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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

22nd meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau

Council of Europe
55 Avenue Kléber, 75116 Paris
(1st floor, Meeting room n° 2)

Tuesday 1 December 2015, 9.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

List of Decisions

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by Wendela Kuper (Netherlands), Chair of the EPAS Governing Board, during which she welcomed the newly-elected members of the Bureau to their first meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Bureau adopted the agenda without any amendments (see Appendix I).

3. Reports on recent meetings

The Bureau took note of the different Lists of Decisions from recent meetings. Concerning the 8th meeting of the Consultative Committee held in Aarhus on 27 October 2015, the Bureau noted that the quorum was not reached, and therefore no decisions were taken. The election to replace Sarah Lacarrière as Chair would have to be done by written procedure.

4. Recent news

4.1 Member states

The Bureau took note of the oral presentation by the secretariat and in particular that Belgium's membership of EPAS was imminent.

4.2 Partner organisations

The Bureau took note of the oral presentation by the secretariat and in particular that 2 new requests for membership had been received (Special Olympics International and World Forum for Ethics in Business) and would be sent to the Consultative Committee for opinion.

4.3 Sports Conventions

The Bureau took note of the oral presentation by the secretariat and in particular on the state of play regarding the adoption of the Draft Council of Europe Convention on an integrated safety, security and service approach at football matches and other sports events, and on the Council of Europe's advice to the member states declared as non-compliant by WADA.

4.4 Council of Europe Secretariat

The Bureau took note of the presentation by the secretariat on the staff changes envisaged over the coming months, including new recruitments to manage the three new joint projects (as mentioned under item 5 below) and the administration of the Macolin Convention once it enters into force.

5. Voluntary Contribution Projects and Joint Projects

5.1 EU (DG Home): "Keep Crime out of Sport"

The Bureau took note that the project proposal had been approved and would focus on awareness-raising activities to promote the Macolin Convention and organisation of technical assistance programmes in member states. The project will officially start on 1 January 2016 and will last for 18 months.

5.2 EU (Direct grant agreements):

- Gender Equality Indicators: "Balance in Sport"

The Bureau took note that this project was expected to start on 1 January 2016 for a duration of one year. It will focus on developing tools to facilitate the implementation and use of gender equality indicators by public authorities and sport organisations in the areas of leadership, coaching, media and violence.

- ProS4 (Promoting Council of Europe Standards on safety, security and services at football matches and other sport events)

The Bureau took note that this project was expected to start on 1 January 2016 for a duration of one year. Its objective is to establish an overview of security at sports events and to organise co-operation activities for countries which have recently hosted monitoring visits by the T-RV and which require assistance.

5.3 European Partnerships on Sport: "Pro Safe Sport for young athletes"

The Bureau took note that the final narrative and financial reports for the end of this project had been submitted on time and were subsequently accepted by the European Commission. The Bureau discussed ways to implement the results of the project and how to promote the PSS toolkit to a wider audience.

Decision: The Bureau recommended that the secretariat promote the PSS toolkit to NOCs for distribution at national level. It also to use other channels such as the European Fair Play Movement.

6. Conferences of Ministers responsible for Sport

6.1 13th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, Macolin/Maggingen (Switzerland), 18 September 2014

The Bureau took note of the progress made to date in following up the Resolutions from the Conference of Ministers.

6.2 14th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport

The Bureau took note of the handout distributed on behalf of the Hungarian delegate regarding the venue and dates for the next Conference.

The Bureau discussed the document prepared by the secretariat on the theme of Good Governance (EPAS (2015) 61) and agreed that the work already done in this field should not be duplicated or repeated. It prepared the participants list, agenda and format for the meeting scheduled on 16 December in Lausanne, as requested by the Secretary General, which would lay the foundations for the work of the Task Force and consequently, the main theme of the Ministerial Conference.

For the Task Force itself, the Bureau members from Netherlands, Russian Federation and Montenegro volunteered to participate. The Bureau also agreed to invite Switzerland to appoint a representative.

The Bureau discussed the overview of the Ministerial Conference, and agreed on the format it should take over the 2-3 days foreseen:

Day 1: Senior Officials Meeting + informal Ministerial Gathering

Day 2: MSL14 Conference of Ministers

Day 3: Inter-institutional co-operation meeting + PACE meeting

Decision: taking into account other important events in the political calendar, the Bureau decided to hold the Conference of Ministers on 28-30 November 2016, with the Ministerial meeting itself taking place on 29 November 2016.

6.3 Informal Ministerial Gathering – Baku 2015

The Bureau took note of the Executive Report of this meeting and discussed ways to continue working on the subject by collaborating with other organisations.

