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Subject: Draft annual Action Plan implementing the 2011-2013 EU Work Programme on further measures designed to maximise safety and security in connection with sports events, in particular football matches, with an international dimension

Delegations will find enclosed the proposed draft annual Action Plan implementing the 2011-2013 EU Work Programme on further measures designed to maximise safety and security in connection with sports events, in particular football matches, with an international dimension. The Work Programme was approved by the Council on 2-3 December 2010 (doc. 16421/10 ENFOPOL 337).

**DRAFT 2012 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTING
2011-2013 EU WORK PROGRAMME ON FURTHER MEASURES DESIGNED TO MAXIMISE SAFETY AND SECURITY IN
CONNECTION WITH SPORTS EVENTS, IN PARTICULAR FOOTBALL MATCHES, WITH AN INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION**

LEWP / FOOTBALL EXPERTS GROUP

Work Programme (WP) Para 4 & 5	<i>In recognition of the continually evolving nature of football safety and security matters, the LEWP football experts group should continue to meet at least once under each Presidency with a view to swiftly making recommendations to the LEWP and the Council where necessary or desirable. The group can also consider safety and security measures in respect of other major sports events.</i>	
Action 1	LEWP football experts group to continue to meet at least once under each Presidency.	Ongoing – LEWP football experts group has met under each Presidency since the initial work programme (December 2007).
Action 2	LEWP football experts group to consider safety and security matters in respect of other major international sports events as appropriate	EU Football Handbook provides an option of using its contents to cater for other major sports. Council Decision on NFIPs is to be reviewed by LEWP football experts group to take this option into account. Target November 2012.
Action 3	LEWP football experts group to receive presentation on the initiative of European Sports Ministers.	Presentation received at the meeting in March 2011.
WP Para 5	<i>Moreover, representatives of the group should meet on an ad-hoc basis to consider emerging themes and review the impact and effectiveness of preventive and counter measures.</i>	
WP Para 7	<i>The flow chart (included in the Work Programme) shows how the various experts from the EU, the Council of Europe Standing Committee UEFA and beyond can manage the need to thoroughly examine all safety and security matters of mutual interest along with the mechanism for approving agreed decisions and recommendations where necessary. The flow chart is drawn from a EU perspective.</i>	
Action 4	LEWP football experts group encourages the European Think Tank of football safety and security experts to meet on a regular basis to consider and prepare recommendations for LEWP football experts group and to liaise closely with partners' bodies as appropriate.	Ongoing - Think Tank has met on a regular basis, most recently in January 2012 in Copenhagen, further meetings planned on 02/04/2012 in Brussels and on 24/05/2012 in Cyprus.

Action 5	LEWP football experts group encourages the European Think Tank of football safety and security experts to consider emerging themes, review the impact of preventive and counter measures and determine the most appropriate forum or agency to refer its recommendations to (e.g. LEWP, Council of Europe Standing Committee, UEFA) in accordance with work flow chart contained in Work Programme (p. 9).	Ongoing - representatives of Think Tank meet to consider emerging themes and monitor progress in developing effective international partnerships.
WP Para 6	<i>It is crucial that all Member States should be able to participate in this process and, where necessary, should have the ability to seek EU or other funding to undertake the necessary work. It is also important to involve third countries in the governmental and police cooperation</i>	
Action 6	European Commission is invited to advise on the scope for funding (i) to ensure that Member States can participate in undertaking the necessary work and (ii) to ensure that the work can be pursued effectively.	Think Tank is examining the scope for seeking EU funding to facilitate progress in implementing the work programme and funding to assist participation in Think Tank meetings along with options for seeking funding for other crucial work streams including improving NFIP website and phase 3 of police training project. Meeting requested with the European Commission - outcome to be reported in April 2012 .
Action 7	LEWP football experts group in cooperation with the European Think Tank of safety and security experts to continue to proactively seek the participation of non-MS in the process where appropriate or desirable.	Ongoing - participation of third countries in Think Tank explored as appropriate, for example, participation of CH in relation to EURO 2008, Ukraine in relation to EURO 2012.
WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP		
WP Para 8	<i>To maximise impact and effectiveness, the approach and delivery of whatever transpires from the work programme should be based on multi-agency international, national and local partnerships.</i>	
Action 8	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to invite the Council of Europe Standing Committee, UEFA and other partners to liaise regarding options for further promoting the multi-agency partnership approach at every level.	Ongoing - Think Tank is working in partnership with UEFA and Standing Committee on the range of safety and security challenges pursued on an ongoing and ad-hoc basis.

