Declaration on combating corruption in European sport

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The European Parliament adopted a declaration on combating corruption in European Sport in which it recognises the very important social and financial impact of European sport on citizens and enterprises in the Union. However, it also states that corruption problems with a European dimension need to be tackled at European level.

The Commission is called upon to:

- coordinate, together with Member States, a large-scale study on corruption incidents in European sport, consulting all relevant stakeholders;
- **regulate online betting**, in the interests of the integrity and sustainable development of European sport, through licensed operators, specific measures to combat match-fixing and ensuring a fair return to grassroots sport through the recognition of a betting right to sports competition organisers.

Lastly, Parliament calls on the Commission and the Member States to highlight specifically links between **organised crime activity and legal and illegal betting**, sport agents, referees, club officials and sportsmen and women, that aim to fix the results of European sport matches in advance.