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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)
8th meeting of the EPAS Governing Board
(joint meeting with the EPAS Consultative Committee)

Council of Europe, Strasbourg
Palais de l'Europe, room no 10

21-22 May 2014

List of Decisions

First part of the meeting (with the Consultative Committee)

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by Ms Wendela Kuper (Netherlands), Chair of the Governing Board, who welcomed the delegates from the Governing Board and the Consultative Committee to this joint plenary meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

For reasons of availability, the Committees agreed to listen to the presentation on item 10.1.b) on the “Pro Safe Sport” project on 21 May and to discuss the project prior to item 5. The agenda was thus adopted as it appears in Appendix I.

3. Reports

3.1 Lists of decisions from previous meetings

The Committees took note of the reports of the last joint plenary meeting (26-27 June 2013), the last two Governing Board bureau meetings (15 November 2013 and 2-3 April 2014), and the extraordinary joint meeting on the draft convention (23 January 2014).

3.2 Informal Ministerial Networking Event, Sochi, 7 February 2014

The Committees took note of the Executive Report and thanked the Russian Federation for hosting this successful event.

3.3 Network of national regulators of the sports betting market

The Committees took note of the draft meeting report of the 1st meeting of the network, held in Paris on 21 November 2013. The Secretariat gave an update on the activity of this network and reminded the Committees that it was essentially a network for regulatory authorities to exchange practices and that it had expressed a wish for the network to be open to non-EPAS member states. The Secretariat was of the opinion that it would be wiser to renew the mandate of the network so that it could continue to work with the Follow-up Committee once the convention enters into force. A renewal of 2 years would give some flexibility, should the convention not be signed in September as hoped. Following a question regarding impact this would have on the biannual budget, the Secretariat confirmed that there would be no problem given that the EPAS budget is approved on an annual basis, and that the Governing Board holds full control of these activities.

The Secretariat called for the Governing Board's assistance in encouraging their Ministries of Finance to join the network and to participate in the UK Gambling Commission's event on 1 July in Birmingham (UK), which is open to experts of Europe-based betting authorities.

Decision: the Governing Board agreed to transmit a positive request to the Committee of Ministers to renew the mandate of the network for a period of 2 years.

3.4 Activities of the Conventional Committees

The Committees took note of the oral presentations on the latest developments in the Conventions sector by Ms Liene Kozlovska (Secretariat, Anti-doping Convention) and Mr Paulo Gomes (ex-Chair of the Standing Committee, Spectator Violence Convention).

Ms Kozlovska informed the Committees of the recent elections taking place within the CAHAMA, including the Chair, Andy Parkinson, being re-elected for a new term of 2 years. As the convention will celebrate its 25th anniversary this year, an event was being planned on 4-6 November, focusing primarily on the role of the anti-doping convention in providing basic human rights for athletes.

Mr Gomes said that on 11-12 December 2013, the Committee of Ministers adopted the proposal to revise the Spectator Violence Convention. Specific workshops were then organised and a new text with an explanatory memorandum was circulated to the Standing Committee delegations in March 2014 for comments. Thirteen countries responded and a consolidated version was produced in time for its plenary meeting in April. More modifications were brought to the text during that meeting (including input from a representative of the Directorate of Legal Advice) and it will be circulated by written procedure to the Standing Committee members as soon as possible. Delegations will have two months to react, before adopting it in the autumn of 2014. The aim is to have the "new" Convention open for signature in May 2015, on the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Heysel disaster. The title of the convention will also change (to include the elements of "safety, security and services"), and so the convention will in fact be a new legal text which should gradually replace the current 1985 Convention.

3.5 Progress of current activities

On-going 2014 Programme and Budget of EPAS:

- Updated programme of 2014 activities and budget
- 2014 Calendar of activities

The Committees took note of the status of the 2014 programme of activities as outlined in a brief summary by the Secretariat. They noted, in particular, that the new convention on the manipulation of sports competitions had been the highest priority so far and was currently on schedule. Concerning the recommendation on gender mainstreaming, the draft text had been prepared and the project of a toolkit

was now being looked at. There were no specific comments or changes to the other activities mentioned in document EPAS (2014) 7.

