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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

12th Governing Board Bureau Meeting

Strasbourg, 22-23 March 2011

Decisions

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened and chaired by Jean-Luc Janiszewski, Chair of the Enlarged partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) Governing Board (GB). The Chair welcomed the attendance of the representatives of the Bureau of the Consultative Committee (CC), which reflect EPAS's wish to have stronger involvement of the sports movement in its bodies. He transmitted the apologies from Dragan Atanasov and Ewa Markowic.

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 document EPAS(2010)18 was distributed after the deadline but is not intended to be formally adopted;
- adopted the agenda as attached in Appendix I.

3. Recent news of interest

- noted the accession of Georgia and the recent contacts with Turkey, Belgium, and Ukraine, which are in the process of joining EPAS;
- noted the ongoing development of the Consultative Committee and the result of the consultation on European Women and Sport, as well as the SAMBO Federation, whose candidature was supported by the Consultative Committee and the Governing Board and are about to be confirmed by the Committee of Ministers.

4. Voluntary Contribution Projects

Project on Good Governance

- noted that, despite the recent progress (decision by European Lotteries to contribute to the project with a grant of € 7500 - over three years - and the interest from ENGSO) the Secretariat is still missing a similar contribution from a Sports organisation to complete the budget and propose to start the project;

- noted that the possible involvement of European Athletics and FIBA was discussed, and that an official answer is expected from these organisations;
- noted that Prerag Manojlovic, Chair of the Consultative Committee, is prepared to facilitate the contacts with sports organisations to identify the missing partner;
- agreed that a decision concerning the launching of this project must be taken by the Governing Board on 7-8 June 2011;

Concerning the draft project "Friendship Games"

- noted that a proposal was received from "Peace and Sport", and that the Consultative Committee appreciated the excellent presentation of the idea;
- understood that the proposal is a framework that may be available to EPAS member states and that specific projects will be developed in case EPAS members and partner organisations express interest in them;
- noted that such projects may take place in out outside Europe, depending on the interest of the members, but that the first intention is to provide the EPAS members with a proposal to be used within their country or with neighbouring countries;
- proposed an open discussion with the Governing Board at its forthcoming meeting on 7-8 June, subject to the provision of an EPAS document presenting the framework project;

5. Draft Agenda of the Governing Board meeting

- confirmed that the plenary meeting of the Governing Board will take place on 7-8 June, in Strasbourg, and that the 7 June will be open to the Consultative Committee members;
- requested the Bureau to be consulted with a written procedure, before the draft agenda will be released;
- welcomed the proposal to invite Mr Pascal Boniface, the Director of IRIS ("Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques" – Institute for International and Strategic Relations), as well as a representative from UNICEF, whose activities are in line with the current EPAS priorities;
- expected the draft agenda to cover recent activities, ongoing projects and future activities;
- requested the elections of the Governing Board Chairman and its Bureau members to take place on the second day;
- noted that presentation on the current and new issues regarding international co-operation on sport policies will also be included in the draft agenda;
- noted that the Consultative Committee will make suggestions on the programme of activities 2012;

6. Draft programme of activity 2012-2013

- noted the preliminary elements transmitted by the Secretariat to the Directorate of Programme and Budget;
- confirmed the usual procedure that the Governing Board should adopt the priorities for the future exercise;
- proposed to stress the role of the Sports movement, and not to emphasise that the co-operation with European Union is a new priority;
- requested explanations by the EPAS Secretariat on the particular reference of issues such as Roma and Migration;

- welcomed the development of biannual priorities, that would reflect the political inputs expressed at the ministerial meetings;
- stressed however that the EPAS should go on with the annual adoption of its budget and detailed programme;

7. Preparation of the 12th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport

- approved the schedule to be submitted to the Governing Board;
- expressed the wish that the Ministerial meeting would set the political direction of EPAS' activities;
- reminded that the added-value of the proposed topic is essential, and that EPAS should innovate and avoid to stick to consensual issues;

8. Reports from recent meetings

- noted some editorial amendments in the French version of the report EPAS(2010)62;
- invited the Secretariat to check whether the report of the external auditor has been made available;
- noted the oral presentation of the outcome of the Consultative Committee Bureau meeting which took place on 8 March 2011 :
 - o discussion on criteria for the Consultative Committee members (new proposals will come from the Consultative Committee);
 - o implementation of the revised statute of the EPAS;
 - o support to the admission of EUPA and Sport and Citizenship;
 - o designation of UEFA as responsible for the follow-up of match-fixing issues;
 - o preparation of proposals for the activities 2012-2013;
- welcomed the adoption of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2011)3 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the principle of autonomy of sport in Europe , and invited the Secretariat to publish it on the website and to send an information to the National Olympic Committees (NOC) with a link to the Recommendation;

