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The meeting of experts for major sports events under the Italian Chairmanship was held in the framework of the LEWP on 9 October 2014 in Brussels.

The LEWP is invited to take note of the results of this meeting set out below.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. [CM 4200/14](#) with the deletion of item 13.

2. Overview of the activities of the Think Tank – results of the meeting in Lille on 24-25 September 2014

The meeting took note of the progress report (doc. [13929/14](#)) presented by the Chair of the European Think Tank of Football Safety and Security Experts on the activities of the Think Tank related to the implementation of the 2014-2016 Work Programme on minimising risks to safety, security and public order in connection with sports events with an international dimension, adopted by the Council in 2013 (doc. [16373/13](#)). The Chair of the Think Tank underlined in particular the ongoing work related to updating the EU football handbook.

3. State of play of cooperation with Europol and Interpol as regards NFIP website

The meeting took note of the presentation by the DK delegation on the future of the website of the national football information points (NFIPs) and on the possibilities of hosting this website by Europol or Interpol. Delegations exchanged their views on both options, underlining in particular that a thorough examination of this issue is required and that an urgent and sustainable solution is needed with appropriate data protection regime and financing. It was also underlined that any solution should be in line with Council Decision concerning security in connection with football matches with an international dimension ([OJ L 155, 15.6.2007, p. 76](#)). Delegations were invited to send their comments, questions or suggestions relating to the future of the NFIP website to the Chair of the Think Tank in order to prepare further discussions on this issue.

4. Cooperation with supporters (Supporter Liaison Officer and Fan Embassy)

The meeting agreed to the proposal of the Presidency to set up an ad hoc working group to prepare guidelines on cooperation with supporters as set out in doc. [13648/14](#). Delegations were invited to nominate experts to be part of this group by 26 October 2014.

5. Suggestions in relation to revising Council Decision concerning security in connection with football matches with an international dimension

The meeting took note of the presentation by the BE delegation on the ongoing discussions on the need to revise the current Council Decision relating to establishing NFIPs, e.g. in order to extend their role to sports other than football, and agreed that appropriate institutions need to be contacted so as to decide upon the way forward.

6. Update as regards the Pan-European Football policing Training Project (PE- FFTP)

The meeting took note of a brief presentation by the Chair of the Think Tank on the upcoming CEPOL training activities relating to the PE-FFTP, in the framework of which around 350 practitioners from 24 countries have already been trained.

7. Feedback from UEFA Champions League/Europa League meeting held on 10-12 September 2014 in Warsaw

The meeting took note of the presentation by the Chair of the Standing Committee on the European Convention on Spectator Violence on the annual UEFA Champions League/Europa League meeting. The topics of discussions and procedural aspects were presented and possible improvements for organising future meetings were outlined, including in relation to the involvement of non-EU countries into the discussions.

8. Cooperation with the Standing Committee of the European Convention on Spectator Violence

The meeting took note of the presentation by the Chair of the Standing Committee on the European Convention on Spectator Violence on the ongoing activities of this Committee, in particular on three aspects of its work: update of the European Convention on Spectator Violence, expected to be approved on 29 May 2015, preparation of a consolidated practical tool based on all existing recommendations relating to ensuring security, safety and service at sports events and monitoring visits to various countries at their request to share best practices and prepare for upcoming major sports events.

9. Evaluation on Volley World Championship 2014 in Poland

The meeting took note of the detailed presentation by the PL delegation on the police operation "Volleyball 2014" in relation to the Volleyball Men's World Championship 2014, during which the security of 24 teams and of over 500 000 fans was ensured.

10. Evaluation on World Cup 2014 in Brazil

Delegations had an exchange of views on police cooperation during the World Cup 2014 in Brazil. Based on the experience of the last two World Cups, delegations underlined the important role that bilateral embassies might play during such events. They also noted the need to engage in the dialogue on police cooperation with the non-European hosts of the upcoming World Cups as early as possible so as to explain the European practice and the possible added value of visiting police delegations during such events as well as ensure clarity and transparency of the procedures that would apply to such delegations by signing the bilateral Memoranda of Understanding, where necessary. The importance of ensuring that the participating EU countries communicate the same message to the hosts of such events was also noted.

11. State of play of the preparation for EURO 2016 in France

The meeting took note of the presentation by the FR delegation on the state of play of the ongoing police preparation for the extended EURO 2016, with 24 teams participating and 51 matches to be played in 10 host cities.

12. Costs of visiting policing delegations at football matches with an international dimension

The meeting took note of the conclusion of the study on the costs of visiting police delegations about the need for all Member States to continue to work together on the basis of Council Resolution 2010/C 165/01, inter alia by hosting and deploying visiting police delegations on the basis of a dynamic risk assessment as set out in doc. 13649/14. This conclusion was based on the outcome of the questionnaire prepared by the RO and UK experts. A few delegations suggested to bring this issue to the attention of the LEWP.

13. Italian initiative in relation to DASPO - Prohibition of Access to Sporting Events

The item was deleted from the agenda.

14. Plans of the incoming Presidencies (LV, LU)

The meeting took note of the information provided by the LV and LU delegations that the confirmation about the planned dates of the meetings of experts for major sports events under their incoming Presidencies would be available by the end of 2014.

15. Any other business

No points were raised under AOB.
