nations support the role of sports.So it's universal language through the values of universality and harmony. To achieve the goals of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, green economy, resilience of cities and healthiness of environments. And it says on this basis that Unisys, during the 6th International Conference.Of Minister, Sander, responsible officials for sport made, the design plan adoption 15th of July 2017.Uhm?Implemented under the this was discussed previously with a global agreement which inserts sports activities into the Sustainable Development goals of the UN 2030 agenda. Consequently, sport is defined specifically as sustainable because it is involved in many.Of the goals established, it ensures a healthy life promotes welfare well being, and promotes equality and other values. In other words, the plan characterizes their commitment to connect the development of sports and the 2030 agenda.And therefore provides a support to a general.Uhm?Activity two were privileged sports in International Corporation, moving to a national dimensional sphere and therefore.Bring about a pint of sustainable sportswear education.I move on quickly because we have very little time.But I want you to move on to.International context and the many actors.And initiatives which are involved on the international stage for the affirmation of the need to protect sport from corruption and.Crypto inactivity and this is the clear sign of converging will and the intention to follow this path and therefore in the United Nation setting UNESCO, UN ODC and in Europe, the Council of Europe.Showing the general interest in preventing corruption, and this is a crucial sector.Also, for obesity with specific reference to major events, the active and proactive role come to G20 years in these areas, areas of protection of sports.Ah, it being expressed in a very broad manager in the Italian Presidency of G20. With the development of the high principles against corruption in sport is a document which was adopted during the 30 and 31st October meeting of leaders in.Room this year. Corruption in sport has been.Identified as an emerging risk area in the plan of action of the Working Group against Corruption and the Italian Presidency of the G20 committed itself to support and strengthen Internet. Launching against the threat which corruption represents for.Integrity of sport. It's committed itself to strengthen the legal and political framework in the era of corruption in the six high level principles we see the many facets of a very complex.Phenomenon such as corruption in sports starting from the most important part, which is represented by knowledge of the phenomenon and the need for understanding the scope of the nature of the scope and the risks of corruption in sports.The six principles which have been adopted in the G20.Upsetting, I don't know if I have time.Well.A pop socket, distribute these, circulate these so that everybody can see them.Well, but she could read them very quickly and then move on.Well, the first this is saying is gathering information and understanding of the event to gather information to develop an evidence based understanding of and raise awareness on corruption in sport.Second, strengthen legal and regulatory frameworks to address corruption in sport more effectively.Search ensure effective law enforcement against corruption in sport.Falsely strengthen international cooperation among law enforcement, criminal justice and corruption prevention authorities.As well as lawmakers and policymakers to effectively tackle.Gosh Mandela, Guccione and Lewisport queen top load allegrucci an endless partly gotta all agree.Time.And in regard to this.Yes, I may be allowed to consider.Omelette Organism bundle in Australia, Dan said.11 notable mental aristeo. Their phenomenal Group D boneless pork bourgade devino dodgy progressivement December. If you are pretty liberally organizzazione criminally for demented, very close but NT group be criminally potente in term in economics.Thanks Donald, infiltrators in Mondovi low sport, better President, Rajendra a cigar. See Luke brosey April DVF are very chic. Larry in Armenian army. Profit driven, all criminal organizado die traffic in traditional meant this fall.Will not be as simple as she reports are. She reports are younger people sign socially superior dorio mean?Employee login.You gotta

be criminalised organics at the sooner or radical.In Phoenix says to bring sheet cake Willowdale, a sustainable alley. Organizacion Esportiva Pirela governance Letras pencil responsibility to guarantee real integridad day Princi PAL event Desportiva guarantee. Red Windmill Integrity and a young Paul Sherman.International sports organizations and national sports organizations must be.Supported in promoting integrity and combating corruption, the adoption of the principles set out in the G20 searching which I very rapidly read out.I surf on enormous value in supporting these sports sector and mitigating the risk of corruption because in each of them.Each of them is a company to buy.The number of indications.Awesome desirable activities.Links to the achievement of those goals. So the holistic approach which we are discussing in this session is.Come.Referred to explicitly in the preamble to the principles and the as well as the problem of.Manipulation and governance.And I conclude.The world of sports is a primary workshop to test the relevance and importance of strategic strategies to combat corruption and also to create a social economic situation which is linked to a multi level.Regulatory system the risk of corruption can be reduced by the adoption of guidelines on integrity, which are consistent with international standards and also through the widespread application of governance and compliance models.Angie Prime role is also given to participatory pacts between the public and private sector. This makes it possible to allow the legality threshold and the protection against corruption, so one of the most.A complex areas open. Took the risk of corruption. Can find new motivation and new momentum in progressing in guaranteeing their support to inclusive imbalance development both in emerging and in developed countries.

Francine Raveny
Thank you very much for that very comprehensive and detailed the introduction and that's certainly give us a lot of room for thought. So thank you very much for that. We really appreciate it. We're now going to move on to our very first panel. The first panel discussion with moderated by Paolo here. Pal, Bethany Bradley.And what I would like to do is we just need one moment we're going to invite the speakers onto the stage who are taking part in this panel and the rest of us will leave, so it will just bring onstage silly.

Paolo Bertaccini
Again, thanks to Francine Forum.The moderation of the initial contribution by three relevant speakers and of course thanks to the speakers for their contributions.
This said, we are now facing an additional approximately 30 minutes.Of a debate and conversation about this topic. The topic of this first panel of this conference, which is towards a holistic approach to sports integrity and then actual. Three of the connection plan sourced from a minimum 6.Four years ago, already has generated the guidelines elaborated by the Council of Europe with the three presidencies Japan Senegal in Italy. It is a tool which of course are will face maybe in the years to come. Additional evolutions, but it is already.They are ready to be used and it can be said that All in all it is the first document which really envisages the concept of sport integrity in a let's say systematic modality and said making a structure.I thought that the words annalistic approach. We will have three distinguished panelists for sorry distinguished panelists contributing to this conversation.From the government of the North Macedonia Advisors for sport we have here also lost love funding for the independent expert we have connected from Australia, Jason Whybrow and relevant top Officer for Sport Integrity Australia. The director of sports wagering.Competition, manipulation and then we have a cloud. You Marina Lee from Interpol headquarters in Lyon.He said that we just move without any further education to give the floor to Sylvia Mitiska from North Macedonia and I will just start, let's say with the.Some.Ah.Not really in specific terms questions, but, uh, suggestions. And let's put it this way, about the holistic approach. It looks like something strange, holistic look something complicated but.All in all, this in practical terms might perhaps become something crucial to face all these problems in the experience of the government of

Macedonia, North Macedonia, and Xperience that you are facing in the last years.Which kind of considerations you can share with us about this topic please? The floor is yours.

Silvija Mitevska
Thank you Paul. Thank you for the notation and it's a real honor to be here in the same room with such a prominently sub speakers and experts about Sprint security. As you mentioned before, sports Integrity is a very broad concepts and it touches upon many areas such as governance, manipulation of sports.Competitions abuse, harassment and more and since scored is the important point of and focal point of public interest. Therefore we could say that sport unfortunately is not immune to challenges and integrity problems. But I believe that.Protecting sports integrity is fundamental for the future role of sport.Uhm?Big thanks to a bus for developing the guidelines sports integrity because it must say that it gives a really comprehensive overview and a project we could use to take on to protect present equity. We as a government in North Macedonia, we have really asked ourselves flattered.Current risks and threats and priorities we should address when we speak about protecting sports integrity and in our context one policy area out of those five policy areas, the the one that with most priority, is fostering good governance in sports organizations from the.Analysis and from the information we gathered from the field and from different stakeholders we could see that sports organizations lack transparency, accountability, democracy, and many times we have witnessed mismanagement within this first organization and we believe that.Fostering good governance in sports organization is key and fundamental for mitigating risks of corruption in sport and therefore one of the most important area that we should develop and we will start with the program in 2022 is about fostering good.Journals about capacity building support organizations and of course here I would say that we should be very careful because at the same time we should respect their autonomy.But then at the same time, uh, you know, postering and advanced, good governance and integrity within the sports organizations. I would also say that when we speak about holistic approach, that sport managers are very important when they set a positive tone in the organizations.Uh, when they promote inner organizational culture or values such as ethics and integrity?And then afterwards reflects in the other processes and structures within the sports organizations. And now I will shortly.Change the hat. I will not speak anymore. It's part of the government, but as a one is a ex athletes and I could see that being an athlete and being a part of a sports organization that hasn't respected integrity and has been dealing with.An ethical behavior and discrimination. It can be very. It can be very demotivating. Frustrating when the athlete people feel powerless to have changed. And sometimes it's also why they end their sports career. So having these two perspectives in front of me.That is why I'm very vocal and I'm very passionate and dedicated to develop sports integrity policy N. Macedonia and to further protect sports integrity as it is very important for the future transformation of sport. Thank you.

Paolo Bertaccini
Thank you very much, Sylvia.You have highlighted a couple of, well, a few relevant concepts among them the concept of the positive tone from the top somehow, but also from the bottom deposit deposit tone within the sport environment, and then the role of athletes.Second question and second suggestion for you to share some considerations with us in a more operation and applicative perspective. Which lessons are being learned or are being learned have been or are being learned?Currently North Macedonia or from your personal experience, that can help all of us to interpret this concept of holistic approach in a, let's say, applicative perspective.

Silvija Mitevska
Thank you well since we don't have yet developed sports and cigarettes if policies we very much rely on international frameworks and partnership. And that is why having an access to exchange of information, having Nexus practical tools and guidelines are very important to us. And as I said before the.Guidelines for its integrity. It's very crucial. It's very valuable information that would

afterwards share and promote in our national contexts. But at what I would say that so far we have done is that the cabinet of the Vice Prime Minister for anti corruption, sustainable development and human human resources have been.Very proactive in the area of sports and in the past year people were encouraged to send cases with bribery or corruption. Element to this cabinet and I think with that we raise the awareness that we have this kind of challenge in our contacts that is very good so.I believe this will be upgraded and then we will further develop how to address these issues in our context. Recently we have also joined the international Platform against Corruption in sports and that one has also been very beneficial because we as we don't have sports.Integrated policies we need to establish good governance standards and control mechanism and the international partnership against Corruption Crime has developed benchmark setup based benchmarks that we can.Implements in our future programs, so I think, holistically speaking we need a multi stick approach and we need a very good communication and collaboration with different organizations abroad of North Macedonia. Thank you.

Paolo Bertaccini
Thank you very much. We yeah, we have duly taken note of these considerations and we will just use them for sure. And then in the weeks and here months to come here in order to advance in applicative perspective. This said.And now I move for. I moved to Mr. He's an independent consultant and trainer in human rights education and democracy and education through sport.Again, thanks for joining us here in Rome and then also for you. Not exactly a question, but just a suggestion to share with us your informations and points of view and risk assessment looks to be one of your key topics you are working on and.As we all know, risk assessment is becoming more and more crucial component for prevention and countering, corruption, misbehavior and other crimes in sport based on your significant experience and on the work they are doing currently, could you highlight somehow the potential of this?A risk assessment tools and then somehow in the view that these tools can be used by countries in the months and years to come. Please. Thanks for sharing with us your ideas and information so that the floor is yours.

Laszlo Foldi
Thank you, thank you Paolo. It's my pleasure to be here and thank you for the invitation for the Council of Europe and for the Italian Presidency of the Council of Europe. It's my honor and my big challenge to now take this work from the Sport Department. A bus from the Council of Europe which is aiming to.Develop a risk assessment tool for policymakers and organisations in on based based on, uh, the integrity guidelines which we all talked about recently and I could share some of my questions as well regarding this work because it's quite challenging, but also some of the.Potentials that that I already see first of all.Uh.This is going to be a desk research and I'm already working on it with a scope on the five policy areas of the interpretive guidelines, so it's not only the two of this conference, but also all the five, including the preservation of rights and safety and.The other four, the policy fields. The first task that I see in front of me and which I already allowed berated a little bit is to look into different risk assessment tools and experiences and practices and how to adjust them to the reality of sport. Are there specific cities? Are there issues that we should consider a little bit?Differently from the usual project management approach to.A risk assessment. The second one is more collection and review of typical risks occurring in the five policy fields. In this one is helping to me because I was working before with the Council of Europe Sport Department in different projects, partnership projects with.Council of Europe and the European Commission Commission, including women in sport children, protection in sport and safety of athletes in sport and other projects. I'm reviewing the data that we have regarding the typical risks and the typical, let's say mistakes that are or the lacking.Elements of policy in these five policy fields, then the Third Point that I'm going to do is identifying the most optimal classification of these risks because we see some typical or tendencies in this life policy fields

which most of the national.Governments or sport organisations are actually repeating. So which comes either from sociocultural aspect or it comes from the culture of the organization or from the ministry or from different or political agendas. We don't know exactly where they come from, but we see these tendencies.Of risks that occur because of lack of certain things in policy, lack of certain things in managing activities, sport events or sport organisations. The first thing that I'm going to work with is develop a risk assessment tool for policymakers and four.Organisations.What is here the the big let's say the challenge and of course I will be able to give answers a little bit later is that it has to be specific for the five priority fields, so not all the same questions will have to be asked regarding the five policy fields.Its complexity can be seen already from the fact that if you count, for example the re Ferd.Uh, uh, stakeholders in the integrity guidelines it's about 40.

