

EUROPEAN COMMISSION



IN ASSOCIATION WITH



***High-level conference***  
***“Towards an EU strategy against violence in sport”***  
***Brussels, 28-29 November 2007***

Sport competitions are not just a game; they should be a celebration of social links and understanding among different cultures and traditions. Therefore it is important to ensure that they take place peacefully and in a secure and safe environment. In many cases, the most violent incidents have an international dimension, since large numbers of supporters cross national borders to attend major events.

To tackle these challenges more effectively, the European Commission has agreed with the Portuguese Presidency of the Council and the European Parliament, in association with UEFA, to organise a **high-level conference “Towards an EU strategy against violence in sport”**. The event will take place on **28-29 November 2007 in Brussels**, in the presence of high level representatives of the Commission, Member States, the European Parliament, the Council of Europe as well as sport organisations.

This conference will send an important signal about the political commitment of all relevant European institutions to combating violence, especially in the football community. The expected participation of some 150 delegates from EU Member States will bring together a range of practical experience.

It is only through stronger cooperation between the various communities that we will address the prevention of incidents. **This requires a more structured dialogue between all the stakeholders, including national and local governments, law enforcement agencies, judicial authorities, sport organisations e.g. clubs, supporters’ associations etc.**

Our goal is to deliver a multidisciplinary approach that shares best practice across Europe, and improves day-to-day cooperation between all the actors.