4. Standard-setting and follow-up

4.1 Progress review on the draft Convention on the manipulation of sports competitions

4.1.a Update on the adoption procedure

The Committees took note of the update given by the Secretariat, summarising that the project was on schedule and that the draft convention was continuing its progress through the Council of Europe's internal bodies. The Parliamentary Assembly was expected to adopt an opinion at its meeting in Baku that very day, which will then be transmitted to the GR-C (Rapporteur Group of the Committee of Ministers) which will debate the draft convention on 17 June. A final opinion from the CDPC was also expected to be adopted on 12 June. The GR-C is then expected to prepare a decision for adoption by the Ministers' Deputies on 9 July.

4.1.b Co-operation with third-party organisations

The Committees discussed the idea of promoting the convention to non-European states by using agreements (eg. letters of intent) with sports bodies to this end. The Secretariat gave some background information regarding the Council of Europe's existing MoU with certain Organisations which could be of use in promoting the convention without requiring individual procedures through the Committee of Ministers. Letters of intent could be drawn up for the Secretary General to co-operate with non-Consultative Committee members (such as the IOC or FIFA) in support of the convention.

Decision: the Governing Board agreed in principle with such co-operation, and decided to ask the Secretariat to continue examining the possibility with the Council's Legal Department.

4.1.c Financial impact on non-CoE states

The Secretariat explained that, in future, non-CoE countries such as Australia, Canada, Tunisia and Morocco will be invited to contribute financially to the monitoring of, for example, the anti-doping convention, with 10.000€ being the minimum amount per state. Subsequently, this may dissuade such countries from also paying the financial contributions towards EPAS membership. The Secretariat's proposal is therefore to explore the possibility of offering a "package" whereby states which are or become EPAS members but which are not CoE states, do not have to pay for the monitoring of sport conventions they ratify. The Secretariat asked for the Governing Board's position on this issue before proceeding with internal discussions with the financial and legal departments.

The Governing Board discussed the effect the Committee of Ministers' policy of nominal growth would have on the monitoring of the new convention and how the details of finances between EPAS and the ordinary budget could be worked out.

Decision: the Board had no objection to the Chair's proposal that the Secretariat should continue consultations with the financial and legal departments to gain their backing. Given the importance for EPAS states to support this proposal should it go through the Committee of Ministers, the Chair asked the Governing Board to raise any hesitations it may have as soon as possible.

4.1.d Signing of the convention by new states interested in the procedure

The Secretariat explained its proposal to hold a second small-scale signature event (after MSL) for those states not eligible to sign the convention on 18 September 2014. The Board discussed possible venues and costs, preferring to take advantage of another sports event where Ministers will already be present, in order to minimise costs (eg. annual Committee of Ministers' meeting or Peace and Sport forum).

Decision: the Governing Board agreed with the principle of organising a small-scale event and asked the Secretariat to continue exploring possible venues and occasions where this could take place.

4.2 Recommendation on Gender mainstreaming in Sport

- Discussion

The Committees noted the state of play regarding the draft recommendation and its explanatory memorandum as outlined by the Secretariat in a brief oral presentation. The draft recommendation was on the agenda of the recent GR-C meeting on 20 May but due to one state not having received instructions from its capital, the item was postponed to a future meeting (probably GR-C of 11 September 2014). The recommendation will nevertheless be presented at the forthcoming IWG conference in its draft form, and hopefully will be adopted by the Ministers' Deputies in September in time for the Ministerial Conference.

4.3 Recommendation on the protection of child and young athletes from dangers associated with migration

The Committees discussed how the implementation of this Recommendation in member states could be followed up, given the Secretariat's recent participation in a seminar organised by the NGO "Foot Solidaire" and certain governments' interest in this subject. The possibility for European governments to share information with the African Union Ministries could be an interesting start. The Secretariat asked states to keep it updated on work being done on migration issues in sport, so as to keep this recommendation alive.

4.4 Recommendation on the prohibition of free fighting contests, such as cage fighting

The Committees took note of the update given by the Secretariat concerning the possible organisation of a Round Table to see how the recommendation adopted in 1999 relates to today's policies and practices. The Round Table foreseen in April 2014 had been cancelled due to a low show of interest, but it could be re-scheduled for later in the year (12 November 2014) if sufficient states were now concerned by this subject. The Secretariat mentioned that other issues related to this topic had since been brought up by Council of Europe colleagues working on the protection of children, such as the impact that learning martial arts at primary school age can have on minors. These questions could also be addressed at the Round Table. The delegate from Morocco commented that this issue of free fighting was becoming more and more common in her country, and that the authorities had no legal basis on which to prohibit it. She believed a co-ordinated exchange with other countries on this would help.

