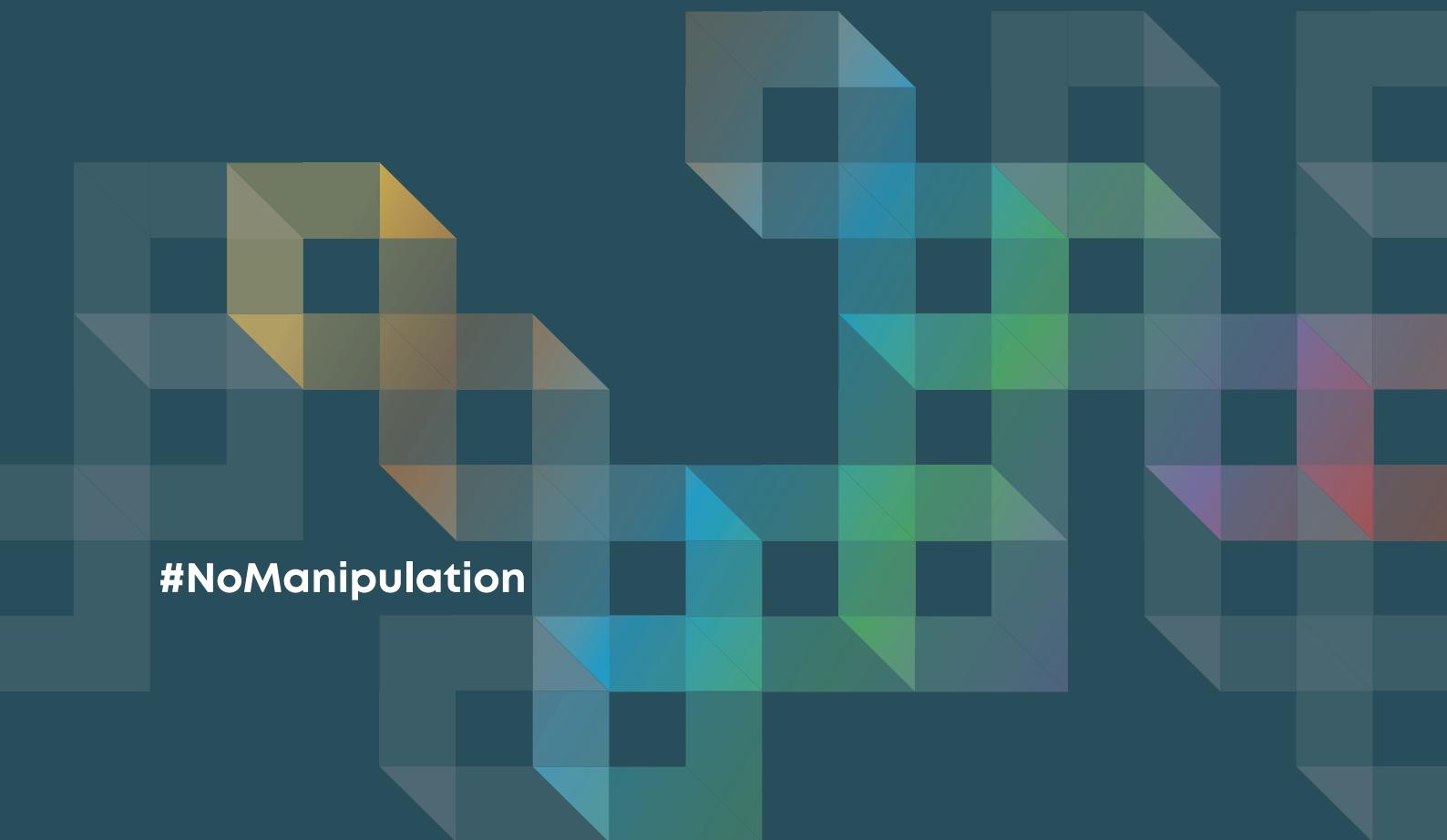


# PLAY FAIR CODE

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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With a well-balanced mix of the tried-and-tested and the new, we were once again able to reach many people in sports and beyond this year to raise awareness of the problem of match-fixing and betting fraud.



