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## **Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)**

### **11<sup>th</sup> Governing Board Bureau Meeting**

Strasbourg, 5 November 2010

## **Decisions**

### **1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting was opened and chaired by Jean-Luc Janiszewski, Chair of the EPAS Governing Board. Having deliberated, the Bureau of the Governing Board:

### **2. Adoption of the draft agenda**

- thanked the Secretariat for the preparation, quality and timely distribution of the documents;
- noted that the French translation of document EPAS(2010)56 was distributed after the deadline and that EPAS(2010)58 was only included in the paper folders due to technical difficulties. Noted that these delays, resulting from technical difficulties, should not have consequences on the agenda;
- noted that the Hungarian presidency of the EU managed to include in its programme a co-ordination meeting between the EU and the Council of Europe, and that this issue may be discussed under item 5 of the agenda;
- adopted the agenda as attached in appendix 1.

### **3. Recent news of interest**

- noted the ongoing development and the expected accession of Turkey;
- proposed to add a subtitle in document EPAS(2010)6rev3, at the top of page 8, to show that the two latest organisations are candidates to become members of the Consultative Committee.

### **4. Report from recent meetings**

*Concerning the Report of the Governing Board EPAS(2010)46*

- specified that on item 12, the Governing Board “noted” that Mr Weingärtner had approached the Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth of the European Commission;
- invited the Secretariat to check the consistency of the semi-columns and dots and the accuracy of the names and of the list of participants;
- proposed to re-draft the third indent of item 8.2 to reflect the expressed concerns;
- adopted the report EPAS(2010)46 with these revisions.

*Concerning the Report of the Governing Board EPAS(2010)52*

- clarified that the Chair of the Consultative Committee was invited to speak at the opening of the conference;
- adopted the report EPAS(2010)52 with these revisions.
- took note of the decisions of the Committee of Ministers, which established the EPAS “without limit of duration” and adopted its revised statutes, as reproduced in EPAS(2010)INF15;
- took note of the decisions of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Statutory Committee as reproduced in EPAS-SC(2010)9:
  - o noted that the item on “future activities” was an information note from the Secretariat;
  - o took note that a Permanent Representation had raised issues regarding the organisation by EPAS of Ministerial meetings and CM recommendations, and that these issues will need to be further clarified;
  - o stressed that it is in the own interest of EPAS to share the results of its work and to communicate with non-member states;
- invited the Secretariat to circulate for information to the Bureau members the full report of the external auditor on the accounts 2009.

**5. 18<sup>th</sup> Council of Europe Informal Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport: report and follow-up**

- congratulated Azerbaijan for hosting the event so well and the excellent logistics they provided;
- thanked all the delegations for their contributions and thanked the Secretariat for its work;
- reminded those present that the updated list of needed facilities, as well as a financial report, need to be available for countries that may be interested to host such a ministerial conference;
- concerning the SG’s report EPAS(2010)INF16, noted two minor editorial improvements and suggested, if possible, to add a line on the “results” on the issue of visas;
- appreciated the overview of follow-up actions EPAS(2010)57 and proposed amendments;
- took note of the explanation of the Secretariat on the “hearings” mentioned in item 1.1, 1.2.1 and 1.2.4, which refer to the same meeting;
- took note that the GR-REF.INST has not yet started to work on the decision-making processes related to ministerial meetings;
- considered that the handbook referred to in item 2.1.4.2 may be online and/or on paper, depending on its content;
- proposed to complete item 2.1.1 with a second bullet mentioning “Dissemination of the Study, with the recommendation and the resolution adopted in Baku, to the Foreign affairs, sport confederations and NOC”;
- welcomed the project of the Hungarian presidency of the EU to organise an inter-institutional CoE-EU co-ordination involving representatives of the administrations, the intergovernmental bodies and the parliamentary bodies;
- noted that this meeting may be hosted in the European Youth Centre in Budapest;
- Considered that the attendance of the meeting should involve:
  - o representatives of the Presidency team
  - o a representative of the CM presidency

- the Chair and Vice-Chair of the EPAS Governing Board, as well as the Chair of the two Convention Committees (T-DO and T-RV)
- representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the European Parliament.
- noted the view of the representative of the Consultative Committee that the meeting should include representatives of the sports movement, in order to reflect the spirit and structures of the EPAS.