Paolo Bertaccini

Which means if you consider a cross sectorial approach, if you consider the different stakeholders that have something to do in sport, it's immense. It's a great number of potential partners in national contexts. Also in organizational context.We have to also be user friendly, so if if the risk assessment tool will not be used by anyone, there is no point in doing anything so it has to be user friendly. Seems simple enough and easy to use and also as an educator because I'm a I'm a trainer and educator. It is also a mission for me to make it.Other logic.To make it something that can be used for training.Well Laszlo.What's in your case? We are taking note of all which is or which has been said and for sure risk assessment is really crucial for prevention, and it also becomes somehow a cultural change change challenge.Somehow to introduce new mindsets in this universe which is facing somehow a new century after century, which has been very, very different from the one we are living now now. Also for you a second, let's say request just to take profit from your presence here.Even if you want some which impressions impressions you have about the possibility of having this integrated approach is working on risk assessment. The concept of integrated approaches. So holistic approaches in sports in you see which kind of obstacles but also which kind of opportunities.For this perspective, thanks.

Laszlo Foldi

I think such a tool can support policymakers very well if it is well designed, and if it is well optimized for for the for the task. It can also support organizations, organizations in designing their own organizational culture and structure and rules, and it can also help for.Event managers or event organizers or committees of sport events to actually look into potential risk and try to design or redesign or reflect on their actual policies to make it more adjusted to the challenges of the 21st century and the the values that we are now talking about.Today, which are extremely crucial to to to see the sport is not only competition but sport is also a reflection of society and society is reflected in sports.

So it's a kind of very important part of a socio cultural context in which we live in.

Paolo Bertaccini

It looks like somehow you have a positive impression of this potential, so somehow interacting with a sport organization working on the topic. Of course you you see for sure some obstacles, but All in all, you are confident that this culture can be introduced, so you can confirm this. Maybe it's a long path.But it can be gone through. I think the future works for us.The past is the past and the future is the future, so I'm absolutely optimistic and that's why I'm here.Maybe it's not going to be as fast as we want to see it go, but that's the only way to go on the long term.Maybe we will use this slogan. The past is the past and the future is the future of these will somehow help us. And let's see if the connection works now.Colleague and friend the Jason Whybrow from Australia. You should be connected. Uh please, if you can just give us a confirmation that you are connected Jason then I will yes fantastic days.Well, anyway, it's fantastic to see you connected and so now it's. It's it's up to you. And as we were just discussing the previous days.Uhm, the Australia is really

has been really doing doing a tremendous work in the last years on this topic and very possibly it's if not the best one. It's one of the most advanced countries adopting a holistic and integrated approach to the concept of sport integrity and so connecting doping match fixing.And other crimes. You are a. They are in a key position specifically focused on illegal betting and manipulation of sport competitions. But this said, could you just start sharing with us some insured some informations about the kind of policies which are so Australia has been?Implementing, designing and implementing the structure and the processes that you have somehow gone through. Adopting this holistic approach. Thanks for contributing and the floor is yours. Jason from Australia.

Jason Whybrow

Thank you very much. Good to see you again and thank you very much for having me in all the way from Australia.Uh, my background will focus on how the new agency was established and that comes from a decision of the government in 2017 to examine all of the sport integrity capability in Australia and make recommendations on where to go next.The review identified a few key themes of what needed improvement, sports integrity, threats cannot be effectively addressed without a formal national capability dedicated to coordinating the collection, analysis and dissemination of information.From law enforcement agencies, sporting organisations and the bedding industry.Uhm secondly, now single it existing entity holds all of that intelligence and resources already.Thirdly, the monitoring regulation enforcement activities were fragmented and siloed mainly due to Australia's Federated system where we have eight states or territories.Multiple bodies such as bearing capabilities for sports and their state and territory bodies.Ah.My old be involved in some way in an investigation, but there is no consistency across those investigations to come up with the best outcome.And so Australia needed an independent central national body with the expertise and reach to monitor issues across the sports integrity continuum.These tasks include the monitoring and developing responses to new and emerging issues, supply new superformance image, enhancing drugs, gender issues, and support.Wagering on emerging sports without a controlling body.Such as E sports.And child protection and welfare.Of prior issues.So Sport Integrity Australia is performing that role and drawing together all of those existing capabilities and knowledge and expertise. So hopefully I'll just give you a short overview of some of the key.Areas of work that, after the establishment of the agency, we have been thrust into.With the formation of a new body, there's been intense interest and an incredibly large amount of public.Outpouring of complaints for someone to deal with who they have felt. No one who's dealt with effectively in the past. We may not be able to deal with them, of course, but there is an enormous amount of confidence from the public that we can provide some service.So one of the key things which.Claudio might touch on shortly, is the Criminal intelligence integration within our agency, so there's a joint initiative between the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, which is our national Criminal Intelligence Agency with sports Betting integrity unit embedded in.To our agency. So we have a focus on they have a focus on domestic and criminal links and international.Wow.Links to organized crime and unregulated wagering platforms and criminal infiltration of sports and racing markets within Australia. They have a focus on sport and they provide direct intelligence. Sport 2.Spawning organizations and law enforcement agencies through a range of.Ah.Memorandum of understanding.So with the new agencies development, we intend to expand that role from their fundamental national platform. Roll into.A broader.Intelligent sharing across alabay. The broad issues that we're dealing with.Crucial to that in our establishment legislation was the designation as a law enforcement agency. Even though we will not be enforcing any of the laws that will go to the police. But the handling of personal information is very well.A defined in our legislation, similar to I think the GDPR across Europe.And that gives some confidence to our partners that we deal with regularly that we will handle information in a law enforcement compliant way. So we don't.Uhm?A foul law enforcement agency investigation.One of the key areas that I personally am working on is the Australian sports wagering scheme. And to

put that in context, the wagering in Australia.Since our Constitution 110 years ago has been handled by our state governments and this.Uhm?Who is fit for purpose but is being increasingly challenged by the new types of crimes and methods of organized crime, infiltration and the.Ah.She's self.In terms of our team and being able to process activity.

Paolo Bertaccini

So the approach that we can somehow.Looks so good.Most likely.This is listed twice to give them the benefit of national intelligence around criminal infiltration and any of the criminal influences on their sport.Sorry, sorry to interrupt you. Uh, we have somehow run out of the time, but of course we can be flexible just to have. Also, from you sort of encouragement slash confirmation that holistic approaches can be concretely helpful and effective in addressing this kind of.Buildings from your point of observation, can you confirm this? Or you have somehow you are also facing some, let's say, looking at some drawbacks.

Jason Whybrow

Thank you Paolo for ringing me up. I appreciate that,there are absolutely many challenges which we are finding out daily. There is no shortage of people coming forward with complaints that we had not envisaged and we're not prepared for.But we are adapting very quickly. We have significant support from the government and the benefits are there in the numbers of people who entrust us with their issues. So we have over 600 integrity matters referred to us already in the first year of operation across 61 sports.And this tells us that the issues.Uh, still out there. They were either not being dealt with effectively or people were not confident to bring them forward. So there are certainly issues that we are being challenged with daily, but we have some confidence that the sporting community wants someone to do it, and the government is supporting us in that effort.Just thanks for saying carbon for somebody who is working on writing this direction and has some ground on that. And this said before concluding with you a few words on the Convention.Magaling in McAllen Convention on the manipulation of sport competitions. We know that Australia is just on the way and to ratify it. Just a couple of considerations about this topic and the floor is yours again Jason.Taking power, yes, we are committed to working towards ratification of the McAllen Convention. Again, that's complicated by our gambling regulation system in Australia, which requires.An assessment of a eight different approaches to gambling regulation and to make sure that we can ratify and build from this point forward some solid.Uhm?Progress.Currently in Australia there's a lot of focus on gambling because there's royal commissions or commissions of inquiry into our casino industry. We have casinos and slot machines in every state of Australia and that has prompted some re formation of the gambling environment which provides further challenges for us.But also opportunities in the fact that the Commonwealth can offer a value add to those jurisdictions and to improve our overall approach to sport. There is certainly a opportunities in that as well and we are well placed with the expertise in our agency.To assist the States and our international partners, I must say.

Paolo Bertaccini

Thank you very much Jason. He was being aggressive to use it in additional minutes that we had somehow saved just to.May take profit from your presence. Also the timetable so you are up very late in the night over there. So thanks again for for the export and for your for the effort and for your availability.Uh, we may need doctors. We already, our forefather, common improvements and.This said, I would I would move now to Oh well senior expert already from many points of view, national government and international police cloudy Marinelli, based in Lyon at headquarters of Interpol.Is something going on no.Is there any problem? Maybe no, it looks like we can. We can just advance Claudio just posing questions to you would somehow look.Strange in the sense that when the floor somehow is yours, but well, simply just to somehow accompany you, give you a couple you a couple of suggestions again for you the topic nowadays is holistic approach, and so

Interpol is a really privileged point of observation.Uh, we are crimes can be connected, interrelated and so also to you. The suggestion is to share with you with us some considerations and information which can help understand if it is useful and if it is how these holistic approach can be functional.Progress these threats.Cloudy on the top. The floor is yours.

Claudio Marinelli
Thank you Paolo also for your kind introduction.
UM, thank you everyone of you for for the attention here and also the one online I would like to thank the Council of Europe for the invitation as well as Paolo for for this endorsement and then last but not least, I would like to thank.James, I'm from Australia to to give those scenes in the importance of analysis and data collection, criminal data collection to fully analyze the issue of sport corruption and the holistic approach is definitely very important indeed. So the my replies, yes.And in terms of, I would like to to to mention couple of points in relation to the main issues related to manipulation of sport competitions for corruption in general as well as the challenges we have in front of us and lately. But last but not least as well.Uh, what is Interpol doing in this area since almost 10 years now?Uhm?In terms of issue or the main issue, we see, but it's not just. The PowerPoints is has been recalled several times, even earlier today and in other relevant counters as well. The many issues is indeed related to governance in the sports and all stakeholders shoot.Improve and implement the governance processes in order to to make the sports more proof to attempt of criminals.Uhm?We also have heard about different typologies of manipulation of sporting events infiltrating the sports, as well as as designation of main events, mean sporting events and those the internal and external influences.The thought and carried out towards the the industry or sport and I would like to thank the prosecutor from DNA here which has reminded us that the sports has become an industry now due to the relevancy of the investments and the money that are involved.They said of course, the impact of these different technologies in the manipulation of sport events at all levels. IL is very, very relevant, but I would like her to recall the tool that has been developed by the Council of Europe and mainly by the Group of Copenhagen.Don't, namely interpretate.Well interpreted that the provisions of the Macallan Convention and these tools has been very well received from our investigators as Interpol, we run and the Interpol metrics in Task Force, which is a network of investigators.Ah, we chance of global outreach.And therefore these tools has been presented to all of them.Uh, in terms of challenges to overcome, I would like to to record that there is the need to support law enforcement efforts in this domain, and the only way is to improve the assignation of resources and to implement those resources to government to government to law enforcement agency.And judicial authorities in order to give inputs to the processes in in their hands. When it comes to concretely take action on this. On this in terms of uh again, holistic approach from into perspective. As I told you, we have a 10 years of experience in this since.2010, 2011 we developed a different initiatives and programs and all our programs are targeting the educational part of the problem. So we reach out all stakeholders to have some educational models with them to discuss the issue and provide them with the.Hold the instruments needed to to tackle the problem, the problem, but also from the operational side. We develop a lot of coordination between international cases and again I would like to recall what has been said by the prosecutor from DNA this morning to concretely understand the problem, we need to scale the problem.To analyze the cases, the real cases that have been investigated and standing for bath attract the attention of governments on theirs on these in in order to convince them to invest resources in this domain.

Paolo Bertaccini
Claudio, thank you for your concise and very substantive words. I would just add a new suggestion for you to contribute to the works of today.You know personal terms.Uh, what you think? What can

you say about the transversal cooperation between sport ministries and the law enforcement and law enforcement enforcement authorities? And, of course, we know this is a sort of mantra cooperation multistakeholder. Sometimes it looks something some.Very, let's say abstract. It's not clear how this all has to be somehow put into practice. We know, of course that cooperation and exchanges are crucial to combat counter to counter effectively and these clients, but in specific.The relationship between sports ministries and law enforcement authorities. What can you say about that?

