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Towards an EU strategy against violence in sport

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Sport competitions are not just a game; they should be a celebration of social links and understanding among different cultures and traditions. Therefore it is important to ensure that they take place peacefully and in a secure and safe environment. In many cases, the most violent incidents have an international dimension, since large numbers of supporters cross national borders to attend major events.

To tackle these challenges more effectively, the European Commission has agreed with the Portuguese Presidency of the Council and the European Parliament, in association with UEFA, to organise a **high-level conference “Towards an EU strategy against violence in sport”**. The event will take place on **28-29 November 2007 in Brussels**, in the presence of high level representatives of the Commission, Member States, the European Parliament, the Council of Europe as well as sport organisations.

This conference will send an important signal about the political commitment of all relevant European institutions to combating violence, especially in the football community. The expected participation of some 150 delegates from EU Member States will bring together a range of practical experience.

It is only through stronger cooperation between the various communities that we will address the prevention of incidents. **This requires a more structured dialogue between all the stakeholders, including national and local governments, law enforcement agencies, judicial authorities, sport organisations e.g. clubs, supporters' associations etc.**

Our goal is to deliver a multidisciplinary approach that shares best practice across Europe, and improves day-to-day cooperation between all the actors.





IN ASSOCIATION WITH

HIGH - LEVEL CONFERENCE

Towards an EU strategy against violence in sport

BRUSSELS, 28 - 29 NOVEMBER 2007

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 28 November 2007

8.45 Registration of participants

9.30 Opening speeches

Jan FIGEL - *Member of the European Commission responsible for Education, Training, Culture and Youth*

Laurentino DIAS - *Secretary of State for youth and sport, Portugal, Council Presidency*

Giusto CATANIA - *Member of LIBE Committee, European Parliament,*

David TAYLOR - *Secretary general of UEFA*

Maud de BOER BUQUICCHIO - *Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe*

Juan Alberto BELLOCH JULBE - *President of the European Forum on Urban Security (EFUS), mayor of Zaragoza*

Emanuel MACEDO de MEDEIROS - *General Manager of the Association of European Professional Football Leagues (EPFL)*

Sandro CALVANI - *Director of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Research Institute (UNICRI)*

Moderator: Tung-Lai MARGUE - *Director, Directorate General "Justice, Freedom and Security", European Commission*

Coffee Break

11.30 Four workshops – panel speakers' presentations. Please see the list below

13.00 Lunch buffet

14.00 Four workshops – debate

Thursday, 29 November 2007

9.00 Presentation of the workshops' key findings; final conference conclusions

Moderator: Paulo GOMES - *Deputy Secretary-General, Internal Security Co-ordinating Board, Ministry of the Interior, current chair of the European Crime Prevention Network, Portugal*

11.30 Closing interventions

Franco FRATTINI - *Vice-President of the European Commission, responsible for Justice, Freedom and Security*

Rui PEREIRA - *Minister of Interior, Portugal*

Michel PLATINI - *President of UEFA*

12.30 Press conference

SIMULTANEOUS WORKSHOPS

1. ENHANCING SAFETY AND SECURITY AT SPORT EVENTS

Chairman: Christoph LIPP – *Police Director, Riot Police Forces, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Germany*

Rapporteur: Jo VANHECKE - *Head of football unit, Federal Ministry of Interior, Belgium*

Günther MAREK - *Head of the Austrian Security planning office of the Euro 2008, Ministry of Interior, Austria*

Henk GROENEVELT - *Head of National Football Information Point, Netherlands*

Marc TIMMER - *UEFA's Head of Stadium Security*

Alain PIDOUX - *Responsible for security during the Rugby World cup 2007, Gendarmerie française*

John de QUIDT - *Executive chief of Football Licensing Authority, UK*

Otto ADANG - *Chairman of public order programme, Politie Academie, Netherlands*
Debate

2. CHANGING FAN CULTURE AND TACKLING RACISM

Chairman: Radim BURES - *Chairman of the standing committee of the European Convention on Spectator Violence, Council of Europe*

Rapporteur: Thomas SCHNEIDER - *fan coordinator in the Bundesliga, German Professional Football League*

Manuel COMERON - *Director of fan coaching association EUROFAN, Liège*

Jose HIDALGO - *Secretary general of the Association of Spanish club supporters (AFEPE)*

Joël ARCHENAU - *President of the Federation of French Supporters' Associations (FASFF)*

Jacek PURSKI - *responsible for sport matters, Polish Association "Never again"*

Clifford STOTT - *Researcher, University of Liverpool*

Patrick GAUBERT - *President of LICRA, Member of the European Parliament*
Debate

3. DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS AMONG CLUBS AND LOCAL/NATIONAL AGENCIES

Chairman: Michael Van PRAAG - *Vice-chairman of UEFA safety and security committee, former President of Ajax FC*

Rapporteur: Elizabeth JOHNSTON - *Deputy Director of the European Forum for Urban Security*

Michel LEPOIX - *National coordinator for football, Ministry of Interior, France*

David BOHANNAN - *Head of football unit, UK Home Office*

Stefano FILUCCHI - *Deputy CEO, Inter Milan FC, Security managers' national coordinator, Italian Football Federation*

Laurent PLATINI - *Legal adviser, PSG, France*

Athanasios MACHAIRAS - *Head Security Officer of Superleague, Greece*

Guilherme PINTO - *Mayor of Matosinhos, President of the Portuguese Forum on Urban Security*

Debate

4. REINFORCING JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUMENTS AND EXCHANGE OF BEST PRACTICES BETWEEN PROSECUTORS

Chairman: Jürgen KAPPLINGHAUS - *Senior Public Prosecutor, former Liaison Magistrate for Germany and Eurojust at Football World and European Championships*

Rapporteur: Nick HAWKINS - *Chief Crown Prosecutor CPS Hampshire and the Isle of Wight*

Roberto MASSUCCI - *Chief of National Info Centre on Sports Events, Ministry of Interior, Italy*

Jean HAYET - *Head of National Football Information Point, Ministry of Interior, France*

Klaus BRONNY - *Senior Public Prosecutor, General Prosecutors Office, Düsseldorf, Germany*

Ann-Marie GREEN - *Prosecutor, Ministry of Justice, Sweden*

Debate