Decision: the Governing Board asked the Secretariat to send out invitations to member states via a Circular Letter. If insufficient interest is shown, then EPAS resources should be dedicated to other projects.

4.5 Compliance with commitments - general

a) The Governing Board took note of the document outlining procedures for monitoring visits, and discussed the harmonisation of procedures across the different intergovernmental standards. Agreeing that harmonisation was a good idea, the Chair proposed one member of the Governing Board act as an

EPAS representative in forthcoming meetings with delegates from other sports convention committees.

Decision: the Governing Board asked the Secretariat to launch a call by written procedure for states to put themselves forward for this role.

b) The Governing Board discussed the request from Georgia to hold an evaluation visit on the European Sports Charter and confirmed its agreement to organise such a visit on 14-17 October 2014.

Decision: the Governing Board asked the Secretariat to proceed with the setting up of an Evaluation Team for this visit, in consultation with the Chair of the Governing Board.

5. Information on accession of new members to the EPAS

5.1 Governing Board: new member states and observer states

The Secretariat gave a brief overview of interest shown by, and contacts made with, potential new member states of the EPAS. Internal procedures are under way in Belgium, Turkey and Lithuania, and there is contact with Italy, Slovak Republic, Romania and Moldova, which are all openminded about joining, but there are no official processes in place for these countries for the moment. The Secretariat reiterated the ongoing challenge to attract the remainder of the “big five” states to join, but that some progress had been made with the United Kingdom, as the Minister for Sport has agreed to host a bilateral visit from the Director General of Democracy. Concerning Germany, a new governmental team and secretaries of state is in place, and it would now be a good time to raise the issue of EPAS with them. The Secretariat proposed waiting until the CoE Secretary General elections are over before moving further on this.

5.2 Consultative Committee:

a. Renewals of membership

The Governing Board noted the Consultative Committee’s recommendation to renew the membership of the 7 organisations who had requested so (EWS, SAMBO Federation, EUPEA, Think tank Sport & Citizenship, Tennis Europe, SROC, and EU Athletes). It also noted that the European Handcycling Federation had not submitted a request for renewal.

Decision: the Governing Board followed the Consultative Committee’s recommendation and decided to accept the 7 organisations who had requested a three-year renewal of their membership. The European Handcycling Federation’s membership was not renewed as no request had been received.

b. New applications

- European Tour
- International School Sports Federation (ISF)

The Governing Board took note of the oral account made by the Chair of the Consultative Committee outlining the opinion of the Consultative Committee on these two applications. Those present during discussions at the Consultative Committee meeting had fully supported the application of the ISF, but raised doubts about that of European Tour.

The delegate from Play the Game explained the Consultative Committee’s concerns in more detail, in particular the incompatibility of European Tour with the Committee’s terms of reference when it comes to fulfilling the criterion of being non-profit. Although there was only a small reference to commercial activity in European Tour’s application letter to EPAS, its website clearly speaks of corporate identity and business operations. Although the Secretariat remained open to European Tour’s membership, it

suggested postponing the decision until the terms of reference could be updated as proposed by the Consultative Committee.

The Governing Board held a vote concerning the two applications.

Decision: the Governing Board decided to approve the application from the ISF and to submit it to the Committee of Ministers for decision. It also decided not to approve that of European Tour for reasons of incompatibility with the CC's Terms of Reference.

c. Election to the Bureau of two Consultative Committee members

The Governing Board is invited to designate two representatives from the Consultative Committee, upon proposal by the Consultative Committee, to take part in the proceedings of the Bureau, without the right to vote.

The Chair of the Consultative Committee explained that the quorum required to hold elections during its plenary meeting the previous day had not been reached. The proposals made by those CC members present were as follows:

- EGLSF, ENGSO, EUPEA, FARE and FIAS Sambo as members of the CC Bureau
- SportAccord proposed as Chair of the CC
- SportAccord and either EGLSF or ENGSO as 2 representatives of the CC to participate in the Governing Board Bureau

The elections based on these proposals will be organised by the Secretariat by written procedure within one week. Once the CC has completed its vote, the Secretariat will launch the Governing Board's designation of the two representatives also by written procedure. The Secretariat would endeavour to do this before the summer break.