Claudio Marinelli
Thanks.What about uh?Does best Sir Corp is a concretely insured?By the law enforcement, in my opinion little forcement as a transversal function by natural because they they interact with all the stakeholders and the programs that have been developed in in Italy. And I would like to to recall some some of the problems you have had, the possibility to lead as well the anti match fixing formula.And other programs. Bruce that did the law enforcement involvement in this process is and discussion as as brought to the attention to the issue to the law enforcement side, but also to the other. Because, you know, it's proven that the law enforcement action in this domain.Is effective.More than others, when we take action in this domain always we, we go and we impact the freedom of people.Availability of resources of people and entities. So the transversal nature or nature of law enforcement is always is always insured. But as I told you, as Interpol and from our perspective, we always work in this direction because we always had inclusive in our action.Boating in the capacity building and training problems we we run.Uh, for our investigators or four we with the International Olympic Committee will be between our partnership.But also on the operational side, we ensure a sustainability to this translation function and I would like to record that not just a competition manipulation is is in our attention because we have cooperated with different institutions from sports and other.Entities also to ensure that other crimes that are affecting sports are concretely put forward. I would like to hear mention the the exploitation of child athletes harassment, sexual abuse in sports. At least those are even much.More concrete issues than just the simple competition manipulation.

Paolo Bertaccini
Thanks Claudio a yes. I do also agree from the perspective the which the Minister for Sports and the Minister for Foreign Affairs offer and the law if we compare the situation nowadays to the situation 10 years ago when we first well.There's a sort of international community started interrupting. We can say we have also here. You will intervene tomorrow. The general prosecutor of CONI with daughter and other relevant.Sport prosecutors are connected that well, the environment of interaction between all these actors is becoming a slowly but substantively, no more more concrete Claudio, just a few final words for you before moving to the.And answer questions and answers face.

Claudio Marinelli
Yeah, just one last things I have heard with interest worthless aid in terms of model.2.To bring to the attention of the public here and this is not my my my own one. I heard from a colleague in actually in in the Nordic Nordic European countries, but is also being recalled in some in some point, which is sharing is caring, but also cooperating is caring. So the cooperation among hold institutions.Is the only way only way to tackle this problem?

Paolo Bertaccini
Yes, thanks Claudio, we have element solid elements in the last year. So to be more and more confident about substantive cooperation and the law enforcement agencies are becoming more and more aware about the key role that sports organizations may play and mass play.At the same

time, also the world's board is becoming more and more. Let's say open minded and aware about the the role, the key role that for this serious crime and law enforcement agencies and other state authorities may play, we now move we have still were more or less.We are more or less in time, so we have something less than 30 minutes lesson scheduled and planned to the questions and answers phase. We have already a couple of suggestions coming from the audience. Please for those connected, be ready if you are interested to send any kind of questions.And of course, for those who are present here also to contribute, you know in any case I will keep the same animating the debate. We know that we have a couple of let's say progesterone if they are in interventions. If they are in conventional condition to intervene. For example the Vatican, the Holy See.And I wonder if you are in condition to intervene now or if you prefer to do that later, Monsignor.Are you connected somehow or you prefer to do that later?Metro Sanchez, the docker.Maybe cannot just take the floor right now.If you cannot, we have while we wait. Remy Friedman from the Swiss government. Maybe he's also not in condition to intervene now.If he is, please any moment that you reach us, uh, we are ready to give you the floor.Uhm, thenUh, he said we have already received a why question a topic to address and I would move possibly to cloudy. Marinelli into Jason from Australia.The topic concerning discrimination, non discrimination, discrimination cases.I would extend it also to human trafficking, which has not been directly included now this afternoon already in the conversation, but human trafficking is as we are unfortunately no relevant topic as far as discrimination and human trafficking, Claudio.What can you say in a few words? Of course holistic approach means in a very simplified way, just to have clear awareness about a long list of crimes and look for connections from different typology of connections.Please the floor is yours for some comments from these two connected topics. Discrimination and human trafficking and Jason. Please be ready if you feel to contribute.

Claudio Marinelli

This is one of the ways actually to exploit the sports and in the industry within the sports, because discrimination and traffic traffic in human beings remind me that certain areas in the world are really vulnerable to this.Threats and not to name and shame any any area, any region.Hot dry areas where vulnerabilities imposed by the local social economic conditions are the.The way in which criminals are taking advantage of this vulnerabilities. I think couple we have dedicated programs to to to contrast into tackle traffic in human beings, and I believe that the their attention is his concretely raised when it comes to.Athletes, as well as when it comes to young athletes.
Paolo Bertaccini?
Jason are you still connected and ready to intervene?

Jason Whybrow
Yes, I was going to agree with Claudio there that.It's a it's a problem for sport and magnified for sport and I would just say that the Australian approach building on that law enforcement.Engagement plan of ours is too.Uhm?Here the complaint and to give the people some comfort that we understand what their complaint is and get the appropriate help for them. And if we can't get an immediate outcome, there's always.Uh, hopefully some learnings from it and some support for people to continue to come forward so we can improve the environment in the future.
Paolo Bertaccini
Thanks, Jason.The photos look closely and laslow. Very possibly you are not specifically expert on these two topics, but that's at least for you Sylvia. As in you are a background as an effort as a formal effort. These topics what you think.Uh, also from the point of view of a policy maker, of course, currently, which kind of considerations can you share with us please? The floor is yours.

Sylvia
Thank you well when you speak about discrimination. Perhaps if I say a few words about gender based discrimination that happens in sports as well, and that is why this is very important to have gender mainstreaming as a tool at the design phase of any policy we make.Uh, even when it comes about programs and trainings and policy areas such as sports integrity, I think that we do like education about this type of discrimination, how it is connected with corruption and integrity matters and therefore including.Women, girls and use it. Design phase and implementation afterwards in any kind of programs and trainings about sports integrity is crucial to mitigate.Risks and threats about corruption.

Paolo Bertaccini
Thanks Sylvia, from the point of view of a risk assessment tool.Uh, last night was about these topics, which are of course.Usually for the for the moment and not really high in the agenda is any other ones such as doping, corruption, organized crime, matchfixing. But as we all know they are becoming a day have been possibly and unfortunately very relevant in the past years and they are well.Steadily becoming somehow more present in the general awareness. What you think about all this place, the floor is yours

Laszlo Foldi
I think if we look at the whole thing in a holistic approach, then sport as a structure and the system itself.Uh.We cannot completely separate these issues from each other because these are all about values. I think at the introductory or the opening, somebody said openness, honesty and fairness or something like that. Three very easily understood words. If these are part of the culture of of the of the system.These are part of the culture of the organization, the sociocultural dimension, and people do speak up, and because people do have this value live around them, then of course it's much easier to start to work against the world different aspects. Somehow these are all also.Uh, interconnected. I think if if an organization start to work on tolerance and non discrimination, they will also see the possibility and the value of also touching a a non corruption. Also touching to be Frank. To be honest to to to go on this way.I think this is not, uh, not something that is.Very difficult to reach, but of course it takes time to make sure that the people who are the decision makers who are in the power of doing things and making decisions. They do consider these values very important and integral in their endeavors and in their behavior, not only in the world but also how they behave, how they speak.Uh, because that is not not much difference between a little crime and the big crime in terms of the integrity of sport, I think.

Paolo Bertaccini
I do fully, uh, say, catch other than the spirit of what you're saying, of course. So I think that nobody of us has really clear and very specific ideas on these topics weekly, because they are. Somehow, these are somehow still learning round 4.Everybody working on this, but they said I do agree that values is somehow something which seemed to be somehow abstract and not really consistent. Maybe 10-15 years ago it looked like something which was something.Idealistic, not really so relevant if we think of that, let's say cultural environment 20 years ago, but nowadays working on this topic is, everybody engaged, understands more and more that values play a really pragmatic roll from many points of view. And while I would also say.And just to follow, your considerations may be thinking about different entry gates as you were saying. If you start from one topic sooner or later, possibly sooner than later, you will just start thinking about other aspects of the integrity dimensions so.Possibly one thing which can be suggested to anybody following us live or.And they keep the key element is just to start from farms from something. Any entry gate is potentially very

fruitful, because sooner or later you will be starting thinking as a sort of general approach about the topic. They said we have received a couple of additional.Uh, let's say requests and they are both on.Reporting Reporting Protective reporting open reporting.As you know, not only the government of Italy, but of course the sport organizations, the Olympic Committee, many federations at national and international level have been introducing these kind of tools in the last years. Also some governments are working in that direction. It's a very challenging and there is.Tough challenge because reporting is as any let's say.Investigator knows and prosecutor getting information and reporting is very complicated. So going beyond the somehow the simplification of thinking that reporting system which ship you know immediately generate some consistent reporting what you think?So for those who are asking if there are reporting system, there are many and.Generally speaking, we all have elements that they are transferred, so it can be reported there, but of course the process which stays behind reporting system is very articulated and complex and I will just start again from Claudio.Uh, the reason expression whistle blowing but well in the international Environment reporting persons is the most applied more most of them or approach the most appropriate way to define them. Now what do you think about the potential of reporting systems, both anonymous or.Uh, in confidential or open thanks flower, cloudy or some considerations on dates.

Claudio Marinelli
When the Council discuss around the whistle blowing system, the reporting system both open as you said or protected. Indeed, the first thing that came to my mind is the protection of whistle blowers, because this is something we have learned.Dealing with organized crime in Italy and we grew up with this. With this in mind, professionally speaking I would say, and the I believe that the that should be in place. Some form of protection of those whistleblowers to.To give them impulse actually.To to come out and speak.Ideally not in anonymous way, but even if an animus that are always elements that are of interest, especially from from a law enforcement perspective.Jason.If you are still connected.This is a great news up an increasing focus on whistleblower and reporting tools globally in Australia. There's a requirement of many.Uhm?Companies or organizations over the threshold that they have to have reporting tools. You're right, it's challenging area in how anonymous it can be, but we are certainly putting a lot of resources into providing some kind of option for people to give us information.And again handled very sensitively.

Paolo Bertaccini
Thank you Jason.Uh.Sylvia, again being a former athlete.Uh, somehow gives competitive advantage in understanding this.What do you think about this perspective of establishing effective reporting mechanisms?

Sylvia
Well, unfortunately my experience is not positive one, so we have a lack of reporting system within the sports organization. As athletes it is very, very hard because you don't have the trust and encouragement to step forward to be protected.And as a whistleblower, Even so, that is why having leaving that for years, when I was part of the of practically from sports and seeing that even today's nowadays athletes are still facing this challenge, not being able to speak within their own organizations.Or they don't know where where to report with winner. They're going to be protected or not. I think being an advisor and having this opportunity to influence into impact and to give the opportunity to change things within the sports organization is very important. We don't have good lesson.Client, uh, what? I know that it is very important to encourage whistleblowers in our context to step forward and to do as maximum we can to protect them as well. But I think that raising awareness about this challenge is also good because people.Spell speak more when they see others talking about this and when they see the cases have been been prosecuted and information

had been shared to the right places. So reporting system is one of the good practices and examples that hopefully I will take from here and I will bring it back to my country mostly how to.Develop it and upgraded further. Thank you.

Paolo Bertaccini
Thanks Sylvia, I'm sure that well I will not give them the floor but both Claudio and Jason.Uh, would confirm that yes and most of the investigations of effective investigations and which have been finalized successfully or close to be successful have been significantly based on the information's coming from reporting people.And so, in the perspective of investigations, reporting is really, really crucial. We've never had to forget that. All in all, we need the investigations and that these investigations may somehow outcome with the condemnation if.There are victims and the perpetrators, which is not really an easy task. So from personal experience that they in Italy were having there is for the moment not really fully successful reporting mechanisms. But at least the culture, the environment.The introduction in their legislation, the national legislation, or the whistleblower later law, and its protection so slowly now, within the organization's compliance system, within the Olympic Committee. So there is a growing attention to generate an environment which can.Alone or even in character, or even make it somehow normal for people to report misbehavior Laszlo before concluding some considerations on this topic from your side please the floor is yours.

Laszlo Foldi
Yes, thank you Paolo. Very very important. I was also considering very similarly the protection of those who are saying over in anything any concept we see that also in child protection. For example there is you have to create the culture of trust. You have to create the culture of seeing the the seriousness, seriousness of.Reporting, so if there is a consequence of reporting that is something being done and that is transparent, not only done in a secretly, but it's also transparent and and it does have an impact on the community on on the quality of sports or the quality of the organization, then of course it becomes slowly and slowly. In some cultures in Europe, in some of our.Societies. It's very rare that people report because they don't trust democratic systems. Then they don't trust those agencies that have the power to actually do something, especially in Southeast Europe. In Eastern Europe this is very much present. The other thing is also training, because training about reporting and understanding the citizenship.Aspects of reporting is also very important. It's not only sport, it's it's. It's a general issue in our society, so I think the training of athletes, the training of people working in sport is as important as being patient in in understanding the changing the culture and changing the system takes time.Weather largely thanks for these final words.Uhm?We have been sharing a very substantive and also well tiring phase for those who are following and then all of us from remote is even more somehow complicated, so I'm glad just to say that we have a.For sure.A cheap some of the goals and outcomes that we had the located for the first panel we will. This is a information also for the other sessions and panels and will be producing some proceedings or the words of today. So we we we can integrate, amend some of the.Things that we have been saying today and so for the panelists, for the speakers and also for those who are connected and we have some space in the weeks to come to add some element which might be fruitful for the follow up of this first panel, we said.We now have a I think you all of course again for your contributions Jason, you are now finally free.Over there in the South Hemisphere, and then thanks to the three speakers and we now have a half an hour break just to relax and we will render resume in 30 minutes, thanks.