EU ORGANISATIONS AND AGENCIES

WP Para 9	<i>With respect to their role and competences, the European Commission and the European Parliament are invited to strengthen their cooperation with the Council in the definition and implementation of strategic priorities and operational initiatives. To ensure consistency and continuity in respect of the European Commission support or projects in this area, it is important that the European Commission liaises with the LEWP football experts group regarding all sports safety and security related matters.</i>	
Action 9	European Commission is invited to consider options for strengthening its links with the Council.	To be further explored and clarified by June 2012 .
Action 10	European Commission is invited to refer for advice all sports safety and security proposals and potential initiatives to LEWP football experts group.	European Commission invited to take forward on an ongoing basis and report to the LEWP football experts group. To be further pursued and outcome reported to Think Tank by June 2012 .
WP Para 10	<i>In view of the mandate of Europol, it is important that possible fields of cooperation between Europol, the LEWP football experts group and NFIPs are explored. It should be determined whether and how Europol can add value to the work of the NFIPs, and vice versa, in addition to the existing services which Europol can provide in support of major sports events.</i>	
Action 11	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to continue the dialogue with Europol and identify potential areas of mutually beneficial cooperation and prepare draft proposals.	Meeting with Europol requested - awaiting response - outcome to be reported to Think Tank in May 2012 .
WP Para 11	<i>The LEWP football experts group should determine, in cooperation with the European Union Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN) and the European Forum on Urban Security (EFUS), how they can work together to create a common platform for sharing good practices with local authorities, in particular in the field of in-stadia safety, hospitality, liaison with supporters, preventive and educational measures and "football in the community" schemes.</i>	
Action 12	LEWP football experts group in cooperation with the European Think Tank of safety and security experts to liaise with EUCPN and EFUS to identify potential areas of mutually beneficial cooperation and prepare draft proposals.	Think Tank partnership with EUCPN initiated with discussions underway. Position to be clarified by June 2012 .
WP Para 12	<i>The LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts), in cooperation with UEFA and the Council of Europe Standing Committee, should closely liaise with CEN/TC 315 Spectator Facilities concerning all in-stadia safety and security aspects.</i>	
Action 13	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to invite Council of Europe Standing Committee, UEFA, FIFA and EPFL to liaise closely with CEN regarding their current project.	Ongoing - liaison with CEN underway - CEN to be approached by Think Tank on a regular basis.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE STANDING COMMITTEE