6. Overview of current issues in international co-operation on sport

Presentations:

6.1 from the governmental side

6.2 from the non-governmental side

The Committees took note of the Secretariat's presentation on the situation of international co-operation on sports policies, both from the perspective of the governments and from the perspective of the sports movement. The presentation was based on information collected by an external consultant and provided by respective organisations. The presentation will be made available in the "Reports" section of the EPAS website.

7. Priorities of the programme of activities 2015

The Secretariat gave a brief summary of each proposed activity on the draft list for 2015.

The delegate from Finland wondered if follow-up to the Sochi networking meeting should be envisaged, given the recommendations that came from this meeting linked to major sports events and social responsibility. The Secretariat agreed and would add it to the list for the record, while bearing in mind the IOC's continued work in this area, and while waiting for a show of interest from a member state or a Consultative Committee member to set up an activity.

The Secretariat asked the Committees not to forget other potential triggers of events such as the promotion of the new convention, following up the Magglingen Ministerial Conference, and the possibility of organising an informal networking event similar to Sochi during the Euro 2016 football tournament in France.

The delegate from the Sambo Federation added that there were sports events happening in member states in 2015 which could be used as a platform for EPAS (eg. European Games in Baku or European Youth Olympic Festival in Tbilisi). Delegates from both Azerbaijan and Georgia were open to such possibilities and would contact the Secretariat with ideas after the Ministerial Conference.

The delegate from Peace and sport proposed holding a follow-up activity to the successful International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (6 April) where 23 Council of Europe countries were involved in 2014. Since teaching was on the agenda for 2015, she also wished to propose the topic of education for society for human rights and peace, or how sport can be used further in our communities. She thought more research could be done into the benefits/return on investment for states investing in sport – not just for health reasons but also for conflict transformation or as a tool to promote dialogue between nations.

The Secretariat believed it would be more fruitful to connect the 6 April event to an ongoing EPAS topic linked to its priorities and standards rather than start a new topic from scratch. EPAS could nevertheless continue to promote 6 April and the Secretariat asked Peace and Sport to propose a more concrete proposal, for instance with regard to the future handbook on Sport and Human Rights.

The Governing Board asked the Secretariat to update the draft list of activities according to the suggestions made during discussions, for approval the next day.

8. Ministerial meetings

8.1 Follow-up to the 12th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (MSL12)

The Committees took note of the good follow-up progress made since the 12th Conference of Ministers responsible for sport on 15 March 2012.

8.2 13th Conference (Macolin/Magglingen, Switzerland, 18 September 2014)

- Update on Conference preparation, by Mr Pascal Chatelain

The Committees took note that the invitations to the Conference had all been dispatched and that the registration deadline for delegations is 20 July 2014. Mr Chatelain reminded the Governing Board members of the importance of informing Ministers and Heads of Delegation that the hotels offered were not 5-star standard, in order to avoid any disappointment or misunderstanding upon arrival in Magglingen.

The Secretariat announced that the Parliamentary Assembly's Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport has asked if a joint meeting with the EPAS Governing Board could be organised in Magglingen during the two days in September. A possible time-slot will be looked into between the two secretariats, and in co-ordination with the Swiss Authorities.

The Committees noted that the programme had now been separated into two distinct documents – one programme for preparatory meetings on 17th September and one for the main Ministerial Conference on 18th September. There were no remarks made on either programme.

Before discussing the working documents and draft resolutions, the Secretariat said that the documents had been submitted to the GR-C and that Permanent Representations had been given until 30 May to give their proposed amendments.

The Norwegian delegate believed the issues being tackled at this conference to be very topical threats to integrity and which require strong co-operation between governments and the sports movement. He made one comment regarding the document on Pan-European co-operation and asked if the non-obligation of states towards the World Anti-doping code could be made clearer.

The Finnish delegate thought the documents were of good quality and congratulated the Secretariat on the improvements made to the texts since the last Bureau meeting. She agreed with Norway on the WADA code document. In addition, she questioned the reasoning behind the last bullet point of the draft resolution n°1 on corruption starting with “Invite EPAS to”. This was explained as being a valid phrasing which envelopes the ongoing work in various groups across Europe to develop benchmarking tools to improve the governance of sport without infringing on autonomy.

Decision: the Governing Board approved the publication of the draft Resolutions, provided the Secretariat first amended the two documents in question, by re-phrasing the relevant paragraphs in a more concise and clear manner.

