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## **Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)**

### **Extraordinary Consultative Committee Plenary Meeting**

Hôtel Biltmore  
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Monday, 15 October 2018  
14:00 – 17:00

## **Report**

### **1 Opening of the meeting**

The meeting was opened by Jens Sejer Andersen, Chair of the CC. Eight CC members were counted as being present out of 25. There was agreement, as the quorum (the majority of CC members present) was not met, no important decisions would be taken.

### **2 Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda as it appears in annex 1 was adopted.

### **3 Reports on recent meetings**

- **Report on the CC Plenary Meeting, Strasbourg, France, 14 May 2018**
- **Report on the CC Bureau meeting, Paris, France, 10 September 2018**

Both reports of the CC were briefly discussed and accepted.

On behalf of the ENGSO president, ICSS conveyed messages regarding the election of the CC Bureau at the plenary meeting in May 2018. ENGSO's remarks were taken on board and included in the report of 10 September 2018.

The chair followed-up the report of the CC plenary meeting of May 2018 on setting up a working group on developing an evidence base on the UN-SDGs related to sport. He informed that no terms of reference for this group were adopted yet. It would be up to the chair and the members of the working group to define the terms of reference and the output. A possible output could be an online resource centre, a bibliography etc.

The discussions on the UN-SDGs centred on the following aspects:

- Collect evidence, and define as well as highlight the role of sport and sport organisations (including the benefits/ advantages) in view of realising the UN-SDGs.
- Provide guidance how CC members can implement the UN-SDGs.
- Use sport as a policy tool to achieve the UN-SDGs.

The following CC members declared their interest to be part of this process during the plenary meeting in May 2018: EAS, TAFISA, ICSSPE, EUPEA and ICSPPE. ICSSPE would be willing to act as a chair.

#### **Proposals:**

- ICSSPE, FIAS and ISF set up the core group and research what is available and relevant, what can be done concretely, and where added value can be offered. The group is asked to give feedback at the next plenary meeting.
- Discuss electronically with interested organisations the issues and prepare a work programme to be presented at the next plenary meeting.

### **4 Discussions on the resolutions of the conference on**

The chair informed that CC members were consulted in drafting the resolution on “fighting corruption in sport: scaling up action”.

Regarding the resolution “protecting human rights in sport: obligations and shared responsibilities”, the EPAS Secretariat proposed to present possible amendments of the CC to the senior official meetings upon request by the CC members.

The chair invited the CC members to comment on the resolutions and the international declaration (on Human Rights and Sport) to be adopted/ endorsed by the Conference of Ministers responsible for sport and CC members.

Ms Moreno, head of the Children's Rights and Sport Values Department of the Council of Europe, informed about the difference of resolutions and declarations according to international law.

A resolution is adopted by (member) states by consensus and usually is specific including steps to be taken within a certain period of time.

A declaration is open for and can be endorsed by governments and other stakeholder organisations such as sport organisations and/ or international organisations by consensus for an unlimited duration.

#### **4.1 Protecting human rights in sport: obligations and shared responsibilities**

The discussions on **the resolution on protecting human rights in sport: obligations and shared responsibilities** and the **international declaration on Human Rights and sport** focused on the following points:

- The resolution and the international declaration on Human Rights and sport are considered very positive, strong and practical.
- The documents bring together important points which are relevant in promoting Human Rights in sport.

#### **4.2 Fighting corruption in sport: Scaling Up Action**

Regarding **the resolution on “fighting corruption in sport: scaling up action”**, the following points/ concerns were raised:

- The resolution was welcomed and considered as an important step in the right direction.
- Regarding the International Partnership against Corruption in Sport (IPACS), it should be more inclusive and involve other sport stakeholders as well.
- Minimum governance standards should be defined to receive public funding.
- Athletes should be better protected from systemic doping and corruption practices. Furthermore, the voice of athletes should be better taken into consideration in the opinion building and decision making process.
- Regarding the convention against the manipulation of sports competition, the CC reaffirmed its support and called upon member states to sign and ratify it.

### **5 Updating the European Sports Charter**

The CC was informed that the revision of the European Sports Charter (ESC) is referred to in the resolutions of the Ministerial Conference.

In a next step the Secretariat will consider the launch of a feasibility study after further discussions with the Governing Board and Consultative Committee. The input of the CC to update the ESC will be very important.

The Consultative Committee welcomed the revision of the ESC. The ESC should be balanced, also include professional sport and include new important aspects of sport since its adoption in 1992/ revision in 2001.

### **6 Renewals and new members**

#### **6.1 New members**

##### **6.1.1 Application of European Athletics (EA)**

The Secretariat informed that on 3 July 2018 it received an application from European Athletics (EA) via email to join the Consultative Committee (CC). The opinion of the CC on EA's application was requested by written procedure in July 2018. Three CC members submitted their positive opinion in favour of EA's application. The opinion of the Governing Board (GB) was requested by written procedure on 21 August 2018. Five GB members submitted their opinion in favour of EA's application. The Committee of Ministers will decide at a later stage – most likely in November 2018 – whether to grant observer status to EA.

##### **6.1.2 Application of the International Dance Organisation**

The Secretariat informed that on 15 August 2018 it received an application from the International Dance Organisation (IDO) via email to join the CC. The opinion of the CC on IDO's application was requested by

written procedure in September 2018. As IDO is a non-profit organisation under Danish law with its registered office in the municipality of Slagelse, Zealand, Denmark, the CC chair decided to get in touch with officials from IDO to get more information on their application.

## **6.2 Renewals in 2019**

The Secretariat informed that the following organisation will have to renew their membership to the CC in 2019.

- EFPM
- ISCA
- EOC/COE
- ICSSPE/ CIEPSS
- EPC / CPE
- EAS
- Panathlon International
- FARE
- Play the Game
- ICSS
- FIFPro
- Special Olympics Europe Eurasia (SOEE)

It was proposed that the Secretariat produces an attendance list to check which members attended the CC meetings regularly.

## **7 Terms of Reference of the Consultative Committee**

Due to time constraints, the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the CC were not discussed in detail.

(The discussions on the revision of the ToR of the CC are not concluded yet. The current status of the discussions can be found in the document “Draft revision of EPAS CC ToR”:

<https://mycloud.coe.int/s/gpCiSYJcd7WiZTB>)

## **8 Any other business**

No point was raised.

## **9 Date and place of the next meeting**

The next plenary meeting of the CC will take place on 5 June 2019. (A safe the date email was sent out on 2 August 2018.)

## **10 Closing**

The chair thanked the participants for their active contribution and adjourned the meeting.





## Appendix 2

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