Francine Raveny
So welcome back to session two of the Sports Integrity Conference. The topic of session two is on the manipulation of sports competitions. The format is the same as a format that we had earlier.

Three introductory keynote presentations. Now, before I hand over to each of the keynote presenter.I'd like just to introduce the lady to my right, so this is Valeriè Peano. She's an independent expert on betting and she is a founder of the EGLA Co. Moderating the panel and develop. They will be moderating our panel.

Valeriè Peano
Many thanks for asking for this interaction and so very happy to be here and to have the honor to moderate the panel session afterwards. So just a few words about the MACOLIN Convention and this conference. Well, one of the key factors that we learn today is the need of cooperation and the holistic approach in the corporation.Well, if we read carefully the Convention, we notice that this cooperation is meant among authorities. Sports organizations, of course, law enforcement agencies, but also betting operators, which at the end of the day are also the ones who suffer about manipulations in sports. Because at the legal operator, having a strong system helping the gangling agency to prevent and contrast this system well. Of course, in case of sports manipulation is clearly affected.However, this holistic approach has to embrace would say, all stakeholders, so not even those only mentioned by the the Convention. We can go also forward, and so I'm really happy to be here and learn because we learn at every.And consent conference something more so from the panelist and from your great support. Thank you for organizing this question. Thank you.

Francine Raveny
Thank you very much. You're very welcome. So now the first introductory presentation we will have now this afternoon. This from my colleague Sophie Kwasny in Plattsburgh.And I have a little bit of news, so Sophie Christ needs some of you know her as he had at the sports conventions division of the Council of Europe, which is indeed the title that was in the program. Now that Sophie has become just on Thursday last week, it was confirmed head of the Council of Europe Sport Division. This division incorporates sports conventions.But it also incorporates pass the enlarged partial agreement on sport. So in effect Sophie will be replacing Stanislaus are and I hand over you do Sophie.

Can you hear me?As you're joining me remotely.I can can you hear me for some fantastic so she had me over to you now Harvard.

Sophie Kwasny
Thank you very much Yeah, it's my pleasure to be here with you. A great honor to participate in this conference. Indeed, a pleasure, even as a person, just told you I'm joining you. I'm joining remotely from the hospital, which is already already.Very Dark Souls. I regret to only joining remotes.Second Department for Sport and the Italian Presidency of the Council of Europe together will be allowed. Partial agreement on spot people and my colleagues are thank you very much for organizing this session of the conference focuses on the manipulation of sports.Competitions and most specifically the marketing convention. We've actually heard quite a bit and we matched the conferences fact sheet spells out there will be Integrity Conference will provide an opportunity to address the.Key topic of information sharing and data reduction and abdomen. Madeline convention. This is clearly an essential aspect of the effectiveness of the fight against the manipulation of sports competition.Before we moved to the specifics and let me.What?A monkey focusing on.Thanks.Dimension of the channel.And.Response.But also having a food truck parts.Wait?And what is expected to us?Uh, I will this end with a prospective look towards the future. But before that it's important to take stock of where we are today.So where are we where seven years away from the adoption and opening for signature of the Macallan convention maglinger in Switzerland, seven years have passed. This groundbreaking instrument only counts seven parties,

so I want to commend the seven of those.Uh, that have ratified that they've been the front runner, so they are now steering the work of the committee and I will naturally start with Italy. But we also have Greece, Moldova, Portugal, Norway, Switzerland and Ukraine.13 others that are signed.So it's all good.Those countries are inspired by the Convention getting ready to see the potential of this unique international legal framework.So unique, indeed. That's really something we need to focus on, and clearly one of the reasons why.Mention.Cancel.That's.Patient has spoken.Provides a common legal framework for international cooperation, requesting all actors of this ecosystem to cooperate.Public authorities working with sports organizations, betting operators, competition organizers, all of them preventing detecting and punishing the manipulation of sports competition.Certain important aspects of corruption in sports are covered by other international conventions on corruption and organized crime. But unlike the McLean Convention, these instruments do not specifically deal with cases involving manipulation or sport competitions which may occur.Outside any transnational crime network.And without any fast falling within indefinitely.Mention promotes tourist.It allows the modeling with standards and principles to be set in order to prevent, detect and sanctioned manipulation.Let me put two specific cornerstones, or really core values of the Convention. There are many others, but I'd like to focus on those two. The first one is Article 13 of the Convention on the national platforms.This is the Michael and spirit it brings together under one roof in an atmosphere of cooperation and trust. The key stakeholders. They've already been mentioned. Public authorities, sport movement, sport betting operators. This platform says as an information hub or framework of exchange.It also stars the national policies.Dialogue and cooperation within each country that is within each national platform but also between the countries. This is vital to achieve common objectives.Another really he cornerstone from my perspective.Information sharing is at the heart of the fight against the manipulation of sport competition and this information sharing is required to take place between a wide variety of entities.I will not repeat them again, but we have public authorities. But we also have for sport organizations, different levels, national federal, international levels. We will hear more on this specific topic in the panel discussion, but the existence in the Convention of a specific provision on data protection.This post vital and highly valuable when what is at stake is not only information sharing between stakeholders and national level, but also such an exchange between countries.The phenomenon knows no. National frontiers. Know regional frontiers either, and it needs to be tackled in the consistent and coordinated manner at global level.That's the second point I'd like to focus on global response to global challenge.The manipulation of spark competition has the potential to affect all sports, but it also has.Worldwide.ContactDistress and figures confirmed that the global imagine.Secretary General of the Council.Underline?The medical intervention was made in Europe, but it was made for the world and it is open to all countries. It proposes a common legal framework for efficient international cooperation that can respond effectively to this global threat.The phenomenon is global and an international instrument created to tackle it can be effective if only truly global and allowing the participation of bone.I'm very pleased to see that out of the 30 countries that are signed, the Convention Australia.And thanks Jason for joining it. Very undecan towers and more recently Morocco have decided to join the McLean community and see the potential of the Convention.If we evidently nude more countries to join up, but let's be hard work.Election.World.National.Doctor gestation, inspired by mention to set up platforms such as the national platforms provided by Article 13. So to give you an example, we're currently working with Liberia in the hand hansing, the applicable legal framework. This targeted work.Uh is carried out on the ground directly with frontline actors, and it's possible thanks to financial contributions, we've received them under a project that some of you are no called the Caicos. Plus keep crime out of sports project.This project enables us to cooperate with governments in enhancing boshell legislation or took.In raising awareness of National Olympic committees.Spa on the convention and its tools. We're also working with lotteries, actors of the bedding industry. As with law enforcement, and I'm very pizza, that's a law enforcement

representatives are there with you in Roma and participating in this discussion today.Another reason to essentially essential step forward, I need to highlight about the McClain Convention is the formalization of the Group of Copenhagen. Many of you have had followed it up with the work of the Group of Copenhagen coupon to seal in the chair of the group.I will provide more details on on on the on the work of this group, but the advancement and the transformation of this group into a formal advisory group to the follow Up Committee is an essential step forward, so I would like to share my tech on the work of this new group and how it will continue to expand.I had the pleasure to participate 2 weeks ago in the first meeting up this new edition of the Group of Copenhagen and I was really amazed by the broad participation from all regions of the world by the dynamic contributions of the partitions of the participants.Invention.Awesome.Functioning and structure with rules of Procedure and not an important feature of those Rules of Procedure is the composition of the group, the membership, and the criteria for membership for any country is that the country has signed the Convention.So some are still missing. Of course, some uh, but we know that those countries that are missing that haven't signed up are nevertheless very active at national level, so we hope that, uh, the new rules of the Group of Copenhagen will allow them to sign and join. Join this work.Why is today's discussion is essential while we are at a turning points? It's just ten years after the adoption of the first legal instruments on the promotion of the integrity of sport against manipulation affair of results. Notably match fixing that problem actually recommendation adopted in 2000.11 by the Committee of Ministers. So at the time the first step was a non legally binding text.Which then led to the convention. The stakes are high, the magnitude of the problem continues to struck us, so we need to act is more urgent than ever, and we see an increased willingness of several countries to forward. So the train now has now left the station.The follow Up Committee of the MAP Convention has started its work with the first meeting that was held a year ago.Progress is.7 pounds.Started stirring that work and they have said the committee's priorities for the next four years to come, and I'll mention them briefly. Of course, increase in the membership and ratification of the Convention, but also support for the implementation of the provisions of the Convention and.Its principles and so that's linked to the establishment of a monitoring mechanism but also developing guidance as to the application of the Convention and finally the committee will work on strengthening the education and cooperation mechanisms both at national and international level.The committee also adopted a list. The list of sport organization to be covered by the Convention, and that's fantastic that was specifically attributed by the Convention. So as you can see, indeed that the work is moving forward.What is important to note also is that's the spirit of cooperation that the Convention puts in place is also reflected in the Committee of the Convention. The committee has granted observer status to five organizations, BRUC GLMS, FIFA UFR and Interpol, and Claudio is there today.Come and.Through the participation of those observers, the committee really ensures that there is a multi stakeholder, a richness provided in the work of the committee. So clearly the role of the committee and its work is essential, and as more countries from Latin.Vintage.Expect.So let me conclude when I'm sure we clearly all have a common objective. We all have a role to play in protecting the integrity of sport and securing equal competitions. So from accounts of your perspective as an intergovernmental organization we have delivered.A unique and powerful instrument to tackle the manipulation of sports competition, we continue to nurture to support, to promote this instrument and accompany its expansion and the work of its committee. But the value and the benefits of these treaties can only materialize with implementation.Corporation and promotion. So indeed, we all have a role to play in protecting the beauty and magic of sport. I saw that the image of far of the Conference Center and ninja yeah, innocence and engine Ver city of this picture. That's what we want to protect and I'm convinced that.In the years to come, and not too far away from now, the conventions benefits will be eagerly seized in all regions of the world are let's start focusing on Europe. Indeed inspired by today's example of heated, but the promises of of enlargement of the Convention.So I'd like to thank you

very much for allowing me this introductory statement that had seemingly and once again, sorry for not being with you.

Francine Raveny
Thank you very much, Sophie. That was very interesting to hear from you. I'd like to now hand over to my keynote next keynote speaker. Mr Robert rivaldo. Mr Roboto is from the Italian Minister of the Interior, the SCI P Police International Corporation, and he is also the director of the Economic and Financial.Crime division at Interpol National Central Bureau in Rome. So over to you.

Roberto Ribaudo - THE ITALIAN ANTI MATCH FIXING SYSTEM

I think that's your lab resident, you Madam Chair?And I will continue in my mother tongue, so I will be speaking in Italian, and I will get straight to the point of my presentation, which focuses, focuses on the Italian.Anti match fixing system and sports fraud.That's all.What I would like to focus on is the spirit of my of the Italian legislation.And Italian legislator, which anticipated the spirit of the masculine convention.Meaning giving each country a judicial framework and a strategic framework for anti Max fixing and focusing.On the more.Harmonious and holistic approach and system of data collection on on on sports fraud and I'm coordinating anti fraud activities so I will just anticipate the slates and the flight that I will be showing but I will get straight to the point. Italy as you all know has had or.At least in the 1980s and the 1990s, and only ten years ago, a series of sports frauds and those dating back to the 80s, which have been.PA sanctioned.Want a?Ah.Sanctioned because there was a judicial framework that was lacking that was missing, so for this reason the Italian legislator in 1989 with a.Specific law 401 of 1989 defined a judicial framework for sports fraud and match fixing, as well as.Matching and this was fundamental in order to define.And this is the basis of the masculine Convention this.Issue.So how did it work at the beginning in 2011? Two?Specific units structures were created which were introduced in the Department of Public Security of the Ministry of the Interior on the one hand, we have the.Sports betting information unit. You ISS, which as you can see from the slide converge.And I've divided them by color, green and red and white. They converged in their divided into all departments that have to deal with it for the report. So you can see in green, political and federative departments in red we have the police.Authorities or law enforcement authorities, and in light we can see intermediary actors. For example the customs and Monopolies Agency, which has become a platform for data collection.Regarding the Macula, Convention is paired to use it, and finally experts.In the matter that operate in the various ministries specifically, the Ministry of the Interior so.This is purely institutional framework and structure.But you started crap. It's not looking out to each group for investigativo, so this Commission.Yeah.Investigative group on Sports Betting was also created. So from data collection and analysis.Of information, anti fraud information and illegal betting. We've moved onto the coordination of operative units.And here we have the.Ah.Law enforcement and police.Agencies and bodies of police. National police and grabbed a fiance.Which focus more on the economic and financial aspect?We also have the criminal analysis service and more recently.The department that I work in, which is the contact point for international cooperation with Interpol.And so specifically Interpol anti match fixing task force which is.Officially recognized for.Information sharing in this sector. So why was I mentioning the role of the financial police already finances? Because preventing and suppressing.Organized crime for money, money laundering purposes is.What the Italian investigator is trying to do to fight against organized crime?What we know about Mafia and organized crime in general.The more established.Organizations has lettuce to focus on and follow.Not so much.Money.Most.And all investigators like Falcone and Musolino have done so in the past and are continuing to do so. That is why the Italian approach is to protect the world