9. EPAS activities on promoting diversity and combating discrimination in and through sport

The Committees took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the outcomes of the 2013 conference on Children in Sport (Budapest, 7-8 October), including recommendations to possibly promote the Eurimages-financed film “Black Diamonds”, and co-operate with the 1 in 5 campaign which in fact has already started with colleagues representing the campaign at the IWG Helsinki conference and hosting a session on sexual violence against children. In particular, there was a suggestion to organise a regional seminar on good practices with regard to using sport as a tool to attract Roma children into education. This could be done with the support of the Education Department of the Council of Europe. The delegate from Bosnia and Herzegovina said a proposal to host such a seminar during its Committee of Ministers’ Chairmanship was made by the Minister for Refugees and would be discussed within the Sports Ministry.

It was agreed that the Governing Board Bureau could discuss this further during its next meeting in November 2014.

The Secretariat reminded the Committees that this year’s political conference would be held in Paris on 16-17 June on the subject of “Sport in Prisons” and that it was still possible to register, with the EPAS budget covering the accommodation of one expert per state. The programme showed that good practices from eight different countries would be brought to the fore, and that high-level speakers were expected at the opening and closing sessions.

Concerning the diversity and anti-discrimination theme for 2016, the Committees discussed the document EPAS (2014) 36 prepared by the Secretariat which outlined three suggestions for possible topics on which to focus. The chosen topic would be the focus of activities and annual conference in 2016.

The committees agreed that all three were valid and pertinent propositions:

- The youth theme has a strong political reference for the sports movement which is trying to develop new methods to reach out to youth, although the Council of Europe already promotes many policies and strategies focused on youth.
- The elderly are a more vulnerable group and this would be a different aspect for the Council of Europe to focus on.
- Efforts have been made concerning migrants for many years at the Council of Europe, but solutions were still missing, and good practices were needed.

Decision: the Governing Board voted in favour of the theme “Involving newly-arrived migrants in sport”, given the added value that other experienced Council of Europe departments could bring to the subject, and co-operation with UN offices would be beneficial.

10. Joint projects (with external funding)

10.1 Ongoing projects

a) Good Governance

The Secretariat regretted not being able to follow up this project more closely, but the project was ongoing and would be monitored again after the Ministerial Conference was over.

b) Pro Safe Sport for young athletes (PSS)

The Committees took note of the presentation by the Secretariat on the project’s development so far. The kick-off event and first workshop had been successful with all partners on board, and the desk research carried out so far had resulted in collecting 32 good practice examples dealing with policies, codes of conduct and educational programmes, all of which can be found on Google Drive¹. The project’s website (<http://pjp-eu.coe.int/web/pss>) is up and running and most information can be found there. News of the project can also be followed on Twitter (@ProSafeSport). The most important deliverable of the project will be the Toolkit to be finalised in January 2015.

The delegate from the European Commission emphasised that this project had received high marks in the evaluation phase and had been selected because of its quality. The Commission was looking forward to seeing the results, given that the European Parliament is raising questions about injury prevention.

10.2 Agreed projects

a) Friendship Games

The Committees took note of the oral presentation by the Secretariat regarding this project approved by the Governing Board two years ago. Despite several reminders, no states have come forward to organise these transborder games. At its last meeting, the Bureau decided the project should be dropped if no states came forward before this current meeting.

Decision: the Governing Board decided to remove this activity from the EPAS Programme.

¹ <https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0BxVGvI4eRI1oUkJ6a0g5WHFwOVE&usp=sharing>

10.3 Possible future projects

a) EURO 2020

The Committees noted the update by the Secretariat on this proposal from UEFA which will start no earlier than 2016. The UEFA Executive Committee will announce the tournament venues in September this year. The EPAS Secretariat will look closer at possible co-operation with UEFA following this announcement.

b) European Union

Within the Erasmus+ programme, the EPAS Bureau had agreed to submit a project proposal on gender mainstreaming in sport (including participation). The Secretariat presented its project proposal to the whole Governing Board for opinion before elaborating it further in time for the submission deadline of 26 June 2014.

Delegates from Finland and Norway strongly supported this project and hoped it would be successful, given that gender equality in sport was a common challenge for all member states.

Decision: the Governing Board validated the project proposal, asking the Secretariat to elaborate the content further (paying attention to the target groups) before submitting it to the European Union before 26 June 2014.

Outside of Erasmus+, the Secretariat was also expecting a call for proposals to be launched by either DG Home or DG Justice, which would be another opportunity for EPAS to promote its connections with betting regulators and law enforcement by possibly tendering for a project on match-fixing.