Friedrich MARTENS  International Olympic Committee  
IOC Prevention Manipulation

*"The Play Fair Code is definitely a very special organization and certainly a best-in-class example in the field of global initiatives to combat match-fixing. This was clearly demonstrated once again by the Play Fair Code Talks in Vienna. We very much appreciate that the Play Fair Code is on the side of the IOC and regularly supports and accompanies our initiatives and training offerings with its expertise."*



Severin MORITZER  
CEO of Play Fair Code



Friedrich Stickler  
President of Play Fair Code

*"The second edition of our Play Fair Code Talks highlighted again how much national and international recognition there is for the Play Fair Code. Even more significantly, the Talks further underlined how important our work is and will remain in the future."*

## WHAT'S NEW?

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# ANNIVERSARY MEETING

## 50th Board meeting

For more than 13 years, leading personalities and decision-makers from the Austrian sports industry and beyond have been involved in the board of the Association for Protecting the Integrity in Sport – the Play Fair Code – and continuously contribute to the organization's development and its successful work.

At the end of August, the Play Fair Code celebrated a special milestone: its 50th board meeting! This anniversary provided an opportunity to reflect after the meeting with a business lunch in a special setting on the Old Danube. Many thanks to all board members for their valuable support over the past 13 years and we hope for many more years to come!



## MAKING OUR DEBUT



### FOOTBALL

- 2nd Women's Bundesliga
- Regional referees
- Youth Regional League

### BASKETBALL

- Basketball (coach clinic)

### TENNIS

- Austrian Federation Top 50

### HANDBALL

- Women Handball Austria Challenge League

### ICE HOCKEY

- Regional referees

### SWIMMING

- Athletes

### CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE AUSTRIA

- Criminal police training

### ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRIAN JUDGES

- Criminal Law Department



## EDUCATION KEY FIGURES

# 141

TRAINING SESSIONS IN TOTAL

# 76 21

FOOTBALL HANDBALL

# 3500

ATTENDEES

**BASKETBALL**

3 TRAININGS

**ICE HOCKEY**

4 TRAININGS

**FOOTBALL**

76 TRAININGS

**TENNIS**

6 TRAININGS

**HANDBALL**

21 TRAININGS

**TABLE TENNIS**

6 TRAININGS

**SKIING**

1 TRAINING



## ACTIVITIES & TEACHING



## PARIS 2024: INFORMATION AND AWARENESS- RAISING FOR ATHLETES



Together with our integrity partner organizations (Austrian NADO and 100% Sport / Safe Sport), the Austrian Olympic Committee athletes were once again comprehensively informed about the integrity issues of match-fixing, doping and safe sport during the uniform days shortly before their departure for the Olympic Games.

Congratulations to the medalists: Michaela Polleres, Valentin Bontus, Lara Vadlau & Lukas Mähr, Jessica Pilz, Jakob Schubert.

Friedrich Martens - IOC

Hi Severin!  
It's great that you are helping to prepare the Austrian Olympians again this year. This is once again the perfect complement to the activities of the OM Unit PMC in Paris! Fantastic!  
Best wishes, Friedrich

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## PLAY FAIR CODE TALKS 2.0

High-profile network meeting of national and international integrity experts at the House of Sports in Vienna.

