



Integrity is fundamental to Sport. Without Integrity competition is meaningless and Sport, as an industry, is at risk. Integrity issues are broad, diverse, and hugely significant. Threats can relate specifically to competition, such as match fixing, or they can be related to Sport in other ways, such as child protection within the Sporting environment, corruption and inclusivity.

What is clear is that Sport faces a very real and tangible Integrity threat on many levels; and much of the strategies and safeguards that aim to protect Sport are difficult to review.

The historical opaqueness of governance and decision-making processes when combined with the commercialisation of sport, has created, facilitated, and perpetuated an environment of corruption and criminality. This reality, combined with a lack of accountability, threatens Sport, its' credibility, viability, and the confidence placed within it as an industry.

This is clearly a hugely complex and significant issue where highly sophisticated measure are required to detect, measure, improve and resolve each component part. However, these **Integrity solutions should be underpinned and supported by an accessible, concise and relevant benchmarking mechanism** that enables quick, simplistic and transparent organisational hygiene reviews to occur.

The Sport Transparency Index project, which will initially run between January 2023 - June 2025, has been devised to support Integrity interventions at the most fundamental level. It will help by benchmarking Sport stakeholders including clubs, leagues, national associations, and international governing bodies using universally applicable and appropriate criteria to evaluate, compare and contrast them against basic Integrity-related Transparency Indicators.

This will help to protect Sport, as an entirety, from the bottom up and facilitate cross-Sport linkages and shared knowledge. It will do this by shining a light on specific areas where Transparency needs to improve, quantifying norms across Sport, region, leagues, and competitions and by **recognising those that truly Champion Integrity in Sport.**



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PROJECT AIMS



1

To define and articulate a set of common Integrity Indicators that are applicable to all European Sport Stakeholders.

2

To use the indicators to create a Transparency Index that objectively assesses all European Sport Stakeholders (To be defined and delimited within the parameters of this project) in relation to their levels of Transparency with specific regards to the indicators.

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The indicator evaluation process must be universal, applicable to all, permit objective, binary and external.

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Evaluations based solely on the information made freely available within the stakeholders' official website.

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To design the Index in a way that works to improve standards by shining a light on current capacities and levels of Integrity Transparency.

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The intent is to enable and facilitate positive change through education, policy recommendations and knowledge exchange mechanisms.

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