

International fraud with match manipulation, results of a Hungarian investigation



- November 2009: the biggest match-fixing scandal in Europe
- Public Prosecutor's Office in the city of Bochum (Germany) identified 200 matches in 9 European countries
- report of the Hungarian Football Federation was based on the results of the German investigation
- in Hungary the investigation started in December 2009

The structure of the Hungarian criminal organization.



- the boss was in Asia, in Singapore
- organizers
 - were the direct partners of the syndicate leader
 - were responsible for specific regions (Croatian, Slovenian, Slovak, Hungarian, Bulgarian, Finnish, Asian, Africa region)
 - own „employees” for delivering money

Manipulation methods and techniques



- undue advantage or promise
- establishment of a company for manipulation
- members of the criminal organization as managers tried to contract with famous football teams and convey football players
- head of the syndicate designated the football matches at the sports betting providers
- direct instruction for the sports betting providers to pick up the matches

Manipulation methods and techniques



- Hungarian regional criminal operators were responsible for organizing of the manipulation
- report to the head of the syndicate of the completed task
- Asian betting agents:
 - larger amount than in Europe
 - anonymity
- equal share from the profit
- shared the losses

Joint Investigation Team (JIT)



- 29 may 2000: Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between EU Member States
- 2011: Hungarian Public Prosecution Service concluded a cooperation with Finland and Germany, later Austria and Slovenia joined
- purpose of the Joint Investigation Team
 - discovery the criminal network,
 - identification the members of the criminal organization,
 - collection of information and the exchange of information on the manipulated matches,
 - exploration of illegal acquisition of property
- Hungarian Public Prosecution Office charged 45 suspects accused with fraud and bribery against in 32 rigged matches

Conclusions based on Hungarian experiences



- authorities must proceed against gambling as strictly as possible
- successful investigation with international cooperation
- capture of fugitive suspect is impracticable without a broader collaboration outside Europe
- courts must set deterrent punishments
- property illegally gained must be confiscated
- clear, specific and strictly sanctioned rules for football players