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on manipulation and crime in sports and esports

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We, the partners of the Integrisport 3.0 project, declare that the manipulation of sports and esports competitions and associated criminal activities poses a critical threat to the integrity of both traditional sports and esports, undermining the trust of all stakeholders involved, including athletes, sport federations, governmental sector, and the broader community. This issue is not merely a challenge; it is a call to action that demands immediate and coordinated cross-sectoral response.

To effectively address sports and esports manipulation, the involvement of law enforcement agencies and judiciaries is essential. We emphasize that the engagement of law enforcement and prosecutors in this fight is crucial, and we recommend that every country prioritize this collaboration. Their expertise and authority provide the necessary framework to investigate, prosecute, and prevent these offenses. Engaging with these critical institutions, alongside various stakeholders—both nationally and internationally—is vital to building a robust strategy against manipulation.

We are aware of the importance of focusing not only on traditional sports but also on esports, ensuring that both areas receive the necessary attention and resources to combat manipulation effectively.

Our project provided comprehensive theoretical and practical support to enhance the capabilities of law enforcement and prosecutors across Austria, Bulgaria, Estonia, Greece, Romania, Spain, and beyond. By equipping these agencies with the necessary tools and knowledge, we can transform our approach to integrity in sports and esports. Moreover, we recognize the importance of establishing or developing National Platforms that facilitate collaboration among stakeholders while ensuring that responsibilities are clearly delineated and manageable.

Fostering a culture of cooperation and transparency among all parties is vital. This includes creating platforms for dialogue, sharing best practices, protecting whistleblowers, and developing proactive strategies that preempt manipulation before it occurs. The integrity of sports and esports is a shared responsibility, and through collaboration, we can ensure that our collective efforts yield significant results.

Recognising the importance of promoting integrity and values-based sport, we invite all stakeholders to concede the urgency of this issue and commit to working together in solidarity. By doing so, we could create a future where sports and esports are governed by the principles of good governance, including integrity, fairness, justice, and social responsibility—values that we all hold precious.

Let us unite in this critical fight against sports and esports manipulation and make a lasting impact for the generations to come.

We stand against crime in sports and esports!