As it was his last EPAS meeting, the delegate from the European Commission thanked EPAS for its good co-operation with the Commission.

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Second part of the meeting (*in camera*)

11. EPAS statute and regulations

11.1 Statutory and political issues concerning the EPAS

- Presentation (by the Secretariat) on the update of amendments to the EPAS statute
- Discussion

The Governing Board took note of the background information presented by the Secretariat on the state of play regarding the amendments to the EPAS statute. It noted that the Statutory Committee agreed to hold an informal meeting with representatives from DLAPIL to discuss the legal compatibility issues raised, but that a date for this meeting was yet to be set.

Decision: the Governing Board understood that the amendments to the EPAS statute were perhaps not a priority for the Statutory Committee given ongoing political issues, but expressed its wish for the amendments to be handled by the Statutory Committee as soon as possible.

11.2 Preparation of the next meeting of the Statutory Committee

- Accounts – 2013 remaining balance
- Special Account

The Governing Board took note of the secretariat's presentation on the unspent balance from the 2013 budget and on the current status of the Special Account. The Governing Board discussed how this unspent balance from 2013 could be handled, either by transferring it to the Special Account in order to support future projects, or by re-distributing the funds back among the member states.

Decision: as an exceptional measure, and given the high probability that EPAS projects already in the pipeline will require rolling funds, the Governing Board requested that the unspent balance from 2013 be transferred to the Special Account.

12. Finalisation of the 2015 programme of activities

- List of 2015 activities

The Governing Board discussed the updated draft list of activities, adopted the priorities, the list of activities and the draft 2015 budget and delegated the responsibility of following up its implementation and update to the Bureau. It noted that changes could be made to this list, depending the results of the Ministerial Conference in Macolin and on the outcome of the Erasmus+ project bid.

Decision: the Governing Board decided to ask its Bureau to monitor the progress of this list of activities and update it with new events where necessary during its meeting in November 2014.

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Third part of the meeting (with the Consultative Committee)

13. Visibility

The Committees noted the presentation on visibility made by the Secretariat, including new and ongoing publications, the compliance by EPAS with the Council of Europe's new graphic charter and the pending overhaul of the EPAS website. The Governing Board delegated responsibility for the follow-up and update of the publications list to its Bureau.

14. Any other business

Complementary election to the Governing Board bureau (region 3)

As a one-year replacement of the Polish delegate who would be absent from professional duties for personal reasons, the Governing Board was asked to elect a candidate to its Bureau from one of the Region 3 states (Andorra, Malta, Monaco, Portugal, San Marino, Croatia, Hungary, Poland and Slovenia).

Decision: Given that many states in this regional group were either absent or were newly appointed members of the Board, the Governing Board agreed to give the regional group 3 states one month to co-ordinate its proposed candidate by written procedure and to inform the Secretariat of the results. The Hungarian delegate agreed to co-ordinate this written procedure on behalf of the group.

Consultative Committee

The Chair of the Governing Board thanked the outgoing Chairman of the Consultative Committee, Mr Predrag Manojlovic, for the role he played over the last few years. Subject to the written procedure by the Consultative Committee under item 5.2.c of this agenda, she also welcomed Sarah Lacarrière as possible new Chair of the Consultative Committee.

The representative from Play the Game echoed these sentiments and in particular thanked Mr Manojlovic for his dialogue-based approach. He looked forward to the Consultative Committee embarking on its work to update its terms of reference.

The delegate from Finland announced the release of a new publication on “Discrimination of sexual and gender minorities in sports and exercise” by the Finnish government’s National Sports Council. She would send the link to the EPAS secretariat for wider circulation.

15. Date and place of the next meetings

The 9th Joint meeting of the Governing Board and the Consultative Committee could be held in Strasbourg on 20-21 May 2015, pending confirmation of meeting room availability on those dates.

*Appendix I***Annotated Agenda****8th meeting of the EPAS Governing Board
(joint meeting with the EPAS Consultative Committee)**

Council of Europe, Strasbourg
Palais de l'Europe, room 10

21-22 May 2014

21 May: 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. ; 2.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

22 May: 9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. ; 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

21 May: First part of the meeting (with the Consultative Committee)**1. Opening of the meeting**

Addresses by:

- Ms Wendela Kuper, Chair of the Governing Board
- Chair of the Consultative Committee

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Committees are invited to adopt the agenda and its possible amendments.