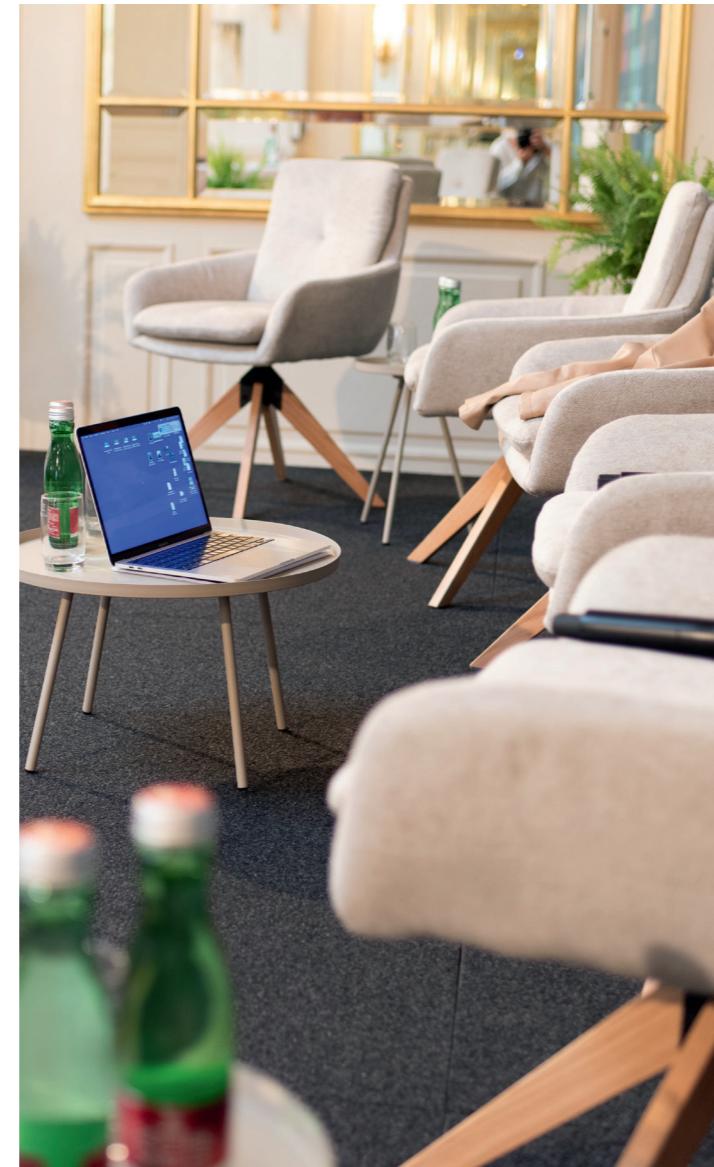


This time with a focus on women's sports, which is racing ahead in terms of awareness and visibility. Opportunity or risk? How are the associated integrity challenges being dealt with and are there any recommendations for action?

Live on **ORF SPORT +** and available to watch on our site.



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**Kirstin Hallman**  
Dear Severin,  
Thank you again for the invitation. I think your Play Fair Code Talks 2.0 were fantastic. Excellent format, people and discussions. Thanks for the pictures,  
Kirstin

14:10 ✓



**Claudia Koller**  
The Play Fair Code ensured that attention was given during the Talks to important values such as integrity and equal opportunities.  
Thank you very much!  
Claudia

16:45 ✓

In two exciting discussion panels, renowned experts from Austria and abroad shared their insights, including representatives from the German Sport University Cologne, CAS, 100% Sport, UNODC, the DFB, the Austrian Ice Hockey Association (ÖEHV), the Austrian Football Association (ÖFB), the IIHF and the IOC.



**Timo Gless**  
Good morning, Severin,  
thank you very much for the invitation! It was a great event and a good discussion between the panel participants and attendees.  
Best wishes, Timo

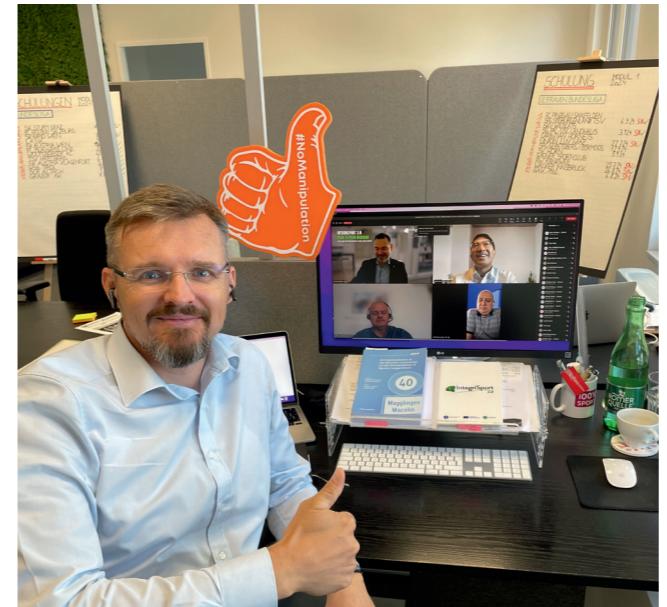
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## ERASMUS+ PROJECT INTEGRISPORT 3.0

Worthy finale for the Erasmus+ project  
IntegriSport 3.0.

