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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

15th meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau Paris, 22 May 2012

List of decisions

The Bureau of the Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) met in Paris on 22 May 2012. The meeting was chaired by Mrs Ewa Markowicz. Mr Alexey Morozov, Mrs Amila Karačić, Mr Dragan Atanasov and Mr Predrag Manojlović were excused.

1. Opening of the meeting

- the Chair welcomed the delegates from EPAS member states and the representative of the Consultative Committee to the Bureau (the list of participants can be found in Appendix 2);
- thanked the Secretariat for hosting the meeting in the Council of Europe's Paris premises.

2. Adoption of the agenda

- adopted the agenda for this meeting as it appears in Appendix 1 to this report.
- the Bureau regretted that Mr Alexey Morozov, as the Vice-Chair of the Governing Board, was unable to attend a Bureau meeting for the third time.

3. Recent news of interest

- took note of the information provided by the Secretariat concerning:
 - withdrawal by Amila Karačić as member of the Governing Board Bureau;
 - update on staff developments, in particular the retirement of Mrs Odile Bruyelle and the arrival of Mrs Heather Stewart and Mrs Caroline Larghi bringing the core team of EPAS to four staff;
 - two recent PACE reports on sporting issues related to good governance and match-fixing;
 - the recent review by the Secretary General of CoE conventions proposing, in this new provisional version, the downgrading of the Spectator Violence and the Anti-doping Conventions from category 1 ("key") to category 3 ("other active") and the consequences this could have.

- noted the oral presentation made by the Secretariat concerning members states and partner organisations:
 - Accession of Montenegro as from 1 June 2012;
 - New request from Israel ; ongoing accession process in Turkey and Belgium; new interest from Germany;
 - Accession of the following organisations to the Consultative Committee: Tennis Europe, Sports Rights Owners Coalition (SROC), European Handcycling Federation, EU Athletes and the European Athlete Student Network;
 - new application from the International University Sports Federation (FISU) has been registered and its EPAS membership process is now underway. The Secretariat mentioned that three other requests for membership were expected from Play the Game, the FARE network and Panathlon International.

4. Voluntary Contribution Projects

- took note of the information provided by the Secretariat concerning the project on good governance, which proposed to use the funding to create an accompanying group to monitor and guide the work done, following it up with a publication, instead of directly funding the thesis on good governance in sport;
- invited the secretariat to reformulate the proposal and re-consult the Bureau by e-mail before submitting it to the Governing Board for approval;
- invited the secretariat to circulate a description of the PhD thesis to the Bureau.

5. Reports from recent meetings

- thanked the secretariat for the efforts made to produce qualitative documents;
- invited the secretariat to update document EPAS (2012) 16, in particular to include specific reference to the IOC and to complete the list of participants;
- invited the secretariat to update document EPAS (2012) 14, in particular concerning discussions related to Resolution 1;
- took note of the oral presentation given by the secretariat regarding the Consultative Committee meeting which took place on 11 May 2012, in particular the discussions which were held on revising the CC's Terms of Reference.

6. 12th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport: report and follow-up

- took note of the report by the Secretary General (EPAS (2012) INF 13rev) and the oral presentation given by the secretariat on specific progress regarding the procedure to negotiate a possible convention on match-fixing.
- supported the initiative taken to present the complete document (EPAS (2012) 21) summarising the work achieved and objectives to be reached;
- agreed that Bureau members should send any comments or proposals on the document (EPAS (2012) 21) to the Secretariat before the end of May.

7. Ongoing programme and budget

- took note of the calendar of events (document Sport (2012) 1) and the update provided by the secretariat regarding progress made on certain events;

- agreed to use the budget saved on the Ministerial meeting to fund accommodation for participants from Balkan region (EPAS member states) and experts for a regional seminar on sports facilities to be organised in Tirana (Albania) on 26-27 June 2012;
- agreed to give the go-ahead for the organisation of a consultative visit to Albania on 28-29 June 2012;
- invited the secretariat to send the Bureau members the relevant documentation for the consultative visit and to suggest a composition of team of experts to carry out the visit;
- invited the secretariat to transmit details of the Tennis Europe project to the Bureau members for validation;
- took note of the comments made by the delegate from France, who invited the secretariat to explain in more detail, at the Governing Board meeting in June, how the ratio between programme activities and staffing was established;
- took note of the state of play regarding the EPAS publications and the call for support from the secretariat for proposals from member states to translate certain handbooks into their national languages.

7.1 Standard-setting

- took note of the secretariat's oral presentation and agreed to process the draft recommendation on the protection of child and young athletes from dangers associated with migration to the Deputies for adoption, as revised by the Legal Advice department and the Editorial Unit, and including the latest minor amendment by Sweden; it could, in principle, be approved by the GR-C at its meeting in September 2012;
- took note of the update provided by the secretariat on the progress made on the Draft Recommendation on Gender Mainstreaming in Sports Policies; a first draft has been received from the expert and she will attend the Governing Board meeting on 20 June to share her ideas. A sharepoint webpage has been set up for the drafting group to interact via the internet.

7.2 Promotion of diversity and fight against discrimination

- took note of the secretariat's oral presentation on the progress made in numerous activities supported and organised by EPAS;
- took note that the MARS project would be closing at the end of 2012, but it was clear from discussions at the Ministerial meeting in Belgrade, that work on media in sport still needed to be pursued and followed up, possibly by EPAS.