WP Para 13	<i>In recognition of the overlap between safety and security, the work programme needs to be taken forward in very close partnership with the Council of Europe Standing Committee on the European Convention on Spectator Violence and Misbehaviour at Sports Events and in particular at Football Matches (T-RV). The LEWP football experts group and the Council of Europe Standing Committee should liaise closely in order to determine whether certain EU legal instruments on football safety and security should also be adopted within the Standing Committee or vice versa.</i>	
Action 14	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to continue working in partnership with Council of Europe Standing Committee on the European Convention on Spectator Violence and Misbehaviour at Sports Events and in particular at Football Matches (T-RV) and ensure ongoing participation of its members in all relevant work streams and annual information-sharing meetings.	Ongoing.
THIRD COUNTRIES		
WP Para 14	<i>As football matches and other sports events with an international dimension are not limited to the EU, third countries should be encouraged and, where possible, helped to adopt comparable governmental and police cooperation measures, in particular the establishment and use of an NFIP and the use of the "EU football handbook". This should be done in close cooperation with the Council of Europe Standing Committee (and in dialogue with UEFA), and through bilateral initiatives with third countries. Cooperation with third countries is considered to be one of the main priorities of this work programme. The LEWP football experts group should in this respect make use of existing EU instruments and agreements. Also, cooperation with Interpol should be examined in this regard, without prejudice to the existing EU structures and instruments.</i>	
Action 15	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to liaise with Council of Europe Standing Committee (and UEFA) about encouraging the use of the EU football handbook and consider issuing a recommendation on the setting up of NFIPs by third countries while taking into account the potential use of the handbook for other sports events as appropriate.	Standing Committee invited to issue the EU Football Handbook as a CoE Recommendation – Standing Committee project underway to consolidate existing recommendations and adopt the EU football handbook as new recommendations.
Action 16	European Commission is invited to identify existing EU instruments and agreements which can be used to promote this initiative.	European Commission response awaited.
Action 17	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to liaise with Interpol in order to develop a clear understanding of mutual co-operation when NFIPs interact with third countries and prepare draft proposals.	Ongoing - update to be provided to Think Tank in May 2012 .

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL OR OTHER SPORTS AUTHORITIES

WP Para 15	<i>In order to continue to enhance safety and security at football matches with an international dimension, it is crucial that representatives of the LEWP football experts group and Council of Europe Standing Committee should continue to invest in the cooperation and dialogue with UEFA. Over the past few years, members of the LEWP football experts group have regularly met with UEFA and jointly identified a range of important areas where cooperation (and partnership) is both desirable and necessary, respecting the competencies and responsibilities of each partner. These areas of cooperation are incorporated in this work programme.</i>	
Action 18	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to continue to pursue this measure in close cooperation with the Council of Europe Standing Committee and UEFA.	Ongoing.
WP Para 16	<i>Particular attention is focused on UEFA's crucial role as the organiser of international club and country matches and tournaments. The joint organisation of the annual Champions and Europa Leagues meeting is to be pursued by LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of football safety and security experts). This meeting provides a basis for bringing together the key agencies involved in safety and security at football clubs participating in these competitions. A similar initiative should be envisaged for the qualifying matches for a European or World Championship (respectively in cooperation with UEFA and FIFA). There should also be close cooperation between UEFA and the LEWP football experts group in the preparations for Euro 2012 (Poland and Ukraine) and Euro 2016 (France).</i>	
Action 19	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to continue to work in partnership with UEFA regarding annual UEFA Champions and Europa League meeting.	Ongoing.
Action 20	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to liaise closely with UEFA and host countries regarding the merits and scope of a similar meeting prior to commencing European Championship qualifying matches and report outcome at the meetings of the LEWP football experts group.	Issue under consideration within UEFA - outcome to be reported to Think Tank by August 2012.
Action 21	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to continue to engage with FIFA on developing effective liaison on matters of mutual interest and report at the meetings of the LEWP experts group as appropriate.	Ongoing - outcome of the meeting with FIFA to be reported to Think Tank by June 2012.
Action 22	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to liaise with UEFA about maximising international police and governmental cooperation and associated safety and security preparations for Euro 2016 in France.	Ongoing - FR representatives actively involved in Think Tank meetings.
Action 23	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to liaise with FIFA about maximising international police and governmental cooperation and associated safety and security preparations for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.	Ongoing - outcome of the meeting with FIFA to be reported to Think Tank by June 2012.
Action 24	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to encourage Member States to share information and cooperate where appropriate in respect of the provision of safety and security advice to Brazil for the 2014 World Cup.	Ongoing - Think Tank is sharing experiences in view of WC2014 as a fixed agenda item.

