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## **Informal Networking Event**

### **Making a quantum leap towards political and legal commitments in the fight against the manipulation of sports competitions thanks to the Macolin Convention**

organised by the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) of the Council of Europe  
in co-operation with the Ministry of Sport of the Russian Federation

#### **Hotel Holiday Inn Moscow Sushevsky**

Sushevsky Val 74  
Moscow 129272  
Russian Federation

**Thursday 14 June 2018**

**11.45 – 16.00**

## **FACTSHEET**

### **Organisers**

The Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) in co-operation with the Ministry of Sport of the Russian Federation.

### **Background**

While considering the timing and role of the ministerial meetings organised by EPAS, its Governing Board noted that it may take the opportunity to organise more flexible meetings, e.g. in conjunction with major sports, to allow Ministers or Officials attending the event to strengthen the dialogue and co-operation on sports policies at pan-European level.

In agreement with the Russian authorities, it was proposed to support a short informal meeting before the opening of the FIFA World Cup, being held in Moscow, and to use this as an opportunity to exchange of views on promoting the Macolin Convention.

### **Aims**

To exchange views on topical issues and challenges towards political and legal commitments in the fight against the manipulation of sports competitions thanks to the Macolin Convention.

The programme will include a presentation by the Russian authorities, interventions by other Ministers and an update on topical issues.

### **Provisional schedule of the event**

11:45	Registration
12.00	Press Point
12.30 - 14:50	Informal networking event
15:00 - 15:45	Official reception hosted by the Minister of Sport, Mr Pavel Kolobkov
16:00	Departure for the opening Ceremony of the 2018 World Cup

### **Working languages**

English, French and Russian

### **Participants**

In consultation with the Bureau of the EPAS Governing Board, invitations were sent by the Russian Minister of sport to:

- 1) 20 countries taking part in the FIFA World Cup<sup>1</sup>
- 2) 9 other Council of Europe Member States, which are interested in the fight against match-fixing<sup>2</sup>

### **Observers**

- 1) Chair of the EPAS Governing Board
- 2) Chair of the EPAS Consultative Committee

### **Documents**

The programme and documents for the event are prepared under the responsibility of the EPAS Governing Board.

Each participant will receive a conference file containing the following documents:

Information document: Factsheet on the organisation of the event (document EPAS (2018) 31)

### **Reference documents**

- Document on the Macolin Convention (document EPAS (2018) 14)
- Information document on EPAS activities (document EPAS (2018) 10)

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<sup>1</sup> Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Columbia, Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany, Iceland, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

<sup>2</sup> Austria, Bulgaria, Finland, Georgia, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Ukraine

**Visas**

- Participants are responsible for checking visa requirements and making their own visa arrangements before departure.
- The Council of Europe will prepare official notes for the registered participants requiring a visa. Visa-related expenses are borne by the participants.

**Participation**

Countries are invited to nominate no more than 2 participants in their delegations (including the Minister).

**Terms of participation**

- Participation in the meeting is free of charge.
- Travel costs are at the participants' own expense.

**Hotel**

Ministers will be accommodated at the **Hotel Holiday Inn Moscow Sushevsky** at their own expense. The price per night/person is USD 400.

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Sushevsky Val 74  
Moscow 129272

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Web site: <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/moscow/mowss/>

**Accreditation**

There is no accreditation needed for the Informal Networking Event at the Hotel Holiday Inn Moscow Sushevsky. The Ministry of Sport will provide necessary package for the 2018 FIFA World Cup.

**Local transport**

The host authorities will organise local transport for all participants on 14 June from the hotel Holiday Inn Moscow Sushevsky to the opening Ceremony of the 2018 World Cup and back again to the hotel.

The meeting point for the Ministers and delegations will be at the lobby of the hotel on 14 June 2018 at 04.00pm.

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