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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

Meeting of the Bureau of the EPAS Governing Board

Thursday 7 May 2020
9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

By video-conference

Working language: English

Conclusions

Present: M. Delaperrière, A. Husting, Z. Verovnik, V.Slavkova, A. Morozov, J. Sejer Andersen, M. Buchel

Apologised: F. Tricarico, M. Crnković

Secretariat: S. Frossard, M. Trinker, H. Stewart, D. Tramountani

1. **How to handle upcoming renewals of CC members (decision to be taken: whether consult the GB by written procedure now, or wait until the joint meeting in September)**

The Bureau discussed the Excel table prepared by the Secretariat which summarised the activity within EPAS over the last four years of the 17 organisations whose CC membership is due to expire in 2020. It held an exchange of views on the criteria and thresholds to be used when considering non-renewal, with the following points being raised by the various members:

- Lack of confidence or trust in a member should be indicated
- Larger organisations with more resources find it easier to attend meetings than smaller ones
- Mere attendance at meetings does not necessarily mean active participation or contribution
- Other collaborations that organisations have should be considered (eg. with CoE, EU - not just with EPAS)
- The added value of having overlap or duplication of profiles with other CC members could be addressed
- More should be done to advertise CC membership to external sources, so as to attract new organisations that would not otherwise be on the EPAS radar

Decision: the Bureau agreed that the Governing Board should be consulted by written procedure by mid-June at the latest, rather than wait for a physical meeting in September. The Bureau decided to offer its own opinion on the cases for renewal which could then be sent as part of the written procedure to the Governing Board. In order to do this, the Bureau asked the secretariat to update the table according to the following four criteria:

- Participation in meetings
- Participation in general (regular contact, promotion of EPAS, involving EPAS in their own activities)
- Overlap or institutional issues
- Level of confidence/trust

An extra meeting of the Bureau will be held on Thursday 14 May at 10h30 to discuss the updated table and focus only on those organisations which appear to be controversial according to those criteria.

2. **Opinion of the Bureau and general discussion on proposed governance guidelines for IPACS**

Due to lack of time, the Bureau agreed to continue commenting on this document via e-mail.

3. **Next meeting**

- a. The next full Bureau meeting will be held by video-conference on Friday 29 May at 9h30. An extra meeting to finalise the discussions on the CC renewals will be held by video-conference on Thursday 7 May at 10h30

4. **Any other business**

- The hosting of the Ministerial Conference was in some doubt, according to the Slovenian delegate; this was due to the government's recent decision to concentrate its resources entirely on the safety of its citizens and to cancel all other obligations. The Bureau therefore asked the Secretariat to proceed with high-level discussions in Strasbourg, in particular with the Permanent Representative of Slovenia, in order to come to a decision. In parallel, the Secretariat should enquire about options to host the conference at the Council of Europe.
- The secretariat informed the Bureau that the 1st meeting of the T-MC committee on the Macolin Convention scheduled mid-June, was postponed. The new potential dates being considered are 8-9 October or 20-21 October.
- The secretariat gave a brief update on the ongoing search for partner countries to join the new CoE-EU joint project on "Child safeguarding in sport" (CSiS)
- A. Morozov joined the meeting towards the end of the discussions; the Chair and Vice-chair gave him a quick oral update on the decisions taken during the meeting.