



## Fight The Fix

An anti-match-fixing education programme

ACADEMY



### **FOREWORD**

Match-fixing is a grave threat to the integrity of football, and UEFA is unwavering in its commitment to combat this menace. We are determined to lead by example and protect the values of our beloved sport.

This unique education programme is tailored specifically for those on the front line, offering them a chance to enhance their knowledge, skills and networks to fight match-fixing on both national and international levels.

Our specialised education programme, Fight the Fix, is designed to transform our commitments into tangible

actions. We are cooperating with the leading experts and academics in this field to challenge the participants to thoroughly examine each critical aspect of the process - detection, intelligence, and prosecution - through an immersive, hands-on approach.

Integrity is the cornerstone of our sport. Without it, every win is a loss.

Aleksander Čeferin UEFA President





#### Who

Integrity officers and representatives of institutions involved in fighting match-fixing, such as public and law enforcement authorities, and sports organisations



#### When

Every second year; second intake starts in October 2024



#### How Iona

Three one-week sessions over six months



#### Where

Three face-to-face seminars in iconic locations all over Europe



#### Price

€4,900



## Number of participants

max. 24



#### Certification

Certificate of completion from the UEFA Academy and the University of Lausanne



#### Language

English

### Fight The Fix: an anti-match-fixing education programme

The Fight The Fix programme (UEFA FTF) equips professionals involved in fighting matchfixing with the knowledge, tools and skills needed to gather intelligence, lead investigations and assist in prosecution proceedings.



The UEFA FTF programme is a unique training opportunity for professionals working in the field of antimatch-fixing, focusing on the competencies required to lead investigations and prosecute those involved. As well as providing participants with an in-depth knowledge of the phenomenon, the latest developments and monitoring tools, it also addresses the conditions and procedures of investigation and prosecution, from A to Z.

To develop capacities and strengthen relationships, the programme is also open to and beneficial for representatives of other institutions involved in the fight against match-fixing, such as public and law enforcement authorities and other sports organisations. The programme is designed to accommodate different profiles and backgrounds, taking into consideration differences and synergies among the participants when organising group work and activities.

#### **Takeaways**

- Analytical and technical skills and intelligence-gathering and investigation (I&I) capabilities needed to successfully identify, investigate and prosecute match-fixing cases
- Key tools and methodologies used in detecting and assessing suspected match-fixing
- Guidance on analysing data collected from a wide range of sources
- Best practices for information sharing and storage
- Skills needed for effective witness inquiry management, investigative report writing and hearing preparations
- · How to collate sufficient admissible evidence to go to sports courts
- · How to work effectively alongside public authorities and law enforcement

#### Programme overview

#### KICK-OFF 31 OCTOBER 2024 (HALF A DAY, ONLINE)

A short introduction to the programme, its main actors, components and participants.

#### SEMINAR 1 25-29 NOVEMBER 2024 Football Association

of Wales, Cardiff, Wales

- Defining match-fixing and recognising its early signs.
- Establishing theoretical frameworks, detection best practices and the analytical landscape.

#### SEMINAR 2 24–28 FEBRUARY 2025

Cyprus Football Association, Nicosia, Cyprus

- Investigating match-fixing to provide evidence.
- Getting acquainted with I&I tools and techniques as well as information-sharing frameworks.

#### SEMINAR 3 28 APRIL – 2 MAY 2025 UEFA, Nyon, Switzerland

- Bringing match-fixing evidence before Courts.
- Preparing documentation and admissible elements to be brought to sports courts.



#### Common thread practical exercise



In line with the programme's emphasis on hands-on practice, a fictitious match-fixing case will run the length of the programme. Working in small groups, participants will investigate suspected match-fixing, following the full intelligence and investigation process from identification to prosecution. The final stage will be a moot court, in which participants will be involved in simulated sports arbitration proceedings.

Additional short online webinars may be organised between sessions

#### **Testimonials**



If the UEFA-FTF program was an inspiring and transformative milestone in my career. It allowed me to delve into advanced investigation techniques and updated monitoring tools. Likewise, it promoted collaboration and the exchange of best practices, a cornerstone to strengthen and enhance our commitment to integrity in CONMEBOL.

Graciela Garay, Director of Ethics and Compliance, CONMEBOL



If the course content of the UEFA-FTF programme is impressive - thought provoking, often challenging, but always enjoyable. What really impressed me was the quality and breadth of the course. Building strong and lasting working relationships with colleagues has been an additional benefit to us all.

 $\blacksquare$  Tarik Shamel, Head of Integrity, The Football Association



■ Taking part in this program is a unique occasion to better understand the tools needed to investigate and prosecute match-fixing, which is essential for my organisation in a dialogue with public authorities. I see it as an excellent opportunity to strengthen national and international cooperation. ■

■ Nicolas Sayde, Secretary of the Macolin Convention, Council of Europe

#### **Partner**

University of Lausanne's School of Criminal Justice







### About the UEFA Academy

Building on the professional expertise that UEFA has established in the course of its history and the learning initiatives that it has created over the last decade, the UEFA Academy provides educational programmes for individuals and organisations alike with a view to constantly elevating the game of football.

For details of our catalogue of courses, visit **UEFAacademy.com** 

**About UNIL-ESC** 

The University of Lausanne's School of Criminal Justice (UNIL-ESC - a unit of the Faculty of Law, Criminal Justice and Public Administration), founded in 1909, has a longstanding international reputation for excellence in research, education and casework in forensic science, criminology and criminal law.

We welcome participants from diverse backgrounds and cultures, recognising the unique value that diversity brings to our community. If you have any uncertainties about meeting specific programme criteria, we encourage you to reach out to us.

#### Application process

Eligible candidates must apply online by 1 July 2024 by filling in the application form here or at **UEFAacademy.com**. Full attendance is required to qualify for the certificate of completion.

Should you have any questions about the application process, please contact academy@uefa.ch.

## A WORD FROM THE PROGRAMME DIRECTORS

- **II** Given the complexity of match-fixing investigation in sport, it is important for all the anti-match fixing community to understand the phenomenon and to enhance its analytical and investigative skills. What you will mostly gain from the UEFA FTF is this knowledge as well as the ways in which evidence should be presented before the Sports Courts. By welcoming participants from a variety of backgrounds and organisations, this programme fosters the development of professionalism in anti-match-fixing investigation.
- Stefano Caneppele, Full Professor, University of
- Vincent Ven, UEFA Head of Anti-Match-Fixing





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