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3. Reports**3.1 Lists of decisions from the following meetings:**

- Joint plenary meeting of the EPAS Governing Board and Consultative Committee, 26-27 June 2013
- EPAS Governing Board Bureau, 15 November 2013
- Extraordinary meeting of the EPAS Governing Board and Consultative Committee, 23 January 2014
- EPAS Governing Board Bureau, 2-3 April 2014

EPAS (2013) 64rev

EPAS (2013) 71rev

EPAS (2014) 17rev

EPAS (2014) 31

The Committees are invited to take note of the reports.

3.2 Informal Ministerial Networking Event, Sochi, 7 February 2014

The Committees are invited to take note of the Executive Report.

EPAS (2014) 20

3.3 Network of national regulators of the sports betting market

EPAS (2013) 77

The Committees are invited to take note of the draft meeting report of the 1st meeting of the network, held in Paris on 21 November 2013

- *Update by the Secretariat*

EPAS (2013) INF20

The Governing Board is invited to discuss and take a decision on the possible renewal of the Network's mandate (due to expire at the end of 2014)

- *Decision on renewal to be transmitted to the Committee of Ministers*

3.4 Activities of the Conventional Committees

The Committees are invited to take note of the oral presentations on the latest developments in the Conventions sector.

- *Ms Liene Kozlovska – Secretariat, Anti-doping Convention*
- *Mr Paulo Gomes – ex Chair of the Standing Committee, Spectator Violence Convention*

3.5 Progress of current activities

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On-going 2014 Programme and Budget of EPAS:

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- *Updated programme of 2014 activities and budget*
- *2014 Calendar of activities*

The Committees are invited to take note of the status of the 2014 programme of activities as implemented under the supervision of the Governing Board Bureau. The Governing Board is invited to decide upon modifications where necessary.

4. Standard-setting and follow-up

4.1 Progress review on the draft Convention on the manipulation of sports competitions

4.1.a Update on the adoption procedure

CM(2014)20

The Committees are invited to take note of the update given by the Secretariat.

CM(2014)20addprov

4.1.b Co-operation with third-party organisations

The Committees are invited to discuss the idea of promoting the convention to non-European states and to give their opinion on using agreements (eg. letters of intent) to this end.

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4.1.c Financial impact on non-CoE states

The Governing Board is invited to take a stand concerning the proposals presented by the Secretariat to offer contribution packages to non-EPAS states when signing the sports conventions.

4.1.d Signing of the convention by new states interested in the procedure

The Committees are invited to give an opinion on holding a second signature event (after MSL) for those states not eligible to sign the convention on 18 September 2014.

4.2 Recommendation on Gender mainstreaming in Sport

- Discussion

CM(2014)61
CM(2014)61 add

The Committees are invited to note the state of play regarding the draft recommendation and its explanatory memorandum.

4.3 Recommendation on the protection of child and young athletes from dangers associated with migration

CM/Rec(2012)10

The Committees are invited to discuss how the implementation of this Recommendation in member states could be followed up (consultative visits, questionnaires, etc.).

4.4 Recommendation on the prohibition of free fighting contests, such as cage fighting

Rec No. R (99) 11

The Committees are invited to take note of the update given by the Secretariat.

4.5 Compliance with commitments - general

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a) The Governing Board is invited to take note of the document outlining procedures for monitoring visits, and to discuss the harmonisation of procedures.

b) The Governing Board is invited to discuss the holding of an evaluation visit on the European Sports Charter in Georgia and confirm its agreement to organise such a visit on 14-17 October 2014.

5. Information on accession of new members to the EPAS**5.1 Governing Board:** new member states and observer states**5.2 Consultative Committee:**a. Renewals of membership

The Governing Board is invited to approve renewals of eight organisations whose memberships will expire in 2014 (EWS, SAMBO Federation, EUPEA, Think tank Sport & Citizenship, Tennis Europe, SROC, European Handcycling Federation, EU Athletes).

EPAS (2014) 6rev
EPAS (2014) INF07revb. New applications

- European Tour
- International School Sports Federation (ISF)

The Governing Board is invited to discuss two applications for membership of the Consultative Committee.

EPAS (2014) INF03
EPAS (2014) INF05c. Election to the Bureau of two Consultative Committee members

The Governing Board is invited to designate two representatives from the Consultative Committee, upon proposal by the Consultative Committee, to take part in the proceedings of the Bureau, without the right to vote.