7.2 Co-operation with the European Union

- noted that the exchanges of views between the secretariat general and the Commission did not allow to clarify the possible use of the future EU programme 2014-2020 for partnership activities;
- stressed that, as the decision will be taken by the Council of the EU and the European Parliament, any further steps should be taken at intergovernmental or parliamentary level;
- invited the secretariat to propose setting up high-level institutional co-operation meetings, and to involve those EU member states in line to take over the EU presidency (Lithuania, Ireland, Greece) in EPAS activities. For example, the EU Forum on sport to be held in Cyprus (September 2012) could be an opportunity to arrange a business lunch for the presidential trio to discuss this question;
- fully supported the Secretariat's idea of proposing that EPAS apply for an EU call for tender on match-fixing and agreed that the Bureau members be active in helping prepare the file;

- adopted the text contained in Appendix 4 of the Report by the Secretary General (document EPAS (2012) INF 13rev) for submission to the GR-C.

8. Agenda of the Governing Board meeting

- took note of the Secretariat's detailed description of each item proposed on the agenda;
- agreed to maintain the item addressing the issue of sport arbitration and possible undue interference between civil courts;
- invited the Secretariat to prepare a new document containing the requests from those members of the Consultative Committee who wish to renew their membership;
- invited the Secretariat to prepare a document containing a possible framework, calendar and breakdown of financing on the negotiation of a convention on match-fixing for discussion by the Governing Board, and to clarify the proposed involvement of different parties to the negotiations so as not to exclude important partners in the process;
- invited the Secretariat to update the draft terms of reference of the Betting Regulators network to include a definite term of office;
- asked the Secretariat to circulate the document regarding the name of EPAS to the Bureau members by e-mail, for decision on inclusion on the agenda (taking note that ideas on suggestions for a new name would be most welcomed by the Secretariat).

9. Miscellaneous

- noted the intervention by the representative from UEFA concerning the threats by some Heads of State to boycott the political presence at the forthcoming Euro 2012 tournament. He regretted that football and society was being used as a means for sending political messages rather than using the existing appropriate instruments for such diplomatic pressures;
- took note that the delegate from France, Mr Jean-Luc Janiszewski, will retire from his post in the Sports Ministry this summer, and that the Governing Board meeting on 20-21 June would be his last for EPAS;
- warmly thanked Mr Janiszewski for his extremely active participation in the Bureau meetings, in particular for the experience and advice he brought to many of the discussions.

10. Date and place of the next Bureau meeting

- took note that the next meeting would take place on 29 November 2012.
- invited the Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements to hold the meeting at the Council of Europe office in Paris.

Appendix I

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting**2. Adoption of the agenda**

The Bureau is invited to adopt the agenda.

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3. Recent news of interest

- Member states

The Bureau is invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat.

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- Partner Organisations

The Bureau is invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat.

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4. Voluntary Contribution Projects

- Project on good governance

At the end of the deadline, the Secretariat informed Prof. Chappelet that EPAS had not managed to launch the project. Prof. Chappelet suggested another approach, which is presented in a new project description. The Bureau is invited to examine and approve the project as documented.

5. Reports from recent meetings

- Draft list of decisions of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau, Gdansk, 13-14 December 2011

The Bureau is invited to take note of the list of decisions in view of its distribution for information to the Governing Board.

EPAS (2012) 14

- Report of the Special meeting on EPAS activities, restricted to Ministers from EPAS member states, 14 March 2012

The Bureau is invited to take note of this draft report and to approve its distribution for information to the Governing Board.

EPAS (2012) 16

- Report of the Consultative Committee plenary meeting, Strasbourg, 11 May 2012

The Bureau is invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat.

6. 12th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport: report and follow-up

- Follow-up

The Bureau is invited to adopt the follow-up action plan.

Report by the Secretary General

The Bureau is invited to take note of the report.

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7. Ongoing programme and budget

- Meetings and EPAS representation

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.

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- Programme 2012 and budget
The Bureau is invited to have an exchange of views on the preparation and update of the programme. EPAS (2012) 7
The Bureau is invited to approve the elements in the planning of activities 2012.
- Publications
The Bureau is invited to take note of the current publications. EPAS (2012) 11

7.1 Standard-setting

- Adoption of the draft recommendation on migration
The Bureau is invited to take note of the oral report on the process leading the draft recommendation to the Committee of Ministers. EPAS (2012) 13rev
- Draft Recommendation on Gender Mainstreaming in Sports Policies
The Bureau is invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat on the ongoing process.

7.2 Promotion of diversity and fight against discrimination

- Update on the ongoing activities
- Media Against Racism in Sport (MARS)
The Bureau is invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat.

7.3 Co-operation with the European Union

- Exchange of correspondence on the EU Sports programme EPAS (2012) INF 20
- Report presented to the GR-C
The Bureau is invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat. EPAS (2012) INF 13rev (appendix IV)

8. Agenda of the Governing Board meeting

- Draft agenda of the Governing Board meeting on 20-21 June 2012 EPAS (2012) 19
The Bureau is invited to discuss and approve the draft agenda of the Governing Board on 20-21 June 2012.

9. Miscellaneous

10. Date and place of the next Bureau meeting

Appendix II

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