Decision: the Bureau decided to proceed with the idea of a good practice handbook on the role of governments in promoting the sustainability (economic, social and environmental) of major sports events, and to involve the OECD and the UN environmental programme.

7. Standard-setting and follow-up

7.1 Update regarding status of signatures and ratifications of the Convention on the manipulation of sports competitions

The Bureau took note of the oral report provided by the secretariat regarding the Communication Event organised on 29 October 2015 (Unesco HQ, Paris) which was aimed at raising awareness among non-European states. The Bureau noted that states were progressing with their ratification processes (Azerbaijan, Russian Federation and Switzerland), but that many EU states were hampered by the ongoing EU procedures.

7.2 Recommendation on Gender mainstreaming in sport

The Bureau took note of the oral report provided by the secretariat on the Seminar held in Strasbourg on 17 November 2015.

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

The Bureau took note of the document prepared by the secretariat on possible co-operation opportunities and asked the secretariat to pursue its ongoing consultations to find a solution.

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

The Bureau took note of the oral report provided by the secretariat and agreed to have a full debate on the risks of mixed martial arts at the next plenary meeting of the Governing Board.

7.5 Compliance with Commitments

The Bureau requested more time to give its comments on the draft Appendix to the procedural guidelines as prepared by the secretariat.

Decision: the Bureau asked the secretariat to arrange a consultation by written procedure, giving the Bureau two more weeks to make comments.

8. Promotion of diversity and fight against discrimination

8.1 Priorities (2015)

- Tolerance and diversity through PE teaching

The Bureau took note of the conclusions of the annual conference held in Bled, Slovenia (19-20 November 2015) and to agreed that EPAS should pursue its efforts to organise, in collaboration with the Pestalozzi Programme and with support from the EOC, a 2016 Summer School in Olympia for PE teachers. The Bureau also agreed that a practical handbook for teachers and coaches based on the education sector's competency framework (which is due to be adopted by Council of Europe Ministers for Education in April 2016) would be a positive outcome from this conference.

8.2 Future priorities (2016-2017)

- Newly-arrived migrants and their integration via sport (2016)

The Bureau took note of the information presented orally by the secretariat on preparatory actions on this topic, and asked the secretariat to pursue its efforts to find a host country for this event.

- Working together to build and consolidate democracy, tolerance and inclusion (2017)

The Bureau took note of the information presented orally by the secretariat on this topic, including the hosting of the annual conference by the Cypriot authorities on 11 May 2017, as a celebration of EPAS's 10th anniversary.

9. Programme of Activities 2014-2015 and 2016-2017

9.1 Programme and budget 2015

The Bureau took note of the oral presentation made by the Secretariat on the accomplishment of 2015 activities and on remaining events yet to take place. The Bureau approved the secretariat's participation in a Round Table event at Lausanne University on 9 December 2015 on the setting up of an international observatory on sports policy.

9.2 Programme and budget 2016

The Bureau discussed the preparation of the 2016 programme and approved the updates proposed by the secretariat, including the addition of the Task Force meetings on good governance.

10. Visibility

10.1 Publications

10.2 Sports website

The Bureau took note of the information presented orally by the secretariat regarding the ongoing publications and the current status regarding the migration of the sports website to a Liferay platform.

11. Any other business

None.

12. Date and place of the next meeting

The Bureau agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting of the Bureau (as requested by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe) on 16 December 2015 in Lausanne.

For the next Bureau meeting on 25-26 April 2016 (tbc), the Bureau had a preference for holding it either at the same venue as the annual conference, or at the Council of Europe office in Paris.

The Bureau took note that the next joint plenary meeting of the Governing Board and the Consultative Committee will take place in Strasbourg on 17-18 May 2016.

Appendix I

Annotated Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by Wendela Kuper (Netherlands), Chair of the EPAS Governing Board.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Bureau is invited to adopt the agenda and its possible amendments.

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Action: adopt agenda EPAS (2015) 50

3. Reports on recent meetings

3.1 Draft List of decisions – 9th meeting of the EPAS Governing Board, Strasbourg, 20-21 May 2015

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3.2 List of decisions – 12th meeting of the EPAS Statutory Committee, Strasbourg, 10 July 2015

EPAS-SC (2015) 3rev

3.3 List of decisions - 7th meeting of the Consultative Committee Plenary, Strasbourg, 21 May 2015

EPAS (2015) 47
(English only)

3.4 Draft list of decisions - 8th meeting of the Consultative Committee Plenary, Aarhus, 27 October 2015

EPAS (2015) 55
(English only)

The Bureau is invited to take note of these reports, and the oral presentations by the Secretariat.