The project consortium with expert partners from the Netherlands, Greece, Spain, Estonia, Romania, Bulgaria, Switzerland and the Play Fair Code dealt with the targeted sensitization, education and training of law enforcement and judicial authorities in order to improve efficiency and effectiveness in the investigation and prosecution of match-fixing and betting fraud. The foundation was laid last year in a two-day "Awareness Raising Practical Session", held for criminal investigation officers in Vienna as one of Austria's central contributions to the project.



## INTERNATIONAL FOOTPRINT



### ENGSO - EUROPEAN ORGANISATION FOR GRASSROOTS SPORT



As part of the Members Seminar on the occasion of the 32nd ENGSO General Assembly in Vienna, Marc Orlainsky presented the work of the Play Fair Code to the 38 member nations.



### EUROPEAN LOTTERIES INDUSTRY DAYS



### SPORT4IMPACT



At the invitation of Sport4Impact, the Play Fair Code took part in the first international symposium "Impact Investing in Sports along ESG Emerging Standards" at the Milan Stock Exchange in April.

During a panel discussion, Severin Moritzer emphasized the importance of integrity and credibility in the ESG field in consideration of the great potential for strategic and sustainable investments in sports and promoted a return-on-integrity approach in connection with such investments.

### UEFA ANTI-MATCH-FIXING REGIONAL WORKSHOP IN BELGIUM



Hosted by the Royal Belgian Football Association and UEFA, the Play Fair Code, together with the Austrian Football Association and the Criminal Intelligence Service Austria, presented proven current practices for investigating and penalizing match-fixing under criminal and disciplinary law at a UEFA Regional Workshop, taking as example the case of the Austrian Third League.

The communication framework established in Austria for many years between the associations, the leagues, the Criminal Investigation Service Austria and the Play Fair Code is regarded internationally as an exemplary model.



# #NOMANIPULATION



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World Championship test match against Canada: cracks of the homeland of ice hockey with a special message.

More than 7,000 fans in the sold-out Vienna Arena may not have witnessed an Austrian ice hockey miracle at this match, but they did see a campaign made possible by win2day, in which the Canadians and superstar Connor Bedard wore the Play Fair Code social media claim #NoManipulation prominently on their jerseys. What a statement!

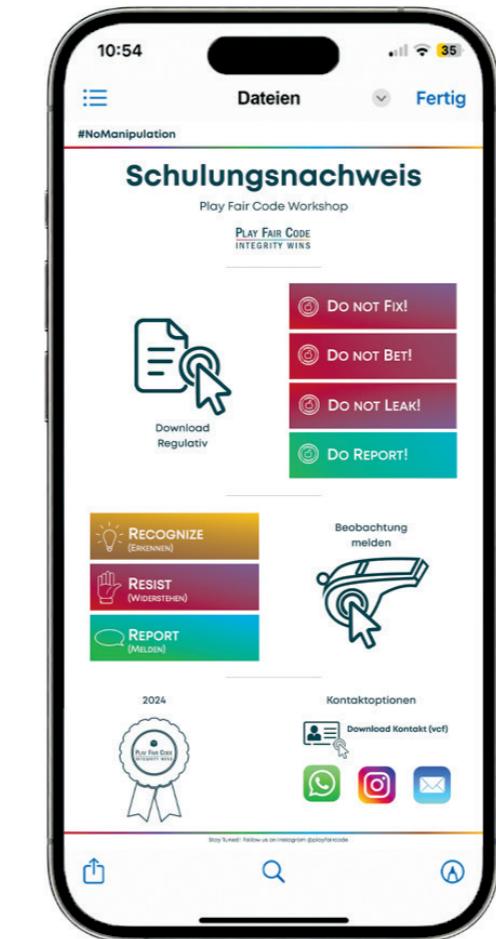
Shortly afterwards, Team Austria made up for the defeat in this test match with a historic 5-goal comeback in Prague during the World Championship 2024.



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## NEW TRAINING TOOLS



Digital training certificate



#NoManipulation backdrop



Upcycled bags from old roll-ups



Colorful new thumbs

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## „Play Fair Code“: Verpflichtende Workshops für ÖTV-Top-50-Spieler:innen



Dabei sollen die Sportler:innen zu den Themen Spielmanipulation und Wettbetrug geschult werden.