9. 18th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport: report and follow-up

- welcomed the presentation on the financial report and proposed to prepare a summary of this report, presenting average values, for distribution to the Governing Board;
- welcomed the communication of the check-list for the preparation of Ministerial Conferences, invited the Secretariat to update it according to the comments given by Bureau members for its update where appropriate and to keep it available for countries interested in the organisation of future ministerial meetings;
- reminded the Secretariat that the report of the Conference was not yet published online and urged to do it soon;
- Approved the follow-up document EPAS(2011)17;

10. Ongoing programme and budget

Regarding the list of meetings and EPAS representation:

- designated Mr Ilham Matadov to represent EPAS at the European Fair Play Movement Congress in Croatia (28.09.-1.10.2011);
- designated Mr Trond Glasser to represent the Governing Board in the study visit to take place in London on 27 April 2011 in London, for a study visit to private betting operators, and proposed to involve the United Kingdom authorities (Mr Henry Burges) and a representative of UEFA as members of the Consultative Committee;

Regarding the Programme 2011 and budget:

- noted that the date of 3 May refers to activity Nr 3, not 1
- welcomed the proposals from the Consultative Committee to get involved in the various EPAS events, as stated in document EPAS(2011)22;
- requested the Secretariat to provide additional information on the activities “A”, “B”, “C”, and “D”, and to proceed with a written consultation before considering that the activities are approved by the Bureau;
- noted that the handbook may be funded by a voluntary contribution from Monaco, and that the description of this project (included its added value) will be submitted to the Governing Board forthcoming meeting of June;
- wished to underline that VIDC means “Vienna Institute for Development and Co-operation”
- took note that Activity “D” is not the same as the activity previously rejected by the Bureau and decided that the activity will be confirmed by the Governing Board
- expressed its satisfaction for the positive results of the Conference “Disability sport as an active tool to overcome discrimination and to foster inclusion”, which was organised in Warsaw on 17-19 January 2011;
- approved the update of the list of publications, noting that the description of the handbooks will be included in the next update;

10.1 Standard-setting

- approved that the latest update of the draft recommendation on migration will be submitted to the Governing Board for approval;
- approved the agenda of the Hearing on the draft recommendation on the fight against manipulation of sports results and specified that it will be chaired by Krisztina Gönter and that the list of invitees should:
 - o include representatives of a few more federations which have advanced policies on this issues, regardless if they are already members of the EPAS Consultative Committee (Ice-Hockey, Tennis, Cricket and Athletics);
 - o include one representative of WADA (the European Director)
 - o allow Directors from the European Commission to be accompanied with one expert each;
- took note that the morning of the 22 March will be a joint meeting of the Bureaus of the Consultative Committee and the Governing Board.

10.2 Follow-up of existing standards

- stressed that the co-ordination meeting with the European Union, scheduled on 15 June 2011, should include a discussion on the issue of visas;
- welcomed the consultative visit that took place in Bosnia and Herzegovina on 25-26 January 2011 and expected that the programme of the visit, as well as the list of the team (which included a representative of the Consultative Committee) will be mentioned in the report;

10.3 Promotion of diversity and fight against discrimination

- took note of the presentation by Sonia Parayre on the recent activities on people with disabilities in sport (Conference in Warsaw, Seminar in European Youth Center) and on follow-up to the proposals of the Warsaw conference - Participation in the Conference in Valencia, participation in the Conference in Bourges, Handbook on good practices, workshop on women with disabilities in sport in the London Conference (15-18.09.2011);
- noted that following the consultation of the entire Governing Board, a working Group was set up to prepare input on gender mainstreaming in sports policies for the forthcoming London conference;
- proposed to clearly state the added value of the London Conference on Women in Sport (compared to other ongoing activities on the same issue), while preparing and communicating on the event;

11 Miscellaneous

- noted that a report prepared with the legal Department of the Council of Europe would be submitted to the Governing Board to address the statutory and political issues raised by the Danish representative in last year's Governing Board Meeting;
- welcomed the proposal of a topic for an EPAS Round Table and stressed that the Round Table will be confirmed only in case at least 10 countries express interest.