WP Para 17	<i>It is also important for the LEWP football experts group to liaise, where appropriate and in respect of each other's responsibilities, with other European and international football authorities including the European Professional Football Leagues Association and FIFA.</i>	
Action 25	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to continue to engage with EPFL on developing effective liaison on matters of mutual interest.	Ongoing.
WP Para 18	<i>Dialogue and cooperation with international football agencies, such as UEFA, is crucial if national football authorities are to participate in dynamic and harmonious multi-agency national arrangements for minimising safety and security risks.</i>	
WP Para 19	<i>The competent international football authorities are invited to ensure that the responsible national football authorities take full account of (and adopt as a minimum) the steps taken by UEFA and FIFA in the case of safety or security failings or unacceptable supporter behaviour at football matches played under the responsibility of a club or the competent national football authority.</i>	
Liaison with FIFA subsumed into Action 21 and liaison with EPFL subsumed into Action 25. Liaison with UEFA subsumed into Actions 18-24.		
WP Para 20	<i>The establishment of similar methods of cooperation and dialogue with other sports authorities is strongly encouraged if this is deemed necessary on the basis of a trend analysis and risk assessment.</i>	
Action 26	Member States or agencies to refer to the LEWP football experts group and/or Council of Europe Standing Committee as appropriate any significant thematic safety and security issues associated with other major sports events.	Ongoing - fixed agenda items at both Think Tank and Standing Committee meetings.
NATIONAL AND LOCAL MULTI-AGENCY PARTNERSHIPS		
WP Para 21	<i>In isolation, national governmental and policing agencies cannot deal with all of the underlying issues associated with safety and security concerns and in-stadia public order risks. Member States are encouraged to ensure that national sports authorities, national sports leagues and professional clubs recognise and act upon their respective safety and security responsibilities.</i>	
Action 27	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to invite the Council of Europe Standing Committee and UEFA (and other European partners) to prepare guidance on encouraging football and other sports events organisers to fully act upon their safety and security responsibilities.	Proposal referred to Standing Committee – update to be provided in May 2012.
WP Para 22	<i>In view of the potentially important role which local authorities and/ or other local agencies can play in ensuring that spectators can attend matches in a safe and secure environment, it is desirable for national partnerships (with policing, judicial, local government and other agencies including supporters' associations) to be adapted and developed at regional or local level. All possible methods of involving local authorities should be envisaged and pursued by the LEWP football experts group, e.g. with EUCPN and EFUS.</i>	
Partnership issues subsumed into Action 8		

INTEGRATED IN-STADIA SAFETY AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

WP Para 23	<i>While avoiding prescriptive obligations on the various agencies involved in providing spectators with a safe and secure event, the need for holistic/integrated in-stadia safety and security arrangements cannot be exaggerated. At present, the effectiveness of these partnerships at national level can vary and the role of the various agencies blurred.</i>	
WP Para 24	<i>Moreover, while football or other sports violence and disorder may constitute crime (and, as a consequence, the primary responsibility of statutory authorities), governmental or policing agencies do not necessarily have control or influence over a range of key contributory factors which impact on risk levels (e.g. the dynamics of in-stadia crowd management and wider safety and security arrangements). For example, in many Member States policing agencies may be responsible for dynamic safety and security measures, whereas the match organiser (clubs/associations) is responsible for inter-related physical measures.</i>	
WP Para 25	<i>It is crucial, therefore, that all Member States and third countries are encouraged and helped to develop integrated in-stadia safety and security arrangements based on key core (but non-prescriptive) concepts and standards, comprising both physical and dynamic measures, helping each competent agency or organisation to take up their responsibility.</i>	
Action 28	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to liaise with Council of Europe Standing Committee, UEFA and other partners to explore options for further promoting the development of integrated, in-stadia safety and security arrangements in Member States and third countries if such arrangements do not already exist and to report progress at the meetings of LEWP football experts group and at the meetings of the Standing Committee.	Ongoing - joint UEFA/Think Tank/ Standing Committee initiatives underway in a number of third countries.
WP Para 26	<i>It is particularly important that all football matches or major sports events with an international dimension are organised in stadia possessing integrated arrangements based on these core safety and security concepts and standards. Sports authorities, for example UEFA, have a key role to play in ensuring that all sports events under their auspices take place in stadia that fully meet agreed safety and security standards. The LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of football safety and security experts and in cooperation with UEFA and the Council of Europe Standing Committee) is invited to develop a model safety certificate and guidelines for stadium inspections (accompanied by a model checklist) in order to assist the competent authorities and clubs, without prejudice to national legislation.</i>	
Action 29	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to invite the Council of Europe Standing Committee and UEFA to work together in developing a model safety certificate and accompanying model checklist, liaising with other sports governing bodies as appropriate.	Item referred to Standing Committee; liaison with UEFA ongoing.