of sports. On the one hand, of course, by monitoring the moral integrity.Have the domain but also to prevent and suppress the activities of transactional activities of organized crime in sport for illegal operation. Specifically for money laundering.Help.And lastly, Speaking of strategic.Structure last year a committee on.Was created copper Reggie, which is the acronym for the Committee on Prevention for the Prevention and Suppression of Illegal Gaming.Call ReggieDoctor.Box.2.Work together with the customs and monopolies.AuthoritiesWhich has a significant, uh?Database to establish prevention.Policies in the world of sports and gambling. Sports betting too.Died police operations and prevention at a national level level and just recently there was an operation carried out for the euro games in Euro 20, which was part of a broader operation.It's going north, which had a which was very successful at an international level. I could also go on and mention other operations which were carried out.Investigative and joint and police operations carried out, but the distinctive element of all these operations.If we're looking at organized crime in sports, so illegal betting.This has two elements that I would like to focus on. The first is paused more positive and the second is negative, so the positive element is that we have seized.Goods for more than €4 billion so international.Police cooperation was very successful in the suppression aspect. Element, on the other hand.These results haven't derived from analysis of data collection which was derived from the sports betting unit, but they were found.Within the uh, investigative operations.For organized crime which were already underway, so this shouldn't should encourage us to increase information exchange so as to better qualify the value of this analysis that is carried out. So thank you very much for the time.

Francine Raveny

Thank you very much. That was very concise.And extremely informative. Thank you very much. I'd like to hand over to our final presenter for the introductory session on the manipulation of sports competitions.. I think Bishop who will suffice. Federal Prosecutor of Belgium are just a reminder that the presentation should be no more than 10 minutes instead of mercy.

Eric Bisschop

Thank you very much, Sir, but you still have a problem in the expert guidelines was forcing the best speaker to speak for seven minutes, maybe eight. Now, as to the timetable, I see that I have two more minutes.But in fact, my Italian comic and it is also a conference about anti discrimination. My Italian comic spoke for 23 and 5623 minutes and 56 seconds and during my last rehearsal in my hotel room it was 30 minutes and 25 seconds. But maybe I will speak a little faster like in Italian.And then.No distinguished audience, just a little touch up in Valencia just to tell you, first of all that I would like to thank the organizers of this conference for inviting a public prosecutor. Not only one, but even to share his vision and concerns about integrity in sport. To put myself in context, I can tell you that since 2007.I have been the national coordinator of supporting fraud in Belgium, initiating or supervising conducting all of the major criminal investigations conducted in Belgium. So in recent years in fact, I I have an experience from the field and I came to Rome to testify from the trenches. As I always said I would like.In this case, to refer to some of the cases that made it into international media to give you a bit of context. So first of all, the the case of Salem, the gambling Chinese who introduced Belgium to the Asian gambling mafia in 2005 and rocked Belgian football. The current or Ryan Tennis case, where the.Armenian death in matter is alleged to have fixed at tennis matches in 40 countries on a massive scale. We are speaking in our investigation of about 135 matches and then there are quite famous operations hero in Belgium, code by unrespectable journalists and respectful to the Italian community because they call it the clean hands case, Sir.The money quality but it's on respectful workers. It has nothing to do with the graph with the gravity of the case of monopoly in Italian in Italian in the early 90s, but

also in this case. Now our investigation is going on and the journalist speak more and more about the clammy hands case implants instead of the cleaners case. But in this case.Play US agents were at the Center and Danville Kovich famous urban broker became the first person in doesn't history to be repentant and pentito. And then we have still five other files against major football broadcast.Given the limited time I have, I think it's appropriate to share with you my experiences from these practical cases and to discuss a number of bottlenecks to come to a very important conclusion. In the end, what will they be? The conclusion? Wait and see. First of all, the major problem of America and our last stop speaking Italian because the interpreters.You're getting confused. The major problem of omerta experience. In our case, that Shonen underlining that the world of sport is a particularly close to world in which it is extremely difficult to penetrate after they file we created in Belgium a hotline and earlier this afternoon there was spoken about reporting systems.Really, we also created a reporting system, but this hotline. However, the outline was and is rather unique in that it's not run by a sports federation. Hotline was set up by us by the federal government. The federal secures the fellow police and guaranteed real anonymity. However, this wasn't this loss and is not a success.I'm gonna tell you that not one single substantial report has been received over the years. Nevertheless, I still consider it as a valuable initiative, which makes me look forward with interest to other mechanisms. Now, As for instance the red button application of the players union, FIFPro Springs made. This brings me spontaneously to the zero file.Clean hands guest or four years. I knew that the position of players agent in Belgium senior support has been seen as a particularly problematic. They had, after all, they have several players and trainers in their portfolio at various clubs which opens the door to influence and match fixing which sells. The influence was Even so great.That they have is their own office. Their own Bureau. At certain clubs. The problem was, however, that no one felt called upon to speak about it. Now, glad the contrary. The case therefore, needed to find a good reason to start an investigation. Speaking in football terms, we speak about an assist. So the assist came. Your reason came about 20 financial.Integrity unit from Belgium. Investigation if unit in Belgium reported on Phil profits at a bank branch where he managed many accounts and which erased questions after further investigations, the investigative just decided to make a telephone interception on Volkov. It's and his contacts and what was her made me fall.So once we blast to another dubious contacts with two mid two really top Belgian referees, contacts with clip officials to influence the outcome of matches contacts even with sports journalists in order to influence the evaluation of a referee in a positive way and corruption of club officials and trainers in.Transfers, in short, staggering information that led to the largest police action Everton Belgian football on the 10th of October 2018, and then a few days later, I was contacted by the lawyer of Mr Rockovich, who suggested to negotiate a status of repentant for Mr. Collins.In the end, we accept since it appears that we could have for the first time a complete insight into the internal kitchen of Belgium football, and I use the word kitchen because every time that filter is made a deal, they spoke in code language and he said the kitchen is ordered again because since the repentant depended on for about.200 hours and now lately on the 25th of November, the Court of Appeal ruled that the memorandum that we had negotiated with keep Anteater, Russell Valley **** means that we can now proceed with a criminal case against the more than.50 other parties involved trainers, referees, football agents and club officials.Dirt I will speak you about the link with the exchange of information between prosecutors and sports authorities. It has been mentioned several times today how important it is. I will give you an example and the difficulties that we face. So the wiretaps also revealed that at least attempts were made to manipulate certain football matches.And to influence referees in the highest division of the Belgian football in the investigation itself was primarily financial criminal investigation, as always as often. But with the matchfixing as cervical, the by cash.Because of the big difference in timing, very important. A big difference in timing between a classic criminal case and a disciplinary case. A solution had to be found to allow the sport federation to make a disciplinary assessment of the facts, certainly, but it's about the possibility of

relegation of clips and things like that.This was all the more necessary since of course it makes no sense to Spanish. A clip for match fixing many years or decades after the event. Before I decided to hand over the left of the relevant telephone conversations conversations to the Belgian Football Federation. It is what I called the raw material.The foot but the Football Federation has no legal powers. We have, so we gave to them, but they could not have themselves. So the telephone overseas it's this would allow the disciplinary body of the Football Federation to continue an investigation on the basis of this information that it could never have obtained.Instead of course, and then on the basis of this information, the file was subjected to a disciplinary assessment and notice were in post. Finally by the bus. The bus is the built in version of the costs of the Belgian Court of Arbitration for Sport. Recently, however, a civil court in Brussels are not the decision of the bus.For a number of parties involved, precisely because, among other things, the rapid timing of that process was considered as a violation of the rights of defense in Belgium, tribunals are not used to work rapidly. That's why they were so surprised by the.Assertiveness of the Belgian Football Federation. That's my comment. Or did is also registered so just just to tell you that I do not agree with this interpretation, but apart from that it shows how difficult and keep it in mind. Please. It shows how difficult is in important cases to see.Substance of cooperation between prosecutors and sports organizations. I would immediately add that this did not prevent us in Belgium from having a professional interaction precisely through the national platform, in which voters, prosecutor, and the sports federations are involved to descend. And please also keep that in mind as a good.Practice we have set up a consultation which we call the signals consultation. That means that together with the sports fraud team of the federal police, we give direction to singles of fraud and match fixing that are picked up. Sports Federation concert are involved on an ad hoc and confidential basis and then I'm coming to the solution.Legend gentlemen, I am really on schedule now so the 14 I want to speak about. And it's also said today but I want to emphasize that we are dealing with globalized organized right. I repeat we are dealing with globalized organized every investigation in Belgium. We have conducted in the meantime has and headstrong.International international ramifications. In the zero case, we were lucky to have particularly good relations with certain Balcan countries like Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia. Of course, an indoor Ryan case, we were able to cooperate excellently through Eurojust and also reach the International Tennis Federation.There are of course excellent instrument in place today that Mr Lopez to work together on a case by case basis, but the different kinds of different kind. Please listen very carefully at different kind of international approach is clearly needed. The problem is omnipresent in various methods and made various organized crime groups, but a proactive.International boat is lagging at the level of the prosecution. Interpol and Europol are fantastic partners when it comes to collecting, analyzing and exploiting exploiting data building police.Awareness worldwide, but I'm not going to offend anyone, but this is not enough. Also, the role of the public prosecutor remains in almost every country decisive in any judicial democratic system. And that's quitting. And yet.These prosecutors do not have a structural format or photo. This would be extremely useful even necessary to make the international efforts in this area more credible. Today I heard to speak about credibility. Well, this is a place of credibility we as prosecutors.We need a specific point of contact. I know that there are no prosecutions and investigations in Italy with your vendors with Cristiano Ronaldo in particle in Finland. But we cannot learn from each other. We cannot build the confidence based partnerships, so we need a specific point of contact if possible. Sorry, an idea.Through a prosecutor who should be part of the national platform everywhere to fight to find a very important word legend, gentleman creative we need creative solutions because our systems are so different that we need creative solutions to certain problems to exchange best practices, to share important case law.And to discuss the legal framework and so this would also strengthen national awareness. That is effectively a big lack of national awareness in every country. But I don't have the time to explain it, which is very much needed in every county. Country without exception. Should this message get through at this

conference and possibly be a renewed impetus?Star Wars the creation of student work. I can guarantee that an important step for both will be taken towards what we all aim for. Integrity in sport. My final sentence OK, holistic, OK, holistic approach, certainly, but please read my lips. Don't forget the prosecutors I think. Thank you very much for getting emotional, and it's also the age

Francine Raveny

I think.I'd like to thank all three presenters who just really given us so much to think about. Actually, in such a short amount of time. So thank you so much for being concise and full of information and and I'm sure this will really help in the panel discussion that will now take place. I'm going to hand over to Valerie. Yeah, I know who's going to moderate.The upcoming panel discussion. We will leave the stage and I would like to invite comma single aunt at SIG Alert and Solomon's SCT place to take her places. Thank you very much.