## **6. Programme and budget 2010**

### *Regarding the Calendar SPORT (2010) 1*

- stated that the Bureau should help to keep this calendar as up to date as possible, but that this document is regularly updated;
- noted that the calendar of the first part of 2011 will be distributed soon after the meeting;
- noted that the meeting of the Standing Committee T-RV in December, will not take place in Strasbourg but in Istanbul.

### *Regarding the table of activities (section 4 of EPAS(2010)7rev2)*

- noted that the Consultative visit in Bosnia-Herzegovina can now be scheduled, as the report has just been received; it may take place at the end of 2010 or beginning of 2011; entrust the Secretariat to set up the evaluation team, in consultation with the Chair of the Governing Board;
- noted that the seminar on volunteer programmes will take place in April 2011 in Kazan (precise dates will be confirmed by Alexey Morozov before December 2010), as the local authorities had difficulties proposing a date in 2010;
- noted that the postponement of activities (e.g. Warsaw, Kazan) may imply that some funds of the budget 2010 will remain unspent, and that the EPAS will decide, while adopting the accounts 2010, whether the remainder will be transferred to the special account for projects (as in 2007) or will be redistributed to the member states (as in 2008 and 2009).
- noted that the Conference on “Disability Sport as an active tool to overcome discrimination and to promote social inclusion” foreseen in Warsaw in 2010 will take place in Warsaw on 17-18 January 2011.
- noted, however, that a few editorial updates will be included in the next update of the document, in particular in order to clarify the status of each part of this document;
- approved the planning of the future publications as put forward in document EPAS(2010)11 rev1;
- stressed that the publication on “Women and Sport” should focus on new issues and research, in order to demonstrate its added value.

### **6.1 Standard setting**

- welcomed the document EPAS(2010)44 that was prepared by the Secretariat on the sources that were used to prepare the draft recommendation on migrations.

### **6.2 Follow-up of existing standards**

- appreciated the quality of this study (cf EPAS(2010)51);
- expressed some editorial and layout proposals;
- proposed to add an introduction and a key to table EPAS(2010)58;

- considered this overview as a step in the process, showing the situation at the end of 2010, but understood that at this stage, the Secretariat would not be able to update it continuously.

### **6.3 Promotion of diversity and the fight against discriminations**

- took note of the information presented by Sonia Parayre on the respective projects carried out in 2010 highlighting the inclusive role of sport to tackling racial discrimination, gender discrimination as well as the exclusion of people with disabilities.

### **6.4 Voluntary Contribution projects**

#### *Concerning the Euroschool project*

- decided by vote (5 to 1) not to launch the Euroschool project, as the requested level of state contribution was not reached;
- thanked the partner organisations for their good co-operation;
- invited interested states to consider a direct involvement with the organisers;
- stated that the EPAS may consider, at a later stage, other kinds of co-operation with StreetFootballWorld. Noted, however, that attracting a large number of states to participate in a call for voluntary contributions was too ambitious; considering that States already contribute to the funding of the EPAS.

#### *Concerning the Schools of Sport and Peace project*

- took note of the project and considered that, due to the specific regional situation, it was not appropriate to include it in the EPAS programme of activities or to launch a call for support.

#### *Concerning the project on Good Governance*

- noted that interest was expressed from the organisers of lotteries, but that the project cannot start as long as a partner from the sports movement is not involved;
- invited the Secretariat to transmit the draft projects to ENGSO, which will consider its involvement;
- welcomed the proposal from Peace and Sport with a view to draft a framework for voluntary contribution projects that may be proposed to promote intercultural dialogue through sport in cross-border areas that have experienced conflicts.

