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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

Preliminary meeting

Preparation of the Balance in sport 2018 project (“BIS 2”)

Council of Europe
Meeting room no 5
55 avenue Kléber
75116 Paris, France

Friday 23 June 2017
9.30 am–5.00 pm

Draft report

Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by Stanislas FROSSARD, Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), who welcomed the participants in the preliminary meeting for the preparation of the “Balance in sport” 2018 project. The list of participants appears in Appendix I. The participants introduced themselves.

“Balance in sport. Tools to implement gender equality” / EU-COE joint project (2016)

Presentation by Clotilde TALLEU, Project Manager, EPAS

The presentation can be downloaded [here](#).

Content of the presentation:

Clotilde Talleu (CT) explained what the “Balance in sport” project was, noting that its aim was to identify, test and implement generally agreed gender equality indicators which enable to have a uniform approach when collecting relevant data and to map the situation of female participation in sport in Europe. The pilot data collection campaign implemented in Finland, France, Romania and Spain was presented as well as the first results. She added that other materials were developed during the project lifetime, such as training templates, and a set of practices and resources in the five strategic areas covered by the project: leadership, coaching, participation, gender-based violence and the media coverage of women and men practising sport. A pilot training session was also held on gender equality indicators and evidence-based policies and strategies. The “Balance in sport” project is followed up by the EPAS, which is currently running different activities: an in-depth analysis of the collected data, a feasibility study for a more comprehensive IT tool, a desk research to find the best methodology to gather data on gender equality in sport media, etc.

Floor discussion / comment:

A question was raised about the publication of the results of the data collection campaign run in 2016. The Secretariat responded that a consultancy work is on-going and the consolidated analysis should be available by September.

Reviewing the list of indicators on gender equality in sport

Following the presentation of the “Balance in sport” project, the participants were invited to go through the list of indicators on gender equality in sport and to give their comments. Three lists of indicators were drafted by the Secretariat dedicated to national sport governing bodies, ministries and government departments related to sport, and public service media. The aim was not to reopen the discussion on the set of common indicators which was commonly agreed last year but to make some adjustments or slight change, if need be. Indeed, the draft analysis has pointed out that some indicators did not give satisfactory results and should therefore be rephrased, replaced or removed.

Decisions:

- The expression “coaching qualification” (indicator A10 / A11 in the updated list of indicators) should be clarified and a definition should be added in the glossary.
- The indicator A15 (A16 in the updated list of indicators) “Percentage of girls/women and boys/men practising the discipline (with or without licence)” will be replaced by an estimated number of people practising without license. The national sport federations might have this kind of information.
- In order to gather data not only on employed coaches but also on volunteers, the following indicator will be added: “Number of women and men with a coaching licence in all member organisations” (indicator A10).
- The indicators B10 (B9 in the updated list of indicators) “Number of girls/women and men/boys officially recognised as high level athletes” will be rephrased into “Number of girls/women and men/boys practising sport supported by the government”.
- The decision was also taken to focus the collection of quantitative data on a specific year (2 years before the launch). Therefore, respondents will be asked next year to indicate the 2016 quantitative data.
- The thirty-five Olympic sports will be concerned by the data collection campaign run in 2018, as well as other disciplines and international federations that may be interested in taking part in this project (the FISU, for instance).
- Given the difficulty to have quantitative data on gender-based violence in sport on a regular basis (due to the lack of prevalence studies), only indicators dealing with legal frameworks, policies and strategies addressing this issue will be included in the questionnaires.

Outline of the 2018 project (“BIS2”)

Presentation by Stanislas FROSSARD, EPAS Executive Secretary

Stanislas Frossard (SF) presented the draft outline of the “Balance in sport 2” project prepared by the secretariat and provided to the participants prior to the meeting. The background elements, the project objectives and the planned activities were detailed.

Floor discussion / comments

- The UEFA or some of its National Associations may take part in the project.
- EIGE expressed that to host the “Balance in sport” database; the data has to meet strict criteria, for instance to have a high level of reliability. A video conference, bringing together representatives from EIGE and the EPAS, will be arranged on this matter prior to the second BIS preparatory meeting.
- There is a consensus on the importance of the self-assessment tool to be developed within the framework of the “Balance in sport 2” project. Respondents should have an evaluation of their situation related to gender equality right after they have completed the online questionnaire.
- Raising the awareness of national sport federations and offering training opportunities before the launch of the data collection campaign is also crucial to convince them to fill in the online questionnaire.
- Some participants stated that it is not necessary to run a data collection campaign every year. Completing the online questionnaire is a huge work for sport federations and the trends do not evolve very quickly. Another frequency for the data collection has to be discussed.
- The question of the language was also raised, given that it can be difficult for national sport federations to reply to open-ended questions in English. The questionnaires should be translated into different languages but the national coordinators in each country will be invited to identify the key messages coming from the open-ended questions and to provide them to the Secretariat translated into English.

Long-term vision on updating the indicators on gender equality in sport

Presentation by Stanislas FROSSARD, EPAS Executive Secretary

The presentation can be downloaded [here](#).

Content of the presentation:

Stanislas Frossard (SF) presented some reflexions on a large scale collection of data, based on the existing set of common gender equality indicators. The data collection process, the target groups, the structure of the data, its analysis and publication, etc. were detailed in the framework of an eighteen-month project.

In brief, a seven-stage process was suggested:

1 st Semester 2018	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Importation of existing data coming from International and Pan-European sport organisations (IOC, UEFA, etc.) 2. Identification of the organisations that will provide the data for each indicator, in all countries concerned by the data collection campaign 3. Development of a data collection master plan including the two above-mentioned steps 4. Regional trainings for the national coordinators 5. National trainings dedicated to sport federations arranged by the national coordinators
2 nd Semester 2018	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Implementation of the data collection campaign 7. Follow-up of the completion by the national coordinators and provision of feedback on open-ended questions
3 rd Semester 2018	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Analysis (per country, per sport, comparisons, etc.), reporting and publication

Conclusion and next steps

- Participants (mainly the UEFA and the IOC) are invited to identify what kind of data on gender equality is available in their organisation and could be imported into the database before the data collection campaign.
- An updated version of the list of indicators will be prepared by the Secretariat and provided to the meeting participants.
- An email will be sent in September to the EPAS Member States and non-Member States to invite them to take part in the data collection campaign foreseen in the “Balance in sport 2” project and, where appropriate, to join the advisory group.

Appendix I - Agenda



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9.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by Mr Stanislas Frossard, Executive Secretary of EPAS.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The participants are invited to adopt the agenda and any possible amendments.

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Action: adopt agenda EPAS (2017) 15

3. Presentation of the long-term vision on updating the indicators on gender equality in sport

Action: The participants are invited to take note of the presentation by the Secretariat and give their comments.

4. Outline of the 2018 project (“BIS 2”)

Action: The participants are invited to take note of the project outline and additional information provided orally by the Secretariat and to comment on it.

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5. Role of the partners

5.1 Sports organisations

5.2 Member states

5.3 International organisations

Action: The participants are invited to discuss their respective roles and express agreement where possible on their involvement in the project, or to specify if further clarifications are required.

6. Draft workplan for 2017

Action: The participants are invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat and to complete the draft workplan where necessary.

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7. Any other business

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Appendix II – List of participants



Strasbourg, 21 June 2017

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