Corentin Segalen

Thank you and I would like to thank the Italian Presidency of the Council of Europe and thank the boss for having invited me to this important meeting and I'm really happy to be here with you this evening this afternoon because I think this is a crucial.Put in time for sports integrity and it's an honor and a pleasure to be here together with so many colleagues even connected in hybrid format this afternoon and I'm here to talk to you about the group of Copenhagen, which is the network of national.Platforms against sports manipulation. Now, as you know the Convention, the MACOLIN convention Sophie mentioned just a few moments ago that it is the only.International legal instrument in this area currently and it came into effect in 2020.The follow Up Committee of the Convention to McAllen Convention is.ChadAnd.Dave asked, UM ask the group of Copen Hagen to be.To be the consultative group of the Mklink vegetable that change that will actually change lots of things and I'll explain why. But to do so, I have to tell you more about what happened during the first season of work of the Group of Copenhagen because the work that has been carried out since.2016 is very important.This international network was established in July in 2016 in the Danish capital based on Article 13 of the McAllen Convention, which provides that all states that are parties to the Convention should establish a national platform and these.National platforms should collaborate together. It doesn't mean that every platform has to be the same in each country. Each country has its own.A difference is its own ways of.Organizing.Ah, these platforms and different organizations.But offensive France we decided to.Ah, please stay.Just platform under the aegis of the Sports Ministry and we have.1/2 different approaches, one on prevention and the other one on surveillance, and this was entrusted to the ANG, the National Association.Haha sports and games which I'm representing here today. The NJ and we have two prosecutors offices or one is the financial National Prosecutors Office and the other is the Paris Prosecutor's Office address specialized in.In organized crime we also have.Ah police unit, which is centralized. A unit in all matters relating to gambling, and we also have, of course, our National Olympics Committee with its network of water called Integrity delegates. So present in 28 different sports.Federations we have. Representatives of the referees, representatives of the athletes are representatives of the sport betting operators, the French Anti Corruption Agency is also present in the platform.We have another agency that especially specialized in countering money laundering.And a financial information. So since 2016 we have really grown used to working together and we do so on.But in a daily basis and this platform.Brooks, uh effectively, and it really does facilitate our collaboration on a national scale. You might not all know, but the French platform will be established under law will be recognized in early January by the French Senate, and that will.Give us a more legal weight. Also facilitate the exchange of information at a national level, but also at an international level.France took part in the.Indie drafting of the MACOLIN convention starting 2012 along with

other countries. But as September 2014 we signed this convention.But we weren't able to move towards ratification because there were some blocks up setbacks at the European Union level. But we thought that we needed to have this.Blah blah.Network, uh, act. And so we decided to establish their network under Article 7 that we're now 33 countries from.Seven countries were 33 coordinators of national platforms working together against match fixing. What do we actually do in practice?We developed a machine tools to make sure that we're speaking the same language, so to speak. We have working groups we come.Half surveyance over certain sports events and all sorts of what are the outcomes? I received a message, for instance, from the National coordinator of the Italian platform, saying that there are some suspect matches a in a longer house.Ah, and thanks to the information we received, we saw that a large number of beds had been placed throughout Europe even throughout the world, and matches and, and we then four launched an investigation.So it it worked and for this approach to continue to work we need other countries to join us so that we can strengthen.Our International Corporation, against Manipulation of sports events. Thank you.Keeping to English, I just have one question. If you can be very short on this, how is the Group of Copenhagen dealing with data protection challenge?Hello.Well, what are we doing?And let me try to say this rapidly. We start by.Stop.Let me start again. What we do is that we have established systems that inform others of the fact that we do have information. So simply be able to send out an alert. We've noticed something different when something suspect and on that basis we can start to exchange information with.Different countries and then, with the assistance of the police and prosecutors, were able to carry out.Ah, investigations, and this is done in police framework with the usual procedure. So that's what we can do. But in season 2, starting starting very shortly I'm I'm quite confident that this Convention will be ratified much more widely and following that.

Valerié Peano

We will be able.To be much more effective in in a contrasting sports manipulation will come back to the desert protection issue. Afterwards I would like to keep immediately the floor to Salomea Siska cited. Sorry for being unclear with them with your family name so as chairperson of the World Chess Federation.And a fair play Commission. You are also a senior research fellow at the low institution or institution of the Lithuanian Center for Social Science.I would like to. I would like to hear about your experience as well. Thank you.

Salomeja Zaksaite

Thank you very much for introduction and for having me here. Actually water. I will be talking my son might sound a bit of a fair deal from the Middle Ages, but I I hope that this fairy tale will not be too boring to boring. What I have in mind is that actually.And just, uh, the sport of chess and the international chest.Sure, not adoration at it. That does not have any powers that are that are being discussed here. For example, we even like cannot formally cannot ask to show laptops, telephones, and and ever.A computer related materials, so having in mind this I I will try to shed light on what is possible to do without without similar rights and without being modern and without.Uh, being pretentious to to to implement everything, what? What is written and what is enacted. So basically the International Chess Federation have from has proven a only one match fixing case where players confessed also.Two cases are pending.Ah yeah, cases swear up.When collected mainly from there, either was so blowers or investigative journalism and the.What we're doing is that.Yeah.We are trying to of course to get more evidence, but as as one can expect, this is not simple.Uh, because uh national federations sometimes even think that.Uh, uh Metrics Inc is not so dangerous because chess is not betting related sports so there is kind of a not only America but kind of a bit of skepticism that probably is not a business of police. It's not a business of prosecution, is just our internal.Ah, family business, so took also so called again soon as source and this match fixing issues should not should not expand the uh or above the boundaries of sport itself, up from one side as as I mentioned in the.While introducing myself that my my he's my story might sound a bit of a from Middle Ages from one sided sounds a sharply and developed, but from another sites one can search even positive for perspective on it. Because when there is such kind of.Attitude and then the the trust is even easier to build and sometimes people are not so afraid of talking to us and offer giving information to us and whistle blowing because the most, uh, the most terrible sanction that.Should happen at this probably live band, but even even this is not realistic.The moralistic thing is just to give one or two or three years kind of disciplinary sanctions. So this this kind of double edged sword, we can call it a under development, but we can call it also an incentive for trust, and people are not so afraid of us.And that is why we are still a moving forward. And I as formal as a prosecutor. But basically I'm just the one who writes their reports and and suggest some some lenient disciplinary sanction. As I mentioned, not more than a one, two or three years.We are creating some innovative solutions such As for example if we do not have powers to collect the data from computers, laptops, telephones and from police or prosecution and national borders. Then we introduce kind of normative rule that is hopefully and.Probably a confirmed by by quarter filtration for sports that is called a reverse. The burden of proof. In other words, we ask or will ask in 2022 to 4 organizers to prove that the tournament was not fixed, so it will be there due to.Convince us that they are not fixed and if they fail then again some lenient sanctions will be imposed. Again, not not resembling criminal sanction. So here here is our story here. This is the point where we are now.Uh, I wanted to present it at all from historical perspective. Probably all sports was aware in this point, kind of 30 years ago, but we still have something to to improve and something to offer and I hope that this might sound some kind of inspiration.

Valerié Peano

Many thanks. I have a concrete question on your discussion on them on your presentation on this work that you are experiencing and in the practice. So how is it? How is your research based on the practice or?It's it's, uh, based on fear to live and so on, which you can apply the prevention and contrast of these manipulations on chests, interest events.

Salomeja Zaksaite

Yeah I have this double had a for all my life but even free hats. I am a researcher, a so-called prosecutor but not very formal. And also I've just player. So my my experience.Comes comes from these fields and while being at Chess Player II somehow again trust easily.Uh, compared to like

formal bodies because I simply have a have much access to to the players. So what I what I speak about this kind of authentic it's it's not as I said, it's undeveloped, but it's authentic. And of course then I write my papers articles.I somehow try to balance these three hats and to show that even without money, without powers and without skilled people, still this Middle Ages approach is not, uh, not not silly, and sometimes it might sound a bit sensible.

Valerié Peano

Thank you very much. OK, so let's come back to the data protection issue with the next step. Online intervention. Daniel Cooper should be online please. Culture of Covington data protection, data privacy and cybersecurity.Practice an expert on information technology regulatory and policy issues. Having advised the world Anti Doping Agency for issues related to European data privacy laws and consulting, the Council of Europe today for.Focus on the data protection law. David like to keep in the floor.

David Cooper

Thank you.Kind introduction and it's a pleasure to be here as well. I normally tell my audience it's a pleasure to be here, but unfortunately times being what they are, I need to present today via computer from my office in Brussels rather than from the Eternal City for Child. Very sad, but it didn't give me the opportunity to wear.Time, which I haven't done for a very long time, so I appreciate that.Ah.Father remarks I tend to discuss one particular area relevant to the implementation of the Macklin Convention, and you've already alluded to it. I, I think at a high level, this is really a simple story about overcoming legal obstacle to ensuring the success of Macklin in its age, which is of course very important. This isn't the first time.This issue has reared its head in relation to organize sport. As anyone familiar with the efforts to prevent doping in sport will now the culprit. If you're wondering, is data protection laws, which is something I've focused on for the past 2 1/2 years working with the Council of Europe.Art provides some background only a few months before Macklin entered into force in September 2019, the Council of Europe's Network of national platforms, which was just being adequately and amply described as the group of Copenhagen and its function. It raised the issue of data protection as a potential.Show tour advocating sports manipulation under the convention and the Copenhagen Group understood that the collection in exchange of data on both the domestic and international scale to tackle MATCHFIXING could involve handling personal data about a variety of factors associated with sport athletes. Their coaches.Umpires and referees are members of the public placing bets on the outcome of a competition, and many of you in the audience. I was in those listening today will remember what four letter word was on everyone's lips at that time. GDPR, the EU regulation on the processing of personal data, and it's cynical.Some question of a question, Lee.Spread out to cover sports bodies, public authorities, betting agencies and others who have a front row seat in tackling sports manipulation. So I think one example might help reveal the nature of the problem. Let's imagine a sports competition, say UA for Champions League, were suspicious betting patterns.Replace in Germany in relation to an upcoming football match in Italy involving a club from France, and upon investigation, certain financial links are traced between individuals living in Belgium, placing these wagers and coaches and athletes on one of the teams. Now back on would envision relevant national platforms potentially in.A few countries here gathering up information, including personal data relating to the individuals under suspicion or associated with these acts. These could be better in betting patterns, emails, or text messages. Bank account details. This just some examples and then collaborating is processing and distribution.All with the aim of ensuring that the football matches fair in its outcome. Honest now there's no question these activities would involve personal data processing, which is regulated by data protection statutes. These are comprehensive, often principle based laws that can impose significant penalties in the event of non compliance. So you can understand that concern.From the perspective of those hoping to

tackle sports manipulations as data protection if not handled properly, could derail the mission.Now, so that wasn't the issue. What can be done about it? This is the point in the story where the prognosis starts become more positive under the auspices of the Council of Europe, the Group of Copenhagen have been busy formulating a data protection standard to establish a foundation or baseline for national platforms to align their activities.With data protection laws and I'm happy to say it was endorsed by the Council of Europe's Convention. When Awake Committee, there's just a few weeks ago now, to be clear, the standard is not a complete answer, but I think it does provide a very helpful road map for national platforms to follow. There's not enough time to go into the details of the standard and.Many of you may not be that interested in all the details, but I did want to provide at least a very high level snapshot picture of what it would include.

Paolo Bertaccini
Sorry to interrupt you just for one minute, one minute to the half again couple of minutes please.

David Cooper

No worries, I can be very brief. Now imagine that this standard encapsulates many of the principles of data protection you would find in conventional 8 plus in the GDPR, I think enough said if you know those regulations and convention, you'll know what I'm talking about. I just want to conclude briefly.Private lies ahead and we have the bare frame for the House, but it needs to be built upon before anyone can live there. Hopefully the Group of Copenhagen is committed to developing more particular and actionable tools going forward. I think this is the next step. This is the next phase of the project. This could and I think should be paired up with.Other initiatives, whether that be a code of conduct for the national platforms and their members to abide by, or perhaps national legislative efforts to ensure that data processing for sports manipulation is seen as having about an express legal basis option. That's all I have time for micromanagement.I I'm not sure records any discussion. Thank you very much.

Paolo Bertaccini

For sure we will give you the floor later in the debate so that you can share with us also the documentation that you have prepared this all be reassured that you will have the opportunity to intervene later.

Valerié Peano
So thank you again, Mark question of time. I will ask it too.Uhm, such a Dorsey said to Dorsey joined the Europol in 2011 and covered different roles. Now as head of Office of the Analysis Project corruption within the European Financial and Economic Crime Center at Europe or Central, the floor is yours.Our order online pets look like with glad too. I will wait to hear from you.

