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The International Centre for Sport Security (ICSS) signs cooperation agreement with The European Lotteries (EL)

Vienna, Austria, 17th May 2013; The International Centre for Sport Security (ICSS) today signed an agreement with The European Lotteries, the umbrella organisation of national lotteries across Europe.

The organisations will work together to share knowledge and best practice in the fight against match-fixing and betting fraud. This will include the exchange of information, advice and expertise on matters of sport integrity and the prevention of sports betting fraud, the involvement of each others experts as speakers at conferences and workshops, collaboration on research projects related to betting fraud and the distribution of research papers in key journals and publications.

Mohammed Hanzab (President, ICSS); “The ICSS recognises the significance and importance of protecting, promoting and maintaining the integrity of sport gambling. This agreement will see our team of world-leading experts work with European Lotteries to share information and techniques aimed at addressing the critical and evolving threat of matching fixing and betting fraud across Europe. With the European Lotteries, the ICSS can rely on the credibility of another highly respected partner in it’s network of international organisations”.

Friedrich Stickler (President, European Lotteries) said; “ EL is the only association of betting operators to argue that match-fixing is probably the greatest threat to the integrity of sport. Together with the ICSS we are setting concrete actions and commitments to fight match-fixing and fraud. With this collaboration we want to strengthen each others responses and initiatives. As the historic partner of sport in our Member States, we are actually the strongest defenders of the integrity of sport and daily contribute to important initiatives like the one from ICSS”.

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About the International Centre for Sport Security (ICSS)

The ICSS is an international, not-for-profit institution that aims to help event organisers to stage safer major sporting events. The Centre's mission is to improve security, safety and integrity in sport by addressing real issues and providing world-leading services, skills, networks and knowledge.

The ICSS team brings together some of the world’s leading sport security and integrity experts and has access to a worldwide network of specialist practitioners, offering expertise in every aspect of sport security and integrity.



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The ICSS is based in Doha, Qatar, an emerging centre for global sporting events including the 2006 Asian Games, the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2011™ the 2011 Pan Arab Games and the 2022 FIFA World Cup™. For more details please visit: www.theicss.org

About the European Lotteries (EL)

European Lotteries is the European umbrella organisation of national lotteries operating games of chance for the public benefit. It brings together state-owned and private lottery operators, both profit and non-profit. EL has 81 members from 48 countries including all 27 EU Member States. The association's EU members contribute more than 25 billion € p.a. to the state budgets from which 2,5 billion € are dedicated to sports. Unlike many commercial online gambling operators, EL members only offer gambling and betting services in the jurisdictions in which they are licensed by the respective national government.

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