12 Date and place of the next Governing Board Bureau Meeting

- confirmed that the next meeting of the Governing Board Bureau will take place on 20 October 2011;
- noted that the Executive Secretary will propose an outdoor team building activity to the Bureau members (as well as newly elected Bureau members) on the evening of 8 June 2011.

Appendix I

AGENDA

<u>22 March - morning session</u> <u>Governing Board Bureau and Consultative Committee Bureau</u>	
1. Opening of the meeting	
2. Adoption of the agenda <i>The Bureaux are invited to adopt the agenda</i>	EPAS (2011) 14
3. Recent news of interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member states <i>The Bureaux are invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat.</i> • Partner Organisations <i>The Bureaux are invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat.</i> 	EPAS (2011) 6rev
4. Voluntary Contribution Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Project on good governance <i>The Bureaux are invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat on the ongoing consultation on the financing possibilities</i> ii. Draft Proposal “Games of friendship” <i>The Bureaux are invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat</i> 	
5. Agenda of the Governing Board meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft agenda of the Governing Board meeting of 7-8 June 2011 <i>The Bureaux are invited to discuss and approve the draft agenda of the Governing Board of 7-8 June 2011</i> 	
6. Draft programme of activity 2012-2013 <i>The Bureaux are invited to take note of the draft indications provided to the Secretary General concerning the programme of activity and budget 2012-2013</i>	EPAS (2011) 15
7. Preparation of the 12th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport <i>The Bureaux are invited to adopt the schedule of the preparatory work of Conference documents</i>	EPAS (2011) 16
<u>22 March - afternoon session and 23 March – morning session</u> <u>Governing Board Bureau</u>	
8. Reports from recent meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft list of decisions of the Consultative Committee Bureau, Strasbourg, 8 March 2011 <i>The Bureau is invited to adopt this draft list of decisions in view of its distribution for information to the Governing Board.</i> • Draft report of the Governing Board Bureau meeting, Strasbourg, 5 November 2010 <i>The Bureau is invited to take note of this draft report and to approve its</i> 	EPAS (2010) 62

<p><i>distribution for information at the Governing Board.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1104th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies on 2 February 2011 <p><i>The Bureau is invited to take note of the adoption of the Recommendation on Autonomy.</i></p>	<p>EPAS (2011) INF 6</p>
<p>9. 18th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport: report and follow-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing follow-up <p><i>The Bureau is invited to take note of the progress, and to comment the actions.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial report (presentation) and check-list for the preparation of conferences <p><i>The Bureau is invited to take note of the presentation and to agree with the use of this information while handling with organizers or future organizers of Ministerial meetings.</i></p>	<p>EPAS (2011) 17</p> <p>EPAS (2011) 18</p>
<p>10. Ongoing programme and budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings and EPAS representation <p><i>The Bureau is invited to discuss and validate the calendar updates and to designate its representatives, where necessary, for activities where Bureau representation would be advisable.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme 2011 and budget <p><i>The Bureau is invited to have an exchange of views on the preparation and update of the programme.</i></p> <p><i>The Bureau is invited to approve the elements in the planning of activities 2011.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed Planning <p><i>The Bureau is invited to take note of the updated detailed planning.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of publications <p><i>The Bureau is invited to take note of the publications.</i></p>	<p>Sport (2011) 1</p> <p>EPAS (2011) 7</p> <p>EPAS (2011)11rev2</p>
<p>10.1 Standard-setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on the draft recommendation on migrations <p><i>The Bureau is invited to discuss the updated draft, currently subject of a consultation, and to give its approval with a view to putting it on the agenda of the next Governing Board for discussion.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on the draft recommendation on the fight against corruption of sports results <p><i>The Bureau is invited to take note of the ongoing clarifications, and to approve the draft agenda of the forthcoming hearing.</i></p>	<p>EPAS (2011)13</p> <p>EPAS (2011)21</p>
<p>10.2 Follow-up of existing standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study on the implementation of the Recommendation No. R (99) 10 on the granting of visas to sportsmen and sportswomen <p><i>The Bureau is invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultative visit in Bosnia and Herzegovina and future visits <p><i>The Bureau is invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat</i></p>	
<p>10.3 Promotion of diversity and fight against discrimination</p> <p><i>The Bureau is invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat (report by Sonia Parayre on the planned activities for 2010)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media against racism in Sport (MARS) 	<p>EPAS (2011) INF 2</p>

11. Miscellaneous	
12. Date and place of the next Bureau meeting	

Appendix II
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