

PBC Radicalisation in Sports

2nd meeting

“The Intersection of Sport and Extremism: State of play, EU case studies, financing mechanisms and the external influences”

11-12 June 2025

AGENDA

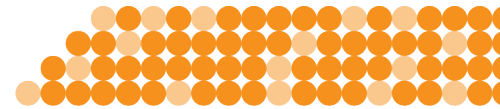
Madrid, Spain



EU Knowledge Hub on
**Prevention of
Radicalisation**



**European
Commission**



DAY 1

9:00 - 9:30

REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE

Location: Las Tablas Hotel, Av. Burgos, 131, 28050, Madrid

9:30 - 9:45

Words of welcome by the Spanish National authorities

9:45- 10:00

Words of welcome by DG Home and leading Member States.

- **Arya Marie Ba-Trung**, DG HOME, D3, Prevention of Radicalisation
- **Arturo Varriale**, Ministry of Interior, Central Directorate for Preventive Police, ITALY
- **Fernando Rivas**, Ministry of Interior, CITCO, SPAIN

10:00 - 10:40

Presentation of the mapping results

-**Andréas Hatzidiakos**, EUKH Academic Adviser/ELIAMEP Researcher

Main trends from the survey to MS

Followed by Q&A and discussion

10:40 - 11:00

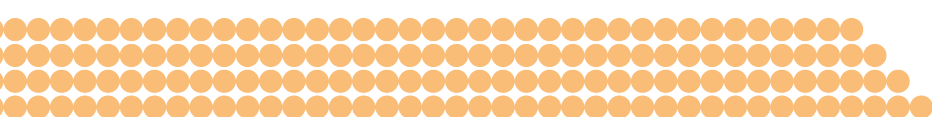
COFFEE BREAK

11:00 - 12:30

PANEL 1: The sport of football: two sides of the coin, a vector of radicalisation or a vector of resilience in the prevention of radicalisation

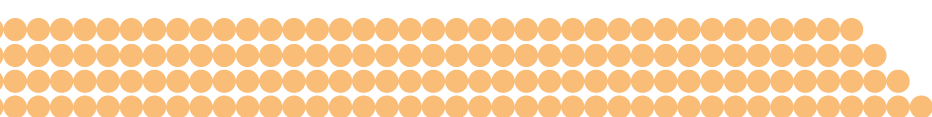
Panel moderated by Fernando Rivas, Ministry of Interior, CITCO, SPAIN

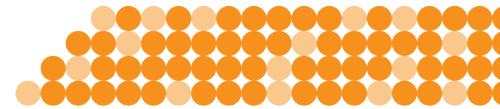
- **Inspectora Raquel Ramírez**, Policía Nacional, SPAIN; presenting:
“Ideologically motivated violent extremist groups in football in Spain”
- **Nicodemo Liotti**, Director of Division II of the General Affairs Service - Central Directorate of Preventive Police, ITALY; presenting:
“The merging of ideological violent extremists and violent sport supporters a case study of the Lazio Rome football game”





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manuel Mollano, Research Adviser of the Ministry of Interior, SPAIN; presenting: “Sport for Prevention of Extremism in Youth, Spey Project” <p><i>Followed by Q&A and discussion</i></p>
12:30 - 13:00	<p>Presentation by the Council of Europe T-S4 Committee of the Saint-Denis Convention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paolo Gomes, Head of the Saint-Denis Unit (online)
13.00 - 14:30	LUNCH
14:30 - 16:00	<p>PANEL 2: Combat sports and radicalisation an outlook from the Nordic countries</p> <p>Panel moderated by Satu Heikkinen and Tiina Alanen, FINLAND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Katri Kyllönen, Researcher on Active Clubs and their Telegram groups, FINLAND - Edvin Sandström, Researcher at the Swedish Center for Preventing Violent Extremism, SWEDEN; presenting: “Radicalisation in sports” (online)
17:00 - 18:00	<p>Study Visit to the premises of Real Madrid Football Team</p> <p>Presentation by the head of security of Real Madrid: The role of football clubs in tackling and preventing radicalisation and violence in sport.</p> <p><i>Location: Ciudad Deportiva, Real Madrid, Avenida de las Fuerzas Armadas, 402, Valdebebas, Madrid.</i></p>
18:00 - 19:00	<p>Guided tour of the stadium, Security Aspects of Preventing and Countering Violence and Extremism.</p> <p><i>Location: Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, Av. de Concha Espina, 1, Chamartín, 28036 Madrid</i></p>
19:00 - 20:00	Free time or group cocktail in a rooftop bar in the vicinity
20:00	DINNER





Location: Restaurante Puerta 57, Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, Av. de Concha Espina, 1, Chamartín, 28036 Madrid

DAY 2

08:30 - 09:00

WELCOME COFFEE

9:00 - 10:30

PANEL 3: External influences focused on sports as a radicalisation vector

Panel moderated by Arturo Varriale, Director of the Italian Central Directorate for Preventive Police, ITALY

- **Enzo Cascino**, SG- CIDPR, FRANCE; presenting
“On ethnic/religious separatism and extremism in sport clubs”
- **Javier Ruiperez**, FUNDEA, SPAIN; presenting:
Case study on Stratcomms: “World cup in Qatar football monitoring Spain/Morocco - Islamophobic hate speech Develop to broaden the target from extremists to mainstream supporters”

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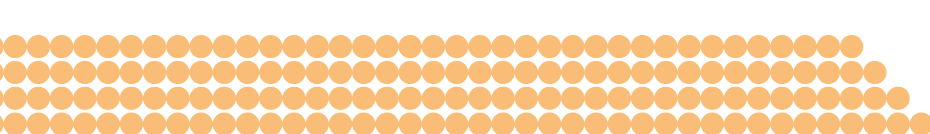
PANEL 4: Financing mechanisms of violent extremist groups linked to sport.

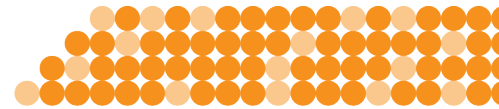
Panel moderated by Manuel Sanchez-Pardo, CITCO, SPAIN

- **Felix Descalzo**, Head of Section, CITCO, SPAIN; presenting:
“Strategic approach to preventing and countering the financing of extremist groups”
- **Inspectora Alba Pérez**, Policía Nacional, SPAIN; presenting:
“Financing mechanisms of violent extremist groups in football in Spain”.
- **Alexander Ritzmann**, presenting:
“RWE active clubs merchandising, crowdfunding” (online)
- **Antonio Arcudi**, Head of the section I of International Relation Division - Central Directorate of Preventive Police.

12:30 - 13:00

Conclusions of the learnings of the 2 days and next steps





	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Arya Marie Ba-Trung, DG HOME, D3, Prevention of Radicalisation- Arturo Varriale, Ministry of Interior, Central Directorate for Preventive Police, ITALY- Fernando Rivas, Ministry of Interior, CITCO, SPAIN
13:00 - 14:00	FAREWELL LUNCH