Sergio D'Orsi

Thank you.Thank you.Uh, first of all, you know the first time.The Council of Europe and Italian Department of Sports for inviting European pretended to this conference really pleasure for me to see so many distinguished colleagues from so many countries and.Conscious of the time, I'll try to be brief. Would like to simply.Uh, express what you see that you and your approach on fighting organized crime groups involved manipulation of sports competition, and some would say some crime trends that we are observing here in some challenges related to those to those trends, but also so also to mention of course some opportunities that down now we have to attend.To fight this service, global issues.It's, uh, it's most of you probably know your plans been long engaged in these in these roles. So inviting organized groups involved in sports corruption and starting from 2011 when the first match fixing scandals rocked the world of football in 2011, and since then we have.With this in several changes, these changes are indeed at policy level political level, but then they impacted the operational level so impacted our daily work as a I mean law enforcement at European Union level, but also that the work of the law enforcement communities in we have from

our fight of course witnesses.The remarkable achievements and in progress made, and of course I cannot divulge to mention that of course the the marketing convention represented the certainly the the most remarkable achievements in this respect, because indeed, is provided.Yeah, but of course adjusted our our schemes to these changes.The substantial idea driving Europe election in fighting this phenomena is not changed substantially over time, so our idea is that by maximizing the exchange of information intelligence that we can gather and analyze and maximizing level of investigations in.Getting to find the most active organized crime groups operating in the EU. We can therefore contributes to help ensuring the integrity of all affected sports safeguard, which is our ultimate and common goal. So we do this indeed, the banks to structure in place so the analysis project corruption.Which is established, the European financial economic concentric trouble and this unity at this. So I want to just combine the muscle expertise in experience in dealing with all sorts of complex financial investigations, so we're including chronic health conditions.SecondIt could be.SparkleInvolved in manipulation, sports competition. But what we see and this is the outside. This is perhaps an area of concern. What we see the global scenario. Did we observe it? You're appalled? By engaging in our daily operational work that the threads of those organized crime groups are really out there.They continue to be out there. More and more sports are now affected and this is something that indeed several cases supposed to buy European cuisine.She looks up.Oops.We talked about.Boston Globe rate and they are now associated with the with old or newer.He notes indicates.Come.Operating the slopes, perhaps also due to mild sentences, criminal sentences to in prosecuted cases. But overall the number of cases refer to Europe on a yearly basis increased, so has increased the quantity of information exchanged between Europe and the Member States. But to make this feel landscape of the.Opportunity not involved. Discrimen look even more complex and challenging.We should also look at the some aspects. Some trains, they see their strictly connected with this area in the where the underlying base yield is the introduced. It is a. It's a business model by this thing organized groups in the number of factors that we cannot ignore that part of the investigation of current.Investigation of this modern era in this sector, which are all technology driven effectors and now stopping, for example, of the use by criminals.For the purpose of online betting in also the use of this pride out use of electronic money transfers that are used to generate Delisa transactions that are connected with streaming and these are all elements that of course, and the common element to make the law enforcement investigation.More challenging and this is in especially when it comes to identify the financial flow, the differential fluid it's connected to this crime. This is becoming a more challenging and this requires more expertise and more investments from our law enforcement police. The Member States. Now if the of course we at Europe and we monitor all these.Some new elements, these trends and we try to really to inform our stakeholders, puddles to community at large. Of these of these trends. Now, if these signs that are mentioned so far there Lil bit concerning and should they are they also are assigned for us that there is an increased commitment. I would say better than.When it was done before commitment from law enforcement coming from the public authorities at the now better prevent, detect and investigate cases affecting the the the integrity of sports. So this means that we are on the truck. However of course there is much more to be done and this also means.Is by intensifying the exchange information and better coordinating our international cooperation efforts is clearly foreseeable department convention. I think will definitely be better.No no.The lastPetition is ticking pointed out by Europol in the in the European flagship product product. So the group of the serious and organized structured settlement this October 2021 is a major crime trade this important in a repeat. This is important because it's the law was that.Police level to inform policymakers in to enable due considerations in action in this field and in connections with this with this aspect is important when they're lying. There are new funding opportunities that are now made available, made available and this is from European side in the context of the European multidisciplinary.Platforms against criminal threats. The so called Empire and then packed 2022. This is connected to the EU policy cycle for organized and serious international crimes, 2020 to 2025 and in an actual word is it is a mechanism that in fact the allows for increased funding possibilities for law enforcement operations.This code for specific operational actions in for selected priority areas to the benefit of new Member States. Also relations to corruption investigations, and this is indeed that's something that I want to stress because it is an additional element that the Member States shoot the cannon should take into consideration when.Planning to increase and strengthen their operational capabilities in this area and therefore to conclude, I want to say that this drawing their forces, a collective collective efforts are the

necessary to reflect in a better prevention, detection in sanction or sports manipulation cases.As well as increasing the operational capabilities who identify and disrupt organized criminal networks operating this evening so you know people really, to conclude remains once again, fully committed to provide continued support to each participating country, but also to continue cooperating and coordinating with all read, read aloud.Simple list, I want to take this opportunity and this open dialogue going to this conference in Detroit. There's some key topics and challenges stating that we really happen.

Valerié Peano

I think you said absolutely clear crystal clear and straightforward. I have a question for you, but we will. I will please stay on the line and we will give it to you. Later on. I would like to keep the the floor to some online questions that online. Intervention that's.Ah, so should be always over the line.

Evangelos Alexandrakis

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…stakeholders, so when new season international federations would be development of activities and actions against competition like relations in line with the cold northerly within the field of adoption of relevant rules, development of awareness, raising activities.And development of intelligence activities. Also, we are very pleased to seek a struggle mentioned to sit in as an observer in the follow Up Committee of the Convention. Represented is presenting the fallen Olympic movement.All Star Josh would like briefly.Cast iron steak that were some notes on data protection. I would like to also raise the matter of data protection as this is really really important plan from our side while we're in this plan from the night platform that we have in House we tried.Up through apple juice with different batting activities to do receive in a safe and secure manner. As part of this ID platform personal information and being able dinner GDPR compliant way. Pass it on the relevance Bergen's actions and we are in talks with the counselor.Europe and the Group of Copenhagen. Of course about this matters as this social matter, which is very, very important for us, especially if we consider that when it comes to competition climate relations, we also have our disciplinary offenses are betting on one sport show if I'm basketball?Play I'm never allowed to place a bet on basketball right? And we need to be able to find out that this is happening because.Uh, so that we can be able to disciplinary sanctions. Such actions therefore having the right account based information is really, really important for us. This is why we work a lot with different stakeholders, including the Council of Europe Convention towards this direction.Ah, so thank you very much. And then if you have any questions, I'm really please to reply.

Valerié Peano

Thank you bye guys, thanks very much. Well that brings me again to Daniel Cooper. If you are still on the line I would like to have you to reply to this question which is indeed a very hot topic. This data protection standards.That you were mentioning. So how we count Ries, investigate and prosecute a private corruption in sport based on this standard and how this will, let's say, activate also law enforcement or authorities in countries. That's usually turn a blind eye corruption in sports. Thank you.

David Cooper

It's a really, really good question I I think to be.Come.Quick handed, the standard is not gonna solve all a country's national platforms issues from a data protection point of view. What it will do though, is provide a sense of direction as to one of the main principles to work through a boy.A little bird.Jackson statue. So it's a facilitative standard. And so the hope is that through this again, and there will be more competent among the members of national platforms, both domestically and internationally, to share the information they need to share, to investigate, detect and.Ideally, prosecute sports manipulations, so clearly we need more work to be done to make these standards

a little bit more granular and address particular use cases, but we think it's a very important and constructive beginning in terms of your your last question about.How come it may encourage prosecutors or investigators to certain countries that will be interesting to see? It's really interesting point you raise because perhaps it is on the basis of speculative fears over data protection that some of these bodies are refusing to act, and what the standard, right?Enable is to dispense with some of these fictitious concerns and really present them with a way to navigate through these problems and issues so that that's no longer a hurdle, and so that they can begin to focus more readily on some of these cases, both domestically and internationally.And the hope is to get that balance right because?You don't want the rules or the standards that are these members of these platforms have to adhere to to be too heavy handed or else they will not be able to do the work they need to do. On the other hand, you don't want it to be too liberal because that could result in breaches of data protection rights and no one wants that either.So I don't know if that completely answers your question, but it's the best interview.

Valerié Peano

It does, it does. Thank you, uh, well, this brings me, however gained 2 this floor and I would like to ask two more questions, one for Cortana and one for Salomea. Sticking to the data protection standard again based on your practice at the national treasure, but also in the Group of Copenhagen. So what is your?Uh, expectation on this we're from here. Thank you.

Corentin Segalen

New scope.But we've tried to do in the French platform.Miles to authorize exchange with information of data within the platform and then the law will authorize us to provide.Ah, information and exchange information with old international actors involved in combating manipulation of sports competitions. International federations. ICO, Europol, Interpol.And of course we will have to identify all of the different organizations in the degree and understand exactly what can or cannot be transmitted with another very important point is that before information can be used to.Launch an investigation. We need, uh, and here you often use the image of.A rocket with the first stage, second stage in third, before you build up to an investigation led by a prosecutor. What matters is that you have the first stage in place so that you can begin to launch a case.And what is important in the new law is that we have professional secrecy which.Law applies to all of the members of the platform. If information gets out into the media, it's a it's a catastrophe. We can't work anymore on it. Therefore, it is very important that all national platforms work on this secrecy within the platform, and then all members of the national platforms but cannot bet.There's a total prohibition on betting because when people bet on the basis of information that they have, they can easily fall over into the dark side.

Valerié Peano

Thank you quotes that you pointed out this information said I'm a young going back to you.Uhm, so in light of your experience at the World Chess Federation, what would be the first move for an International Federation to prevent and contrast manipulations of support?

Salomeja Zaksaite

Well, first of all, ready have been done, probably because we already have for us have some cases as as I mentioned, the sometimes we have to reconcile that we are not able to prosecute and punish for match fixing. But we are.Keep a pillow for punishing for the abuse of the game and to to draw some line where what was said before. This talks about data protection and and ever into

related matters from practical point of View II.Aussie took a relatively simple, but uh, again subject to certain conditions we encountered this challenge when I was writing a report where anonymous witness was was included and then it came. Very practical question.How to write a report. Because OK, we can write in English, but how to introduce this anonymous witness? And here the contribution of sport helped as well as European Court of Human Rights. And these conditions can be implemented even without a big powers or even be without.So some some are big funding or or big knowledge. Simply we all the time have to remember that even if for the name and surname is deleted off the anonymous witnesses that has country of origin, he or she still has to be cross examined and the.Defendant has to be granted the right to to give questions to this anonymous witness. So with the help of some juridical technique, I think we are able to overcome this challenge simply following the established practice.Of course, and the European Court of Human Rights.

Valerié Peano

Thank you very much. This is very clear. I would like to come back online to serve, drop to my previous question so I'm really a lively debate and in full into rifle interaction between at the scene and and the online, said Joe.Uh, my question for you was the following. What do you think it could be done more from the law enforcement side to tackle more effectively organized crime groups involved in sports corruption and manipulation of sports competition?Full stop.

Sergio D'Orsi

The financial perspective of the investigations into organized crime groups involved this post. Corruption is unfortunately often not considered so at collecting elements. Evidence to, of course, prosecuting that convicted criminals.And just be back and put them in. Jail is very important and we all aim at that. But it is a crucial concept to identify an asset to the the the criminal assets that are being generated. Let's not forget that nearly any serious crimes is a profit driven. So if we basically in the context of the.Investigation we don't look at this. The financial elements OF4 identified the clean out profits how there are channel how they are. Lambrecht identifiable the legal species faction. So basically companies that are used or will miss used for this purpose that we are basically missing a big picture. So what could be?Some more in the law enforcement action, I would say definitely would be to look at the financial aspect. Employee financial investigation at an early stage in a in a traditional investigation and make sure they indeed this leased assets are traded for the purpose of seizure and confiscation. And this is important for.Two reasons, one is indeed what I mentioned, Percy. So indeed the private thing or groups for the elite octane obtain assets, and second, because the elements, the evidence that we gather in the course of the financial investigations connecting the the the money flow way, they organized crime groups will of course is very important also in some.What is the criminal proceeding itself that the law enforcement conducted? So these are the two elements and I happy diesels mentioned earlier. I think the mystery powder in importance of the financial perspective, and I think this is much more needs to be done and can be done in this respect by our young but.By the law enforcement, the community, and this is one of the priority. But also you report back of the European Union are self. Let's not forget there is a very recent directive you directly 2019 laying down rules on the use of financial information. So strengthening the corporations and exchange information of.Financial data between competent public authority of authorities. And yes, I use the financial intelligence units is gives this same directly gives even responsibility and some power steam into Europe or in exchanging requesting these financial information. So this is really something that yeah, I point out this time.It's one mean. See point where we can do and we should do much more. Thank you.

Valerié Peano

Thank you, that's easy. I mean absolutely clear and I recall this was already set by ants. Ants coming back to also the finger ohlinger world to tackle betting. Illegal betting it is indeed a good start to have a look at the financial aspect.Financial flows and contrast these financial flows so.Uhm?Very, very well noted. I think that's who is listening. Should, uh, should effectively then all this information of today. I don't know. I would like to give you there on the floor to continue.

Paolo Bertaccini
Thanks Yeah, I was wondering if somebody here we still have a few minutes. Possibly we can conclude with some advance and we will have tomorrow and very dense panel. Two panels with a very important session and we will have much space for intervention from the audience. Also lines or somebody who.Has been a informing us that they would like to take the floor, but they would prefer to do that tomorrow and so given that we have some sometime and we can also conclude with some advance I'm, I'm wondering if somebody from from the audience here would like just to make some comment or to pose some questions.For example, Jens Jens area. If you wanna just come over here and just say a couple of words that you are alone, they found one of the main players in this area in this environment. So yes, they're Anderson played the game. One of the founders and currently director. You wanna just make some comments or posts and questions. The floor is yours.Yes.

Jens
Yeah, well, OK, thank you. That was right. I have.I have one, maybe two remarks to make. Particularly, I had the questions to the prosecutors who were here and now Roberto is this is leaving.But I think there must, when we know that much of the problem comes much of the integrity problems are related to weak governance. We governance rules and weak governance implementation in the international sports organizations and the national sports organizations.I would have liked to ask prosecutors how do you balance?The need to cooperate with these political bodies if the corruption comes from inside of these bodies, and I ask this question because this is precisely what we are seeing at the international level. On one hand, one high level International Olympic Committee International Federation.An officer after the other, a sentence pretty harsh prison sentences, on the other hand, those other partners I would not say. The partners in crime, but their partners in combating crime, and that is a dilemma. And and I'm sure, since the Olympic movement will continue to exist.I'm sure there must be some kind of cooperation, but how do you balance?The need for making independent systems of.Monitoring independent systems of sanctioning.With the fact that you also want these organizations on board, maybe I should stop here. I hope I didn't ruin the atmosphere completely.