CORE SAFETY AND SECURITY STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICE GUIDANCE

WP Para 27	<i>It is important that all agencies involved should have access to documentation designed to assist in the development of integrated in-stadia arrangements. The Safety and Security Expert Tool (SSET), which sets out core in-stadia safety and security standards and best practice, was recently produced by safety and security experts from UEFA, the LEWP football experts group and the Council of Europe Standing Committee. The SSET needs to be permanently evaluated and updated. The LEWP football experts group is invited to work closely together with UEFA and the Council of Europe Standing Committee in this regard.</i>	
Subsumed into Action 18		
WP Para 28	<i>UEFA is invited to monitor and urge compliance with their standards and to consider this to be a pre-requisite for hosting matches with an international dimension played under their auspices.</i>	
Action 30	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to refer proposal to UEFA and report developments at the meetings of LEWP football experts group and other partner agencies.	Ongoing - UEFA process underway. UEFA updates to be reported at Think Tank meetings on an ongoing basis.

TRAINING OF IN-STADIA SAFETY AND SECURITY PERSONNEL

WP Para 29	<i>In view of the important role which stadia safety officers and stewards can and do play in providing spectators with a safe and secure environment, UEFA is invited to build upon its Stadia and Security Education Programme (SSEP) training programme to ensure that national football association safety officers are trained to a high standard and that national associations disseminate the same training to club safety officers.</i>	
WP Para 30	<i>UEFA, in close cooperation with the Council of Europe Standing Committee, is also invited to ensure that a uniform training programme on high-standard stewarding is available to all national football associations.</i>	
UEFA has developed a safety officer training programme and a steward training package for EURO 2012 which will be adapted for wider use.		

EXPERT MULTI-AGENCY ADVICE TO MEMBER STATES OR THIRD COUNTRIES

WP Para 31	<i>It is critical that all supporters and other spectators are provided with a welcoming, safe and secure experience. It is also important that good practices and lessons learned are disseminated as widely as possible. It is helpful, therefore, that all Member States and other European countries have access, upon request, to a pool of safety and security experts equipped to provide them with advice concerning the relevant subjects. The delegation of experts needs to incorporate at least experience or knowledge in relevant EU and Council of Europe decisions, regulations, guidelines and recommendations, strategic planning or policing operations and tactics or in-stadia safety and security arrangements.</i>	
WP Para 32	<i>The LEWP football experts group, in cooperation with the Council of Europe Standing Committee and UEFA, will explore the appropriate means for identifying and using multi-agency advisory teams of safety and security experts to assist cities or countries hosting major football matches and tournaments.</i>	
WP Para 33	<i>The LEWP football experts group, on the basis of proposals prepared by the European Think Tank of football safety and security experts, will explore methods of raising awareness of the importance of the delivering multi-agency advice and encourages the implementation of recommendations made in this regard.</i>	
WP Para 34	<i>The LEWP football experts group will continue to give maximum support to Poland and Ukraine in their preparations for Euro 2012.</i>	

