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CONCLUSION OF THE PRECRIMBET EU PROGRAMME COORDINATED BY IRIS WITH PARTNERS

“Preventing criminal risks linked to sports betting” (#PreCrimBet)

At a final conference hosted by the Council of Europe, the French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs (IRIS) presented the conclusions of the Precrimbet programme, co-financed through the call for proposal issued by the European Commission (DG Migration and Home Affairs).

In parallel with this presentation, the final PreCrimBet Report has been published, synthesizing the results of this 18 months programme, which combined a research and a seminar phase. 10 EU member States have hosted a national PreCrimBet seminar, which provided the opportunity to disseminate, test and complete the knowledge gained through the desk research, questionnaires and interviews of the first phase.

The final report proposes an assessment of the main criminal risks linked to the betting market: match-fixing, money laundering, illegal betting and cybercrime. On the basis of this analysis, PreCrimBet issues 13 concrete and policy-oriented recommendations to protect the integrity of the betting activity.

The IRIS partners involved in this project are the University of Liverpool (represented by Professor David Forrest), the University of Hamburg, the Danish Gambling Authority (Birgitte Sand) and experts Christian Kalb (CK Consulting), Ingo Fiedler (Academicon) and Laurent Vidal (Academic and Clairance Avocats).

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IRIS is now acknowledged as an expert in the sports field and the associated governance issues. For more than five years, the institute has been increasing its contribution in the sports field: a White Paper called "Paris sportifs et corruption, comment préserver l'intégrité du sport" ("Sports betting and corruption: how to preserve the integrity of sports") was published at the beginning of 2012; a study program, the theme of which was "the strategies of sports diplomacy as new influence tools for the states" (known as "DIPLOSPORT"), has been set up in cooperation with the support of the CSFRS; a program "What National Network to Fight Against Match Fixing" sponsored by the European Commission; membership to the Permanent Consultative Council of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport of UNESCO; reference books have been published by the institute, and so on.