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8 March – International Women's Day
Breakfast Roundtable: Women in Sport

9.30am-11.30am

Organised by the Council of Europe's Sport Division

Online

Background

Promoting gender equality has been part of the work of the Council of Europe in the field of sport for many years. In 2015, the Council of Europe's Enlarged Partial Agreement in Sport (EPAS) was instrumental in the preparation of Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2015\)2](#) of the Committee of Ministers to member States on gender mainstreaming in sport. From 2018-2019, the Council of Europe and the European Union ran a joint project entitled "[All IN](#)" with a focus on gender equality in sport. This project provided many deliverables, including a best practice toolkit for gender equality, 6 indicators in the following areas: leadership, coaching, participation (from grassroots to elite sport), gender-based violence, media/communication and gender mainstreaming which were assessed in 17 countries, and which led to the publication of an analytical study on gender equality, as well as an online resource centre. Many other initiatives have been promoted by the Council of Europe to contribute to promoting greater gender equality in sport and this ongoing work to achieve greater equality is firmly enshrined in the Council of Europe's revised European Sport Charter (ESC).

From 2023-2024 it is envisaged that the Council of Europe's Sport Division will pursue the work under the "All In" project, to further strengthen the findings from the first edition, having a specific focus on issues linked to representation of women in sport and further fine-tuning the data indicators and increasing the range of countries covered by the project. Working closely with experts from different institutional, academic and grassroots backgrounds will ensure that the next round of "All In" has as much impact as possible.

It is in this context that the Council of Europe's Sport Division is delighted to announce a "Breakfast Roundtable: Women in Sport" on the occasion of International Women's Day, March 8. In the first part of this online event, international experts in this area will share their experiences and know-how, and will showcase the work that they have done in their organisations, and which they will continue to do, to try to ensure that there is more of a level playing field in sport between women and men in sport. This will be followed by an informal coffee table discussion bringing together expert panellists who will discuss what steps can be taken to improve women's position in sport. Despite many initiatives over the years much remains to be done...

Draft programme

- 9.30am-9.40am** **Welcome**
Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe
- 9.40-9.50am** **Presentation on the Global Observatory for Women, Sport, Physical Education and Physical Activity (Global Observatory)**
Payoshni Mitra, CEO of the Global Observatory
- 9.50-10.00am** **Introduction to the World Conference - 2022 of the International Working Group (IWG) on Women and Sport**
Pauline Harrison, International gender equality expert, IWG
- 10.00-10.10am** **Report findings from the EU High Level Group on Gender Equality**
Emine Bozkurt, Chair of the EU High Level Group on Gender Equality
- 10.10-10.20am** **Coaching for change**
Nagin Ravand, Football Coach, Denmark and Gender Equality Activist
- 10.20-10.30am** **Judging for greater equality - presentation from the International Federation of Sports Officials (IFSO)**
Charlotte Girard Fabre, Secretary General of IFSO
- 10.30-11:10am** **Coffee table discussion - what steps can be taken to improve women's position in sport?**
moderated by Francine Hetherington Raveney, Deputy Executive Secretary, Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)
- Panellists:**
Jane Dennehy, Director of the Gender Hub
Kole Gjelošhaj, Chair of the EPAS Consultative Committee, Deputy Secretary General of the International School Sports Federation (ISF), Rapporteur EU High Level Group on Gender Equality
Tess Harmand, Development Director, Alice Milliat Foundation
Payoshni Mitra, CEO of the Global Observatory
Nagin Ravand, Football coach
Sarah Townsend, Co-President, European Gay and Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF), member of ENGSO's Equality Within Sport (EWS) Committee
- 11.10-11.25am** **Questions from the audience**
- 11.25-11.30am** **Closing words**
Sophie Kwasny, Head of the Council of Europe's Sport Division