Paolo Bertaccini
thanks.Your contribution is always somehow and challenging and records are so no of the of how complicated it's just to address these issues and I would just like to highlight that on one side and the Olympic Charter.Clearly states that there is a privilege of autonomy for the world of sport, which is a huge conquer over our civilization. But at the same time, there is a statement for the responsibilities connected to these autonomy, so very possibly in my opinion this is just.Let's say the area we are the prosecutors. The state authorities should keep operating, recalling constantly and systematically the duties and obligations. This that this autonomy implies and some occasions these are.Let's say well addressed some others, not as it should. And so as we are saying, I've been saying in the last, if we compare the situation with ten years ago, we are somehow learning each actor, the government actors and also the.And.Sport organizations themselves and of course it would be also not appropriated to make us all to put everything in only one basket. We have very different situations and National Federation level international federations. Olympic committees, according to the situation to the.Different contest, this said it's always useful not to be too much

politically correct, and to recall that in some cases also state authorities are not really so active. So it's not only a matter of, let's say if we we we have concrete cases where in the world the sport is.Making moves and the state authorities are not for the moment.Enough responding to the challenge.Uhm, thanks for the contribution, which we considered relevant. Having you here as an observer. And this said we have now Sophie.Uh, what? What is she now?Aw, Sophie, or Sophia is connected. Yes Sophie, the floor is yours from the Strasbourg

Sophie Kwasny
thank you.I just wanted to reach out to questions that.But that's not your two questions.Uh, that was, uh, reproaching to the follow up committee of the McLean Convention not to have as observers, summer private bedding operators and. And there was one of the message where you could feel the patient passion behind it because it's even referred to a discriminatory approach.Of the committee, and so I want to reassure everyone that the intention is definitely to be a multi stakeholder and that.Hello.Without the private betting operators, indeed I think the picture would not be complete, but that we are at the start of the process. There has not been a decision to reject those operators from are from the committee, but only because I've highlighted it to committee at the moment is 7 countries.And so if we let all observers and I can tell you there are many requests for observers if we let everybody in and it will be a difficult difficult.Uhm, articulation for the work to be carried out, so that's why. So I want to reassure those people that have made that request, that the requests are pending. They have not been rejected. There are pending, and as soon as we will have more countries joining the McAllen Convention, there will be more observers.Upcoming thank you chair.
Paolo Bertaccini
Thank you Sophie from Salzberg A and if you agree and Valerie I would suggest that each of our speakers and panelists take the floor again for a final two minutes contribution to HAPS suggesting that they indicate the two or even three operational priorities that they see and somehow.Very relevant to locating the agenda for the 2022 year that we are we have in front so I think it's the sound. Let's say getting remaining one stick to policy and to action and I would just say if you're if you agree, just have a final tour.Fabulous.For each of them I will just start with current ah and then if you wanna just indicate two or three. If you had somehow the possibility to locate a couple of topics or even three high in the agenda, or which ones would they be coming up?Yes Sir, please don't thank you.

Corentin Segalen

Thank you chairman.The first point, the first area in which we have to work, is to ratify the McAllen Convention on a large scale. And here I would like to thank the power law for all that you have done. Italy really has pointed the way forward.And I hope that we will all ratify as of next year following you second point, but we're going to try to do within the Group of Copenhagen is just strengthen our network, both in terms of numbers and quality of participation.And we need to strengthen the tools we use. We need to have tools working in a group of seven, or working as a group of 40 is very different and that will require different tools and there will be one of our priorities.And then our friend Eric Bishop.I mentioned this still be need to strengthen the network of expert prosecutors expert in the area of sport and in particular manipulation of sports events.And finally.And this is equally important.And let us back to what Sophia's just been saying. We will be reminding everyone that the Group of Copenhagen is not competing with anyone. We're not competing with the police or the prosecutors or money spots.Ah, betting operators. It's an area.It's about one which we all need to work together and that will be a road map for the next four years.

Paolo Bertaccini

Thank you loving the Copenhagen the Treasury Secretary. Click up and hiking is a beautiful city law may meeting start always take place down but it's still an important symbol that can help us.Yeah, I would just ask Salomea if you want us to take the floor from your point of view and two or three topics that you set a very high in the agenda for the next 12 months please. The floor is yours.

Salomeja Zaksaite

Thank you for the floor.Oh actually, I would not like to end with for some sad note and as a as I mentioned, we are really objectively speaking weak weak organization II have a minder, International Chess Federation, but nevertheless, uh.Some some guidelines could be it could be drawn and one of the most important guideline is to draw the margin between the abuse of the game and and match fixing and to be very creative and very inventive in a prosecuting and proving abuse of the game.And that might include some some steps that require both trust and mutual cooperation. For example, we need to, uh, to ask for for grandmasters and masters independent expertise of the games of the tournaments, and if this expertise.There are enough to to see that the games are clearly underperformed. Then we can at least incriminate abuse of the game, and the this sounds kind of scientific invention, but it is. It is really important, and I think it all smaller federations.With your budget, kind of €4 million per yes we are. It is kind of it is a budget of actual baking company. It's not a sporting organization but there are many small organizations with similar budget. So for for this small small organization, small sporting federations I think.Ah, this is. This is really important to get evidence for for abuse of the game, and then at least a banks care can be can be imposed to end up with a kind of creative. Note I I would like to borrow.Uh, model wants from Leonard Davinci who invented a self supporting bridge, which could also be a named as emergency bridge. You know this bridge without ropes and nails. So we resemble this bridge without ropes and nails, but I would like to call it not.Emergency bridge not not end with tragic note and say that it is still still self supporting bridge and we can and we are able to support ourselves and to to bring the game to the positive direction and and to make it cleaner.

Paolo Bertaccini

Thank you, Sallie Mae also for this let's say positive attitude which encourages all for the world of sport. Thinking about the comments from coming from Jensen.Uh, it's always. It's very often a matter of people and so, and we know that the world is sport is also populated by many, many, well intentioned people. So possibly this is a an angle where we can also start looking at things for the for the months and years.Come on this side.I wonder if you agree we might involve Cooper for a final contribution. A couple of issues to be included, maybe potential key performance indicators. The floor is yours, Daniel.

David Cooper
Thank you very much. It's almost impossible.
No, probably isn't possible to follow a quote from Luna, Nardo, Davinci, but I'll do my best. It's been a pleasure to speak today and I would just conclude with again. It also an optimistic message and I'll start from what I know.Plus, which is the data protection topic which I had gotten some discussion today and I would say data protection is of course very important, but we should not be intimidated by it. It's a. It is something that needs to be considered, but there are solutions and we're working on those solutions and in many things.Life balance is key, and so it is true here about getting the balance right between the activities under Macklin and data protection considerations. And like some of the other speakers. I'm very excited about the future. There's a lot that has yet to be done, and a lot that we can do anyway. I expect we will be doing that in the years again.What's up contraception all over the world so I'll just stop on that note, which I hope is an upbeat one and appropriate given the topic today. Thank you.

Paolo Bertaccini
Oh, thank you.Thank you Daniela and well of course we will be paving the ground for an additional opportunity for having you here in the Eternal City as you were saying and your first intervention and I would now ask certain dawsey from the Netherlands to take the floor. You know that why you are?Very operational, very action oriented, so possibly you are least would be very long, but given that my resources as we all know, always limited what you want, would you locate as a priorities please? The floor is yours urgent.

Sergio D'Orsi

Thank you.Did the Yankees will try to be brief running away, but the I mean, yeah, I pointing out that couple of priority. This is exactly what the my idea is. What you saw something that you mentioned? Basically the resources are limited, but we inside this crowd before we see that the the type of law enforcement investigations that are required to.Taco these supplies for groups are really more and more complex because they include a number of new factors and especially technology. Technology driven factors which really make it more difficult if we combine with this with the tracing the money flow that often are cross border and they go from one side or the other, the work.Outside increasing or specialization is 1.Element will be one priorities, but so we look at the challenges. But we also have to look at the the new opportunities that we have so to increase specializations from the inside of the law enforcement. Of course their resources and me are are needed and I just mentioned before, like there are additional supporting funding possibilities it you level.At least that I've alighted before and that these are things should be used. So in order to increase the specializations.Uh, I'm still benefited more enforcement, so this is one I would say one priority and perhaps the other, uh, it's been mentioned. Previous panelists have mentioned before. Also important with whistle blowing and all the the big scenario that is around that and and on the on the reporting mechanisms. I've said it from my experience.My friends here and dealing with that with with many cases I've seen big cases that I've started from very small at each, from either whistleblowers or or cooperative witnesses. So this is something that we really don't have underestimated, so it's something we I think we have to keep high in the agenda. So give me the maximal implementation folks to the policies.There is already a new directive is business. This is specifically a. Conversely, the aspect of the protection of whistle blowing and in the established of reporting mechanism, and this is something I think we have to keep the muscle boost because it can allow lots of information that indeed is available in the Andes, somewhere hidden, and this.Out there within the world of post that can be confined the proper way to be in the channel to the.To

the adequate all this within the sports and outside the sport. So we I think this perhaps is the second element. Doubled the considering poster. Thank you, Paolo.

Paolo Bertaccini

Thank you all. Once again thank you, Sir Joe again also for your beating that you could not be present here in person. But of course we will have a father opportunities.Uh, so frequently from Strasburger. Of course, your role is somehow very specific on this topic. Given that where you are somehow directly managing the Convention.Uh, it would be somehow. Obviously you would locate the ratification of the Convention is the priority. So if you agree we can just move forward and I give you the floor for some, and let's say additional priorities that you would consider very relevant for the upcoming agenda in 2022.So if it was on the floor is yours.

Sophie Kwasny

I'm sorry to insist also, because the the news on that front are allow us to be optimistic, in particular at EU level. So that's that would be one priority and I want to come back to the analogy.Of the rocket or the spaceship are that that cohort are made up because we need to structure to hold that spaceship going to to the moon or to Mars, and that structure is for me the Convention. So we have now provided this reveals stable.Stable ground for for this spaceship to go, and I can only. I can only hope for a a lot to come. I see so much work and so much potential in all areas where I'm not going to focus on and repeat, but everything that has been said basically corresponds to what we want to deliver.So count on us to support this work.

Paolo Bertaccini

Thank you, let Sophie and before giving the floor for a final. It's a indication of priority is also to to Valley piano and we have maybe the request from the audience from bagleys alexandrakis if you wanna take 30 seconds for.Also, from your point of view from Los Angeles International Inc. Comedy American libraries, the floor is yours.

Evangelos Alexandrakis

The upcoming week Winter Olympic Games of 2022.Will be working directly for seven for the monitoring and intelligence to prevent and detect any questions. Anything that would question the integrity of the games. And of course we will be counting goals on the support with the Council of Europe and the Group of Copenhagen. And the last thing I would like also to have.This we spoke a lot about investigations, something that they would like to make very clear is that we should.When it comes to investigations, there's the criminal side but also the disciplinary side, and This is why it is always important to have good cooperation between sport organisations and lawn Forsman authorities. This is why, as I usually work very closely with finger poke to as much as possible coordinate these types of investigations thank you very much.

Paolo Bertaccini

Thanks,. Now the floor is yours by letting one or even two.Uh, issues for the agenda?

Valerié Peano

Well, nuts are not issues but commitments. Let's say I would like to call it as well so frequently because she said all have a role to play. I think that's we clearly demonstrate that and coming back to the batting operators side.I think that's, uh, we have to consider their involvement as well in as a tool of prevention of match fixing and manipulation scenes in sport through uh, through betting activities. So I think that's involvement on one side would be the first.A key topic for me and of

course commitments on the other side. I'm sure that betting operators are demanding for this, so thank you. That is my conclusion.

Paolo Bertaccini
Thanks Valerie.From my point of view, while the list of course we know that very long, I would say.Ah.Take the note to for all of us that empowering a prune investigators empowering investigation.Giving not only financial substance, but they were all which is required. It is something that for a set of reasons possibly we haven't really located very high in the agenda in the last years. And so I would not exclude that empowering investigations.It might be something relevant to to address very soon.And let me also in this this this this final words recalled the fact that not only the Council of Europe and the Sport Department for Sport, but also the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs has contributed to this initiative. And of course there is the Presidency or the current Presidency of the Council of Europe.Which is just at the very beginning and then so tomorrow we will have also the final, let's say greetings from buy from High Officer of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. So this said we are exactly in time. We will have tomorrow.And second, the demanding session. Let me to let us meet tomorrow and have you all a nice evening.