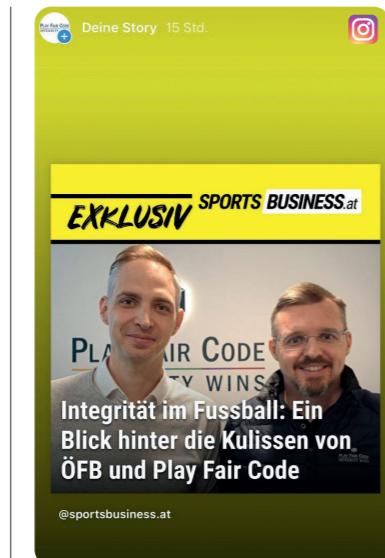
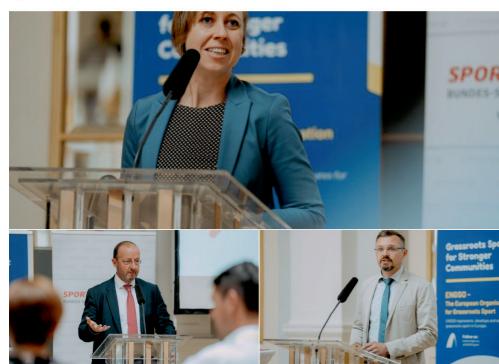
Der ÖTV (links mit Geschäftsführer Wirtschaft und „Play Fair Code“-Vorstandsmitglied Thomas Schweda, rechts Sportdirektor und Davis-Cup-Kapitän Jürgen Melzer) setzt sich gemeinsam mit Georg Wawer (2. von links), Managing Director des ÖTV-Hauptsponsors win2day und Ordentliches Mitglied beim „Play Fair Code“, stark gegen Spielmanipulation und Wettbetrug.



Since 2022, IRIS (Institutions for Respect and Integrity in Sport) is home of three expert institutions which promote safe and clean sport by fostering prevention in terms of anti-doping, violence prevention, enhanced gender equality and the prevention of betting manipulation.

Michael Cepic, Managing Director, **NADA Austria**, Claudia Koller, Managing Director, **100% SPORT - Österreichisches Zentrum für Genderkompetenz und Safe Sport** and Marc Orlinsky, Play Fair Code joined us to lead a seminar on sport integrity, anti-doping and safeguarding in sport.

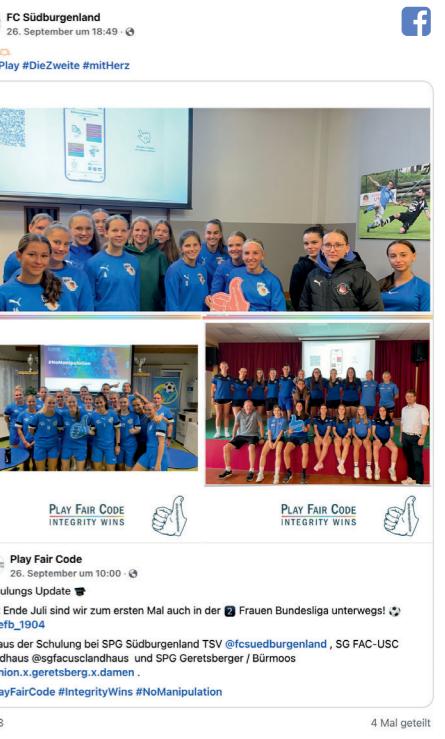
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It has been a pleasure to be part of this year's Play Fair Code Talks 2.0. I discussed with the other panelists match-fixing and integrity in women's sport. It was an exciting discussion with many insights. Many thanks to **Severin Moritzer**, **Sönke Niklas**, **Felicia Wiederstein BSC**, and Marc Orlinsky for the invitation and the organisation of this event.