Action 31	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to prepare, in consultation with the Council of Europe Standing Committee and UEFA, guidance on the options available for Member States and third countries to request advisory visits of teams of European football safety and security experts.	Ongoing - joint Think Tank/UEFA/Standing Committee teams provide support to a number of third countries. Developments reported to the LEWP football experts group on an ongoing basis.
LEGAL ARRANGEMENTS		
WP Para 35	<i>A crucial array of important safety and security factors (e.g. policing strategies and tactics, the detail of domestic legislation and in-stadia safety and security laws and operating arrangements) fall within the competence of each Member State. The LEWP football experts group recognises that, in view of the wide and varied character of relevant constitutional, policing, legal and other arrangements across Europe, harmonisation of legal and policing arrangements in connection with improving safety and security at football matches and preventing and countering football violence is desirable only if it significantly reduces the risks in all Member States.</i>	
WP Para 36	<i>However, it is the view of the LEWP football experts group that these variations in legal, policing and other national arrangements can increase the risk of public disorder (and the associated safety risks). The LEWP football experts group will therefore continue to examine in detail any legislative areas where further possible common measures would provide added value. In such cases, detailed proposals should be submitted to the LEWP. All measures need to comply with the EU legislation on free movement.</i>	
WP Para 37	<i>National authorities in a country that is effectively exporting its domestic football problems are encouraged to take steps to prevent individuals who pose a risk of violence at matches in another country from travelling to that country. Various legal approaches can be used to achieve this outcome. In this regard, the value of mutual recognition of stadium bans or other sanctions will also be studied.</i>	
WP Para 38	<i>It is crucial that Member States have access to information and advice on available legal and other options concerning safety and security in connection with football matches. The NFIP website (www.nfip.eu) provides one vehicle for disseminating such information and advice.</i>	
Action 32	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts and in partnership with the European Commission) to review existing EU and national legal measures for preventing and minimising the risks of football matches' (and other sports events') disorder with a view to determining the scope for and merits of preparing draft advice on the available legal options, for example, to prevent known risk fans from attending matches with an international dimension.	Appropriate way forward under discussion with the European Commission and other partners. Outcome to be reported to Think Tank by June 2012 .
Action 33	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to continue to consider the scope for disseminating information on legal options and associated best practices on the NFIP website.	Ongoing.
WP Para 39	<i>Wide variations in the extent to which Council Decisions 2002/348/JHA and 2007/412/JHA concerning security in connection with football matches with an international dimension and the content of the "EU football handbook" are implemented can have serious consequences for the quality of information exchange, and the effectiveness of risk assessment and the policing operations. The LEWP football experts group will explore the merits of updating and/or revising this Council Decision, taking into account lessons learned from the World Cup 2006, Euro 2008 and other matches or major sport events with an international dimension. The LEWP football experts group will also continue to examine the content of the "EU football handbook" in order to take account of emerging trends.</i>	

Action 34	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to continue to review Council Decisions relating to NFIPs in the light of recent experiences and application of these Decisions across the EU with a view to preparing draft proposals to be submitted to the meetings of the LEWP experts group if and when appropriate.	Content of EU Football Handbook and (NFIP) Council Decision to be reviewed and updated in the light of Euro 2012 and other developments.
Action 35	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to continue to review the EU Football Handbook to identify possible refinements and improvements in the light of recent and emerging experiences with a view to preparing draft proposals to be submitted to the meetings of the LEWP football experts group if and when appropriate.	Process to commence in September 2012. Target for outcome - December 2012.
WP Para 40	<i>The LEWP football experts group will work to produce clear guidelines for the use of visiting police delegations, inter alia, in the light of Council Decision 2008/615/JHA of 23 June 2008 on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime and Council Decision 2008/616/JHA of 23 June 2008 on the implementation of Decision 2008/615/JHA on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime. Any regulatory gaps that are discovered will be reported to the European Commission and the LEWP.</i>	
Action 36	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to review current advice on the role of visiting police delegation to explore whether or not any refinements to the EU Football Handbook or other related documents is desirable or necessary.	Ongoing - core consideration of Think Tank - role of visiting police delegations and content of EU Football Handbook to be reviewed after Euro 2012. Target for outcome - December 2012.
SHARING OF GOVERNMENTAL, POLICE AND UEFA SECURITY AND SAFETY INFORMATION		
WP Para 41	<i>The NFIP website should be used as the common platform between NFIPs to exchange information and share best practices. In view of the crucial importance of this website for international police cooperation, the use of the website will be permanently evaluated. The structure and efficiency of the website should be regularly updated. This will include an analysis of the information already held within the website. In view of the importance of the NFIP website to all Member States and third countries, a grant in order to support continued development will be sought from the European Commission.</i>	
Action 37	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to continuously review content, layout, accessibility and use of the NFIP website.	Ongoing work led by CIV (NL).
Action 38	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to establish a project steering group to prepare a grant application to submit to the European Commission as a high priority.	Outcome of the meeting with the European Commission on funding options to be reported by May 2012.
Action 39	Project Steering group to submit a grant application by August 2011 if possible and report developments to LEWP football experts group and other partner agencies.	