4. Recent news

4.1 Member states

4.2 Partner organisations

4.3 Sports Conventions

4.4 Council of Europe Secretariat

The Bureau is invited to take note of the oral update provided by the Secretariat.

5. Voluntary Contribution Projects and Joint Projects

5.1 EU (DG Home): “[Keep Crime out of Sport](#)”

5.2 EU (Direct grant agreements):

- Gender Equality Indicators
- ProS4 (Promoting Council of Europe Standards on safety, security and services at football matches and other sport events)

5.3 European Partnerships on Sport: “Pro Safe Sport for young athletes”

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The Bureau is invited to take note of the updates by the Secretariat on these projects and to suggest follow up measures to utilise remaining resources and promote the PSS toolkit.

Action: instruct the Secretariat on how to proceed to follow up the PSS project with remaining resources and to promote its toolkit.

6. Conferences of Ministers responsible for Sport

6.1 13th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, Macolin/Maggingen (Switzerland), 18 September 2014

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The Bureau is invited to take note of the progress made in following up the resolutions.

6.2 14th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport

The Bureau is invited to:

- 6.2.1 take note of the presentation by the Hungarian delegate on the hosting of the next conference
- 6.2.2 hold a discussion on the proposed main theme
- 6.2.3 hold a discussion on the overview of the conference
- 6.2.4 confirm the date of the conference and approve the principal theme
- 6.2.5 prepare the meeting on 16 December in Lausanne, requested by the Secretary General

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6.3 Informal Ministerial Gathering – Baku 2015

The Bureau is invited to take note of the Executive Report of this meeting and to decide upon follow-up activities on the subject of promoting the social sustainability of major sports events.

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7. Standard-setting and follow-up

7.1 Update regarding status of signatures and ratifications of the Convention on the manipulation of sports competitions

- Communication Event: 29 October 2015, Unesco HQ, Paris

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The Bureau is invited to take note of the oral report provided by the

Secretariat.

- 7.2 Recommendation on Gender mainstreaming in sport** CM/Rec(2015)2
 The Bureau is invited to take note of the oral report provided by the Secretariat on the Seminar held in Strasbourg on 17 November 2015.
- 7.3 Recommendation on the protection of child and young athletes from dangers associated with migration** CM/Rec(2012)10
EPAS (2015) 62
 The Bureau is invited to prepare a plan to set up co-operation opportunities.
- 7.4 Recommendation on the prohibition of free fighting contests, such as cage fighting** Rec No. R (99) 11
EPAS (2015) 24
EPAS (2014) 67
EPAS (2015) 63
 The Bureau is invited to take note of the oral report provided by the Secretariat and to validate the proposed follow-up plan.
- 7.5 Compliance with Commitments** Sport (2015) 3rev1
EPAS (2015) 54
 The Bureau is invited to comment on the draft Appendix to the procedural guidelines as prepared by the Secretariat.

8. Promotion of diversity and fight against discrimination

8.1 Priorities (2015)

- Tolerance and diversity through PE teaching

The Bureau is invited to take note of the conclusions of the annual conference held in Bled, Slovenia (19-20 November 2015) and to give an opinion on the follow-up, for example a Summer School in Olympia in 2016. EPAS (2015) 60
EPAS (2015) 46

8.2 Future priorities (2016-2017)

- Newly-arrived migrants and their integration via sport (2016)

The Bureau is invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat on preparatory actions on this topic, and to discuss potential partners to host this event. EPAS (2015) 58
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- Working together to build and consolidate democracy, tolerance and inclusion (2017)

The Bureau is invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat on preparatory actions on this topic, and to discuss potential partners to host this event.

9. Programme of Activities 2014-2015 and 2016-2017

9.1 Programme and budget 2015

The Bureau is invited to take note of the oral presentation made by the Secretariat on the accomplishment of 2015 activities and on remaining events yet to take place: EPAS (2015) 7rev
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- Round Table event, Lausanne University, 9 December 2015

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9.2 Programme and budget 2016

The Bureau is invited to hold an exchange of views on the preparation and update of the programme.

Action: approve the updated planning of activities for 2016.

The Bureau is invited to take note of the 2016 calendar and designate Bureau representatives, where necessary, for activities where Bureau representation would be advisable.

10. Visibility

10.1 Publications

10.2 Sports website

The Bureau is invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat

11. Any other business

12. Date and place of the next meeting

Action: agree to hold an extraordinary meeting of the Bureau (as requested by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe) on 16 December 2015 (venue to be confirmed)

Action: agree to hold the next Bureau meeting on 25-26 April 2016, at the Council of Europe office in Paris.

Action: take note that the next joint plenary meeting of the Governing Board and the Consultative Committee will take place in Strasbourg on 17-18 May 2016.

Appendix II

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