## **7. Programme 2011 and budget**

- suggested to add comments or footnotes to clarify the status of the different parts of document EPAS(2010)33 rev;
- proposed to add a footnote on when it was communicated to the CM;
- proposed to clarify the title of the section covering both the Conventions and the EPAS, which may be otherwise misunderstood;
- proposed to clarify in Priority Nr 2 (p. 3) which Ministerial Conference is meant;
- Considered that the indicator for the “Expected result Nr 3” is possibly too optimistic;
- welcomed the explanation of the Secretariat on the “European debates” mentioned in Activity Nr 2 : a kind of high level public round table, organised with strong support from the City of Strasbourg and the CoE Directorate of Communication;
- noted that activity Nr 9 will take place in Kazan in April 2011;
- took note that activity Nr 10 will benefit from support from the youth sector and has a different aim and target group from Conference Nr 11;

- approved the proposed schedule of the March meetings;
- approved the proposed date of the Governing Board meeting;
- proposed to delete the reference to a fixed duration for the Bureau meetings (activity Nr 15), but supported that, if needed, these meetings may last more than one day;
- noted that preliminary contacts were already established with the Netherlands on activity Nr 5 and that activity Nr 13 is open to all European countries, but organised in partnership with the Spanish Paralympics Committee.

## **8. Miscellaneous**

- confirmed the accuracy of the personal information in the list of the Bureau, and invited to redistribute it, once confirmed by Dagan Atanasov;
- took note that the Consultative Committee will meet on 21 March;
- took note of the reasons expressed by the Chair of the Consultative Committee to propose another meeting of the Bureau of the Consultative Committee one month in advance and that the Secretariat will get in touch with him to consider possible solutions;
- noted the request of the Consultative Committee to be granted access codes to the restricted area and noted that the confidentiality of the documents will be accessed by the Secretariat and a proposal will be submitted to the Bureau.

## **9. Date and place of the next Governing Board Bureau Meeting**

- confirmed that the next meeting of the Bureau of the Governing Board will take place on 22 March and (if needed) in the morning of the 23 March;
- took note that the morning of the 22 March will be a joint meeting of the Bureau of the Consultative Committee and the Bureau of the Governing Board.

### Appendix 1 - Draft Agenda

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	<b>2. Adoption of the agenda</b>	EPAS (2010) 55rev
<b>Reports</b>	<b>3. Recent news of interest</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member states</li> <li>• Partner Organisations</li> </ul>	EPAS (2010) 6rev3
	<b>4. Reports from recent meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of decisions of the 4th Governing Board meeting, Strasbourg, 4-5 May 2010</li> <li>• List of decisions of the 10<sup>th</sup> Bureau meeting, Strasbourg, 29 June 2010</li> <li>• Decisions adopted by the 1095<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee of Ministers</li> <li>• Decisions by the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Statutory Committee</li> </ul>	EPAS (2010) 46 EPAS (2010) 52 EPAS (2010) INF15 EPAS-SC (2010) 9
	<b>5. 18th Council of Europe Informal Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport: report and follow-up</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debriefing</li> <li>• Draft Report of the Secretary General</li> <li>• Follow-up</li> <li>• Co-operation with the EU</li> </ul>	EPAS (2010) INF 16 EPAS (2010) 57
	<b>6. Programme and budget 2010</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings and EPAS representation</li> <li>• Programme 2010 and budget</li> <li>• Publications 2010</li> </ul>	SPORT (2010) 1 EPAS (2010) 7rev2 EPAS (2010) 11rev1
<b>Ongoing activities (Programme 2010)</b>	<b>6.1 Standard-setting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation on the Draft Recommendation on Migrations</li> </ul>	EPAS (2010) 44
	<b>6.2 Follow-up of existing standards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study on the implementation of Recommendation No. R(99)10 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to member states on the granting of visas to sportsmen and sportswomen</li> </ul>	EPAS (2010) 51 EPAS (2010) 58
	<b>6.3 Promotion of diversity and the fight against discrimination</b>	
	<b>6.4 Voluntary Contribution Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Consultation on EuroSchools</li> <li>ii. Project on good governance</li> <li>iii. Schools of Sport and Peace</li> <li>iv. Other</li> </ul>	EPAS (2010) 56rev2
	<b>7. Programme 2011 and budget</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Programme and budget</li> <li>ii. Detailed overview</li> </ul>	EPAS (2010) 33rev
	<b>8. Miscellaneous</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated list of Contacts Bureau</li> </ul>	EPAS (2010) 36
	<b>9. Date and place of the next Governing Board Bureau meeting</b>	

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