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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

32nd meeting of the Bureau of the EPAS Governing Board

Tuesday 28 January 2020
9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Council of Europe
55 avenue Kléber
Paris, France
(1st floor, meeting room 1)

Working languages: English and French
(Simultaneous interpretation provided)

List of decisions

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened and chaired by Madeleine Delaperrière, Chair of the Governing Board. The list of participants appears in Appendix I to this report.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Bureau adopted the agenda as it appears in Appendix II to this report.

3. Update on member states and organisations of EPAS

3.1 Governing Board

i. New member states

The Bureau took note of document EPAS(2020)03 outlining the status of dialogue with non-member states on their potential membership of EPAS. The Bureau noted the imminent official announcement from Turkey, and a strong chance of membership by Italy in 2020.

3.2 Consultative Committee

i. New members and requests to join

The Bureau took note that no new applications had been received to join the Consultative Committee.

ii. Renewals foreseen in 2020

The Bureau took note that there will be twelve organisations whose membership is scheduled for renewal in 2020. The Bureau accepted that EPAS could not work on all the topics that were of interest to each CC member at once, but that the members should be ready to participate and use their membership to influence the EPAS programme of activities.

The Bureau decided to ask the Secretariat to make statistics available on the participation rates of each CC member, in time for the next Bureau meeting.

iii. Revision of the Terms of Reference

The Bureau took note of the working document proposed by the Bureau's working group; the Bureau discussed the strictness versus the flexibility of wording such as "should" in the document. It also discussed the pros and cons of imposing a quorum, of allowing substitutes, as well as deleting the reference to offering video-link as a participation right.

The Bureau asked the Secretariat to make the modifications agreed upon and to send the ToR back to the Bureau before proceeding with a written adoption by the entire Governing Board.

3.3 Promotion of EPAS

i. Draft promotional leaflet

The Bureau took note of the revised version of the leaflet which included comments received since the last meeting. The Bureau discussed the recognition that EPAS deserves, given its numerous activities and despite its limited resources. The Bureau felt the leaflet was not punchy enough and that should be more communicative and less institutional in style.

The Bureau decided to ask the Secretariat to make sure the content was easy to read, kept short, but communicative enough to capture readers from different demographics. It should then prepare a mock-up, ready-for-print, version for approval by the Bureau by written procedure.

4. Reports and recent meetings

4.1 Lists of decisions of the following meetings:

- i. 31st meeting of the Bureau of the Governing Board, Paris, 20 September 2019

The Bureau decided to approve this report by written procedure.

- ii. Meeting of the Bureau of the Consultative Committee, via Skype, 25 November 2019
The Bureau took note of this report.

- iii. 16th meeting of the Statutory Committee, Strasbourg, 29 November 2019
The Bureau took note of this report.

- iv. Round Table on the subject of “Sport and freedom of the media”, Strasbourg, 5 June 2019
The Bureau took note of this report. It discussed follow-up by putting the theme on future agendas of EPAS meetings, given the potential to work on this with other Council of Europe departments in a transversal manner.

- v. 2nd Round Table on sport facilities and online databases, Brussels, 4 December 2019
The Bureau took note of the oral report presented by the secretariat. The Bureau agreed EPAS could bring added value to movement-friendly cities and urban infrastructure, but perhaps a Europe-wide database was not the answer. The topic could be linked to political planning and sustainable development and should be kept in mind when implementing the new European Sports Charter.

4.2 Recent news from the Council of Europe

- i. Committee of Ministers / Parliamentary Assembly

The Bureau noted that the work on drafting two reports by the Parliamentary Assembly was still ongoing: “Football governance and ethics: business or values?” by Lord Foulkes (UK), and “Time to act: Europe’s political response to fighting the manipulation of sports competitions” by Roland Büchel (Switzerland).

- ii. Sport Conventions

Concerning the Macolin Convention, the Bureau took note that Malta had approached the CoE secretariat with a proposal to amend the definition of illegal betting. As the secretariat does not have the competence to trigger a change to a convention, Malta will now ask for the proposal to be addressed by member states in a forthcoming GR-C meeting (likely 10 March). The Bureau also noted that a tentative date had been set for the first meeting of the Macolin Convention’s Follow-up Committee (16-17 June 2020).

- iii. Secretariat

The Bureau took note that Marija Pejčinović Burić (Croatia) took up her duties as Secretary General of the Council of Europe for a five-year term beginning on 18 September 2019.

5. Evaluation visits

5.1 Visits in 2019

- i. Bulgaria, 7-9 October

The Bureau took note of the oral report presented by the secretariat. It noted that the written report was currently being prepared in time for the plenary meeting in June 2020.

5.2 Visits planned in 2020

- i. Portugal (dates to be confirmed)
ii. Albania (6-7 May 2020, tbc)

The Bureau took note of the update given by the secretariat concerning the organisation of these two visits. It also noted the difficulty often encountered when composing teams for each visit, especially to have gender parity.

6. Standard-setting

6.1 Draft recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on extreme martial arts and combat activities

The Bureau took note of the state of play presented by the secretariat on the re-drafting of the explanatory memorandum which should accompany the draft recommendation when it is submitted to the Committee of Ministers. The Secretariat will do its utmost to send the explanatory memorandum in English to the Bureau for discussion in the next six weeks, prior to it being translated into French, so that it can then be circulated to both the Governing Board and the Consultative Committee.

7. Conferences of Ministers responsible for Sport

7.1 16th Council of Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport

i. Logistics (date, schedule