Play Fair Code Talks 2.0 😊 (26.9. Haus des Sports): Wenn die Nachbarn einladen kommt man immer gerne vorbei. Eine ganz besondere Freude war es mir aber auf einem der Panels Platz nehmen zu dürfen und unter der Leitung von **Severin Moritzer** mit ausgewiesenen Expert\*innen aus verschiedenen Professionen über Integrität, Matchfixing und Frauensport zu diskutieren. Expertise, Erfahrung und Insights eingebracht haben in zwei höchst spannenden Panels: **Friedrich Stickler** (PFC Präsident), **Martina Spreitzer-Kropiunik** (CAS- und Strafrichterin), **Timo Gless** (Integrity Officer OEHV), **Eva Immerheiser** (Integrity Officer DFB), **Naomi Blötejes** (Integrity Officer IIHF), **Kirstin Hallmann** (Professorin Sporthochschule Köln) und **Ronan O'Laoire** (UNODC Vienna). Herzliche Gratulation dem gesamten PFC Team für diese wirklich gelungene Veranstaltung 😊 [foto credits Sönke Niklas]



## Warum die Wettermafia den Frauenfußball bereits im Visier hat

Der Play Fair Code kämpft erfolgreich gegen Spielmanipulation, doch Experten warnen vor der nächsten Gefahr

**Hintergrund.** Dominique Taboga und die 13 vom Verteidiger verschobenen Spielerinnen hatten den Ausschlag gegeben. Der Skandal weitete sich aus, auch Ex-Teamstürmer Sanel Kuljic wurde verhaftet. Der Schock in Österreich war groß: Die Wettermafia hatte sich ausgebreitet. Wie konnte Spielmanipulation und Wettbetrug, oft abgetan als kleine Gaunerien, im Unterhaus, massiv in der obersten Spielklasse landen?

Als Reaktion wurde 2012 der Play Fair Code gegründet. Seither wird durch Präventionsmaßnahmen und Bewusstseinsbildung versucht, den Sport sauber zu halten. „2.000 Schulungen für 12.000 Sportler wurden durchgeführt“, berichtet Prä-

sident Friedrich Stickler über die Tätigkeiten des Teams rund um Geschäftsführer Severin Moritzer.

Das internationale Echo stützt den Aufwand. „Wir nennen den Play Fair Code weltweit als Beispiel für Best Practice“, erzählt Friedrich Martens, der beim Internationalen Olympischen Komitee (IOC) um Integrität kämpft. Dass der Verein aufgrund des eigenen Erfolgs bald obsolet werden könnte, ist aber auszuschließen. Das wurde bei den „Play Fair Code Talks“ mit internationalen Experten im „Haus des Sports“ schief klar.

Es lautet ein unerwartete Gefahr: Matchfixing, also Spielmanipulation, im Frauensport, besonders im Fuß-

ball. Ein Grund dafür ist kurioserweise der Erfolg.

„Die Frauen-WM in Neuseeland wurde vor dem TV von zwei Milliarden Menschen verfolgt. Das ist eine Verdopplung zur WM vor vier Jahren“, berichtet Kirstin Hallmann von der Uni Köln. Die Folge? Es fließt wesentlich mehr Geld in den

Fußball, das Wettgeschäft erkennt einen Markt – und in Folge auch die Wettermafia.

Hallmann: „Der Anstieg der Wetten auf Fußball und Tennis ist bei den Frauen eklatant.“ Der nächste Schritt sind Live-Wetten, möglich gemacht durch den Anstieg der Aufzeichnungen von Live-Daten um 62 % in nur

drei Jahren. „Wo Geld ist, wird auch Wettbetrug angezogen“, betont der CAS-Richterin Martina Spreitzer-Kropiunik. Deswegen setzt der Play Fair Code auf Prävention, ab dem Mädchenalter.

### Wachsam

Friedrich Stickler ist als Präsident des Play Fair Code zur Expertenrunde über neue Gefahren

ALEXANDER HUBER

„Schlechte Quote“ Stickler ist ein Experte des Wettmarktes und betont die gute Zusammenarbeit mit Österreichs Polizei. Der frühere ÖFB-Präsident sieht aber internationale Versäumnisse: „Weltweit wurden 2023 in allen Sportarten 1.300 Spiele durch Wettanbieter als extrem auffällig gewertet. Deren 20 Fälle führten zu Sanktionen, nur 9 zu polizeilichen Ermittlungen. Dieses Loch macht Sorgen.“



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