WP Para 42	<i>All parties, including sports authorities, stand to benefit from sharing important safety and security information. One initiative has been taken by providing a template for the bilateral exchange of information with UEFA on the NFIP website. Further initiatives for facilitating the multi-agency exchange of information should be explored by the LEWP football experts group. An important consideration is to ensure that shared information is not publicised without the express authority of the owner of the information</i>	
Action 40	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to review current information exchange arrangements with UEFA and other partner agencies on an ongoing basis.	Discussion pursued at Think Tank meeting in January 2012. Issue and way forward to be resolved before May 2012.
NATIONAL FOOTBALL INFORMATION POINTS (NFIPS)		
WP Para 43	<i>The role of NFIPs is crucial in terms of the safe and secure management of football matches with an international dimension in the key areas of police information exchange and the sharing of national perspective on the dynamics of football disorder. However, it is important that NFIP personnel should be equipped to deliver their functions effectively to an agreed standard, and that Council Decisions 2002/348/JHA and 2007/412/JHA concerning security in connection with football matches with an international dimension and the content of the "EU football handbook" are implemented by each Member State</i>	
WP Para 44	<i>It is imperative for all NFIP personnel (particularly new staff) to have access to the pan-European football policing training project. It is also desirable for this training to be continued once the training project has finished</i>	
Action 41	Policing Football Training project steering group to consider how best to ensure that all NFIP personnel benefit from the wider training project and determine what, if any, additional support and training is required to ensure that all NFIP personnel are equipped to fully deliver their key functions.	Steering group to pursue this action as part of the evaluation of the Pan-European Football Policing Training project. Target for proposals August 2012.
TRAINING OF KEY POLICE PERSONNEL		
WP Para 45	<i>Whilst governmental and police cooperation at a national level may be generally effective, a continuing issue of concern centres on whether or not operational police commanders at a local level are well versed in the content of the "EU football handbook" and have otherwise received comprehensive training in policing football matches (either in town centres or at stadia).</i>	
WP Para 46	<i>The joint training of operational police commanders should reduce safety and security risks and help to harmonise the policing of football supporters. It is crucial for operational police commanders, who often have to make time-critical decisions impacting upon the safety of supporters, to have access to comprehensive training programmes of a common standard. It is desirable for this training to be multinational in character to facilitate the sharing of policing perspectives and experiences.</i>	
WP Para 47	<i>In order to ensure maximum effectiveness it is also important that other key police personnel (spotters, football intelligence officers and NFIP personnel etc.) should receive training to a common standard</i>	
WP Para 48	<i>As all of the above roles are inter-related, it is important that the training programme should comprise generic and role-specific training, combining theoretical and practical components including enhanced awareness of important matters such as dynamic risk assessment, graduated policing tactics and other policing tactics recommended in the "EU football handbook" on police cooperation, and for follow-up training to be developed</i>	

WP Para 49	<i>It is therefore important that the European Commission should maintain its support for the implementation of the pan-European football policing training project. To ensure that the training programme is ongoing and available to key personnel in all Member States, the European Commission is invited to ensure that funding is made available on an annual basis to continue to deliver the training. It is stressed that such a European-wide training programme is a crucial element for enhancing safety and security at football matches with an international dimension</i>	
WP Para 50	<i>In order to be successful, the delivery of the training programme needs to be evaluated by the project Steering Group, including the European Commission, participating countries, other expert bodies including research and police academies and CEPOL</i>	
Action 42	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) should refer the above measures to the project steering group encouraging it to focus on all the measures in its ongoing deliberations and continue to report progress to the LEWP football experts group and other partner agencies on a regular basis.	Ongoing - under consideration by PE-FPTP executive and partners and highlighted in PE-FPTP interim report to EC. Developments reported at all Think Tank and LEWP football experts group meetings.
WP Para 51	<i>The members of the LEWP football experts group are invited to promote the content of the pan-European football policing training project within their own country, in respect of key police personnel who have not received the training</i>	
Action 43	LEWP football experts group to prepare a draft Resolution urging Member States to use the content of the training programme in the training of key policing football commanders, intelligence officers, spotters and NFIP personnel.	Draft proposal to be prepared by Think Tank for submission by the Presidency to the Council as part of PE-FPTP Phase 3 process. Target December 2012 .
TACKLING RACISM, XENOPHOBIA AND OTHER FORMS OF INTOLERANCE		
WP Para 52	<i>As shown by a recent report of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA), racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance continue to pose problems in professional and amateur sport in the EU. In order to intensify the fight against racism and xenophobia, all Member States are encouraged to ensure the full and effective transposition of Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law, which is to be completed by all EU Member States by 28 November 2010</i>	
WP Para 53	<i>Member States and organisations working in the area of sport or aiming to combat racism, xenophobia or other forms of intolerance are also invited to make full use of the opportunity to seek EU funding for activities targeted at fighting against these phenomena</i>	
WP Para 54	<i>Considering that racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance may pose a serious risk to safety and security at sports events, including football matches, the LEWP football experts group is invited to examine, in cooperation with the Council of Europe Standing Committee and other competent agencies and organisations, such as the FRA, the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance of the Council of Europe (ECRI) and the Football against Racism network (FARE), current recommendations and guidance on preventing and tackling racism and xenophobia, in order to establish whether it is necessary or desirable to provide the police and other agencies responsible for the security and safety of sport events with additional training or advice in this regard</i>	
WP Para 55	<i>The competent agencies and organisations are also invited to involve in their work supporters' associations, where appropriate, in order to intensify the fight against racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance at sports events, including football</i>	

Action 44	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to invite the Council of Europe Standing Committee to establish a joint project group to take forward the above recommendations in partnership with all key partner agencies.	Issue referred to Standing Committee and discussions are underway.
PREVENTIVE MEASURES, HOSPITALITY AND WORKING WITH SUPPORTERS		
WP Para 56	<p><i>To ensure that football matches, sport events and tournaments are welcoming and enjoyable events for all those concerned and to minimise safety and security risks, all competent agencies are encouraged to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>support or implement social and education measures to prevent spectator violence and to promote the exchange of good practices in which professional sport organisations and top athletes and players act as role models;</i> - <i>use a concept of hospitality so that visiting spectators feel welcome, safe and secure and make use of the experiences from previous major sports events;</i> - <i>consider supporters as active participants at all stages of planning for and hosting of the event. Developing close links with supporter groups should be an important element of the work of the LEWP football experts group in the years to come. The LEWP football experts group should work with the Council of Europe Standing Committee, sports authorities (e.g. UEFA), supporters' associations (e.g. FSE) and other partners (in particular local agencies) and continue to invest in this area</i> 	
Action 45	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to continue to liaise with supporter groups to discuss matters of mutual interest on an ad hoc basis.	Ongoing.
Action 46	LEWP football experts group (via the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to invite the Council of Europe Standing Committee to consider the merits of and scope for any further measures in this field and for representatives of the LEWP football experts group (in cooperation with the European Think Tank of safety and security experts) to participate in the deliberations of the Council of Europe Standing Committee.	Ongoing - items and related issues under consideration within Standing Committee - updates on progress reported at each Think Tank meeting.