



COOPERATION PROTOCOL

between

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(referred to as "UEFA")

and

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(referred to as "NFIP network")

(collectively referred to as the "Parties" or individually a "Party")

PREAMBLE

UEFA is the official body for European football responsible to its member associations for the governing of the sport of football in accordance with its statutes and regulations.

The NFIP network reunites the European NFIPs which act as the direct and single contact point for exchanging police and other information and coordinating international police cooperation primarily in connection with UEFA football matches as set out in the relevant European legislative framework;

The Parties share a number of values and principles such as

- UEFA and the NFIP network wish to continue to promote and further develop the integrated approach as regards safety, security and services at European football matches;
- UEFA and the NFIP network wish to continue to reinforce their relationship by implementing this new arrangement, in accordance with the principles set out in this cooperation protocol;
- UEFA and the NFIP network reaffirm their commitment to working together and cooperating in order to provide a safe and secure environment for all fans attending UEFA competitions;
- The undertakings, values, and principles set out in this cooperation protocol apply equally to men's and women's football;

The Parties wish to structure their existing friendly relations by means of a Cooperation Protocol for the purpose of facilitating dialogue and future cooperation on matters of common interest in a regular and constructive manner.

Now therefore, the Parties agree to enter this Cooperation Protocol (hereinafter referred to as the "Protocol").

1. BASIS OF COOPERATION

The parties recognize as follows:

- 1.1. The importance of enhancing the cooperation as regards safety and security at UEFA competitions and final tournaments.
- 1.2. The central role that the NFIP network is playing as regards football policing at European level.
- 1.3. The necessity to further promote and develop the integrated approach as regards safety and security at UEFA competitions and final tournaments.

2. AREAS AND OBJECTIVES OF COOPERATION

- 2.1. To protect and promote their shared values and principles and enhance their cooperation, the Parties agree:
 - 2.1.1. promoting and facilitating the integrated approach as regards safety, security and services at football matches;

- 2.1.2. sharing relevant operational information (except confidential NFIP information) that can be relevant for safety and security of football matches and support the preparation of the SSNS risk assessment;
- 2.1.3. sharing statistics related to incidents at UEFA competitions and final tournaments;
- 2.1.4. collaborating in education and training activities in connection with safety and security and service matters at European football matches;
- 2.1.5. cooperating in conducting joint research initiatives in respect of themes impacting on safety and security in connection with European football events;
- 2.1.6. working together to promote the NFIP concept throughout UEFA member associations, particularly in countries that do not yet have such structures in place;
- 2.1.7. communicating and disseminating assessments and reports on the Parties' joint undertakings and outputs;
- 2.1.8. promoting the principles of this Protocol to the European institutions, UEFA national associations, NFIP network members, and other stakeholders;

3. MEANS OF COOPERATION

- 3.1. To promote cooperation and shared objectives, UEFA undertakes to do the following:
 - 3.1.1. recognise the NFIP network as the key partner for football policing in the context of adopting an integrated approach as regards safety, security and services;
 - 3.1.2. promote the involvement of the NFIP representatives in:
 - a) any UEFA forum that may be created to exchange views and discuss issues related to safety and security with the main European stakeholders in professional football and devise common solutions to them.
 - b) workshops, seminars and conferences that are of mutual interest for UEFA and NFIPs.;
 - 3.1.3. encourage the involvement of NFIP before, during, and after UEFA competition matches, including qualifying rounds aiming to facilitate operational assistance, exchange of information, and obtain feedback pertaining to safety and security arrangements. Based on a risk analysis, UEFA could also invite NFIP representatives to attend the UEFA finals with the same purpose.
 - 3.1.4. promote the use of police spotters at UEFA competitions;
 - 3.1.5. deploy liaison officers in the International Police Cooperation Centers (IPCCs) established during major sport events;
 - 3.1.6. enhance the cooperation with the NFIP network on safety and security matters within UEFA structures by providing an internal contact point to ensure effective two-way communication;
 - 3.1.7. work with UEFA member associations to ensure the values and principles of this Protocol are respected and promoted in a meaningful way and are based on an inclusive stakeholder approach at domestic level.

- 3.2. To promote cooperation and shared objectives, the NFIP network undertakes to do the following:
- 3.2.1. recognise UEFA as the governing body of football at European level in accordance with the UEFA Statutes;
 - 3.2.2. invite the designated UEFA point of contact to attend meetings of the NFIP network in as observer, and where applicable, advisory capacity;
 - 3.2.3. support and promote the integrated approach as regards safety, security and services to European football matches;
 - 3.2.4. contribute to the drafting of specific UEFA safety and security policies and vice-versa;
 - 3.2.5. support UEFA in the preparation of major events with a focus on policing approach and police operational plans;
 - 3.2.6. deploy NFIP representatives, in the UEFA MCC, for major tournaments/finals;
 - 3.2.7. contribute with its expertise and advise UEFA and other competition organizers on matters relevant to safety and security;
 - 3.2.8. deliver training on policing of football matches, security, exclusion and inclusion when required and requested;
 - 3.2.9. contribute to the content development and organization of the Annual UEFA Safety and Security Conference.

- 3.3. The implementation of joint activities shall be subject to the availability of adequate resources to be determined by each Party in accordance with their respective rules and regulations.

4. WORKING METHODS

- 4.1. Each Party shall designate a contact person for providing overall direction for the implementation of this Protocol.
- 4.2. The Parties will establish a steering group comprising an appropriate number of representatives of the Parties. The steering group will meet twice per year and will have the main task of monitoring and encouraging the implementation of the Protocol.

5. ENTRY INTO FORCE, AMENDMENTS AND TERMINATION

- 5.1. This Protocol shall be effective as of its date of signature by the Parties.
- 5.2. This Protocol may only be modified/amended if agreed in writing and signed by both Parties.
- 5.3. Either Party has the right to terminate the Protocol at any time but should endeavor to provide the other Party a three-month written notice.
- 5.4. The term of the Protocol shall run until 1st of July 2027. In due time prior to the expiry of the term, the Parties may decide on an extension.

6. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 6.1. The Protocol does not create any legal rights and obligations for the Parties, including financial obligations, under international or national law.
- 6.2. The Parties commit to solving by good faith negotiations any issues or disputes arising out of the implementation and/or interpretation of the Protocol.
- 6.3. Each Party shall retain title to all of its intellectual property and other proprietary rights and nothing herein shall be deemed to be a transfer thereof or license thereupon. The Parties acknowledge and agree that it is prohibited to use any marks, designs, artwork or material that include any of the intellectual property related to the Parties (including logos), for any purpose other than the promotion of the present Protocol or from creating and/or using any combined logos in a manner that is confusingly similar to any of the existing logos.

This Protocol has been signed by duly authorised signatories:

For and on behalf of Union des Associations Européennes de Football (UEFA):

Signature: _____

Print Name: Theodore Theodoridis

Title: UEFA General Secretary

Date: Rome, 14 September 2023

For and on behalf of European Group of Policing Football and NFIP experts:

Signature: _____

Print Name: Adrian Dinca

Title: Chairman of the European Group of Policing Football and NFIP experts

Date: Rome, 14 September 2023