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Subject:	Draft Council Conclusions adopting the 2014-2016 EU work programme on minimising risks to safety, security and public order in connection with sports events, in particular football matches, with an international dimension - Progress update - October 2014

Delegations will find in annex the progress update of the above Council Conclusions, which were adopted by the Council in December 2013 (doc. 16373/13).

**DRAFT COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ADOPTING THE 2014-2016 EU WORK PROGRAMME ON MINIMISING RISKS TO SAFETY, SECURITY AND PUBLIC ORDER IN CONNECTION WITH SPORTS EVENTS, IN PARTICULAR FOOTBALL MATCHES, WITH AN INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION
PROGRESS UPDATE - OCTOBER 2014**

Wide range of work streams taken forward, including actions set out in work programme, at Think Tank meetings held in Belfast (December 2013), Athens (April 2014), Rome (May 2014), Warsaw (September 2014) and Lille (September 2014).

WORK STREAM	ACTION	TIMESCALE
1. Develop proposals to seek, <i>inter alia</i> , EU financial support for improving cooperation between all relevant partners in ensuring safety, security and service at football matches.	Potential options of financial support for NFIP network, work of Think Tank and associated activity under consideration.	Ongoing at this stage
2. Maintain and develop the NFIP website and improve monitoring and analysis of data.	Discussions on possible future hosting of NFIP website underway with Europol and Interpol.	Ongoing at this stage
3. Monitor international trends in supporter behaviour and associated policing responses.	Analysis of data on incidents at football matches with an international dimension ongoing in partnership with UEFA - aim to identify any emerging trends and incorporate good practice guidance in revised European Handbook.	Analysis ongoing Revision of Handbook - see below
4. Monitor and assess the financial challenges associated with international police cooperation.	i) Study with findings completed	August 2014
	ii) Considered by TT	September 2014
	iii) Draft Council Conclusion prepared and submitted to LEWP, FEG.	October 2014
	iv) Submit to LEWP	Provisional October 2014
	v) Submit to Council	tbd

5. Prepare a draft to update the "EU Football Handbook" in the light of experiences gained from Euro 2012 and the Pan-European Football Policing Training Project as well as other relevant projects.	i) TT handbook revision subgroup set up	September 2014
	ii) Commence work on preparing updated handbook	January 2015
	iii) Submit to TT for consideration	Target Summer 2015
	iv) Submit to LEWP/FEG	Target Autumn 2015
	v) Submit to LEWP	Target Autumn 2015
	vi) Submit to Council as Resolution	Target Spring 2016
6. Prepare a suggestion for updating the Council Decision of 25 April 2002 (2002/348/JHA), as amended by Council Decision 2007/412/JHA of 12 June 2007 with the aim of improving key EU documentation.	i) Draft text agreed by TT	January 2014
	ii) Text reviewed and handling options considered by TT	September 2014
	iii) Handling discussions with EC	Target October 2014
	iv) Preparation of draft revised text by TT	Spring 2015
	v) Next steps tbd.	tbd
7. Further develop the close partnership with the Council of Europe Standing Committee on Spectator Violence to deliver, <i>inter alia</i> , joint advisory visits, ensuring harmonised documentation on safety, security and service, and to share good practice on stadium safety certification and inspections.	Close working partnership established	Ongoing
	Joint advisory visits undertaken on request	Ongoing
	Harmonisation of key safety, security and service documentation underway	Target December 2014
	Working in partnership with Standing Committee and UEFA who lead in identification and dissemination of good practice on safety certification and inspection.	Ongoing Target for dissemination Summer 2015

8. Further develop the close partnership with UEFA and pursue joint projects such as the EU-UEFA Champions/Europa League annual conference and develop a similar event for Euro 2016 qualifying groups.	Close partnership established	Ongoing
	Annual Joint CL and EL conference ongoing	2014 Conference held in Warsaw in September
	Euro 2016 qualifying conference ongoing	
	Other joint football safety and security projects ongoing	Ongoing
9. Develop a programme of advisory/study visits to support the development of domestic intelligence structures.	TT no funding to undertake independent visits on a regular basis - but periodic advisory initiatives undertaken. TT participation in joint UEFA/Standing Committee advisory	Ongoing
10. Develop proposals on the following key issues: discrimination and hate crime; pyrotechnics; liaising with supporters.	Updated good practice guidance to be included in Revised European Handbook	Timescale as above
11. Support the hosts of forthcoming international tournaments: Brazil, France, Russia, Qatar.	Extensive advice and support offered to Brazil for 2014 World Cup. Discussions underway with Interpol regarding co-operation for future tournaments held outside of EU	Ongoing
12. Explore the options for continuing to deliver football policing training in partnership with key partner agencies.	Post EU funded PE-FPTP training events, two additional events undertaken under auspices of CEPOL in Bucharest (2013) and Prague (2014). Two further events scheduled for inclusion in next CEPOL annual training programme.	Ongoing
13. Liaise with UEFA and the Council of Europe Standing Committee on Spectator Violence to develop and deliver a joint integrated training programme.	Joint consideration of integrated training options underway with UEFA and CoE Standing Committee	Target for decision Autumn 2015