EPAS (2014) 24

6. Overview of current issues in international co-operation on sport

Presentations:

6.1 from the governmental side

6.2 from the non-governmental side

The two presentations will provide general background information on the situation of international co-operation on sports policies, both from the perspective of the governments and from the perspective of the sports movement. The presentations are based on information collected by the secretariat and provided by respective organisations. No document will be distributed as a meeting document; documents will be made available in the “Reports” section of the EPAS website. The Committees are invited to react to the presentations and to take note of them.

7. Priorities of the programme of activities 2015

- 2015 activities
- Discussion

EPAS (2014) 33

The Committees are invited to discuss the priorities for the EPAS programme of activities in 2015.

The Governing Board is invited to validate and establish the list of activities. In light of the agreed priorities and initial comments, the draft list of activities will be updated for approval during the next day of the meeting.

(end of the day)

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8. Ministerial meetings

8.1 Follow-up to the 12th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (MSL12)

MSL13 (2014) 3rev

The Committees are invited to take note of the progress of the follow-up, and, if need be, to make comments.

8.2 13th Conference (Macolin/Magglingen, Switzerland, 18 September 2014)

- Update on Conference preparation, by Mr Pascal Chatelain
The Committees are invited to take note of the information provided, and to comment where necessary. The Governing Board is then invited to approve the publication of the draft Resolutions.

MSL13 (2014) 1rev3
 MSL13 (2014) 2rev1
 MSL13 (2014) 4rev1
 MSL13 (2014) 5rev1
 MSL13 (2014) 7

9. EPAS activities on promoting diversity and combating discrimination in and through sport

- Presentation (by the Secretariat)
- Discussion on on-going and future activities
- Decision on specific target groups/themes for 2016

EPAS (2013) 65
 EPAS (2014) 30
 EPAS (2014) 36

The Committees are invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat and to express their views on the EPAS activities related to diversity.

The Governing Board is invited to take a decision on the continuing work by EPAS concerning the promotion of diversity and the fight against discrimination, with focus on theme of tolerance and diversity through physical education teaching (in 2015) and to decide upon a theme for 2016.

10. Joint projects (with external funding)

10.1 Ongoing projects

- a) Good Governance
- b) Pro Safe Sport for young athletes (PSS)

EPAS (2012) 36rev2

- Presentation

The Committees are invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat and developments regarding these projects.

10.2 Agreed projects

- a) Friendship Games

EPAS (2013) INF09

The Committees are invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat concerning this offer and, where necessary, the Governing Board is invited to approve support for such a project in a State that may be interested.

10.3 Possible future projects

a) EURO 2020

b) European Union

EPAS (2014) 37

The Committees are invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat and to discuss the continued inter-institutional co-operation between the EPAS, the Council of Europe and the European Union, and to make a decision regarding the project to be submitted in the framework of the Erasmus+ programme.

Second part of the meeting (*in camera*)

11. EPAS statute and regulations

11.1 Statutory and political issues concerning the EPAS

- Presentation (by the Secretariat) on the update of amendments to the EPAS statute
- Discussion

EPAS (2012) 35rev
EPAS (2012) INF46

The Governing Board is invited to take note of the information presented by the Secretariat, further to the extra meeting of the Statutory Committee.

11.2 Preparation of the next meeting of the Statutory Committee

- Accounts – 2013 remaining balance
- Special Account

EPAS (2014) 39

The Governing Board is invited to make a proposal regarding the balance of the 2013 budget and its possible transfer to the Special Account.

12. Finalisation of the 2015 programme of activities

- List of 2015 activities

EPAS (2014) 33rev

The Governing Board is invited to discuss the updated draft list of activities, to adopt the priorities, the list of activities and the draft 2015 budget and to delegate the responsibility of following up its implementation and update to the Bureau.

Third part of the meeting (with the Consultative Committee)

13. Visibility

List of publications and publication projects

- Presentation (by the Secretariat)

EPAS (2014) 11

The Committees are invited to take note of the information presented by the Secretariat and to discuss and decide on possible new publications. The Governing Board is invited to delegate responsibility for the follow-up and update of the publications list to the Bureau.

14. Any other business

Complementary election to the Governing Board bureau (region 3)

EPAS (2012) 31rev

15. Date and place of the next meetings

- 9th Joint meeting of the Governing Board and the Consultative Committee (May 2015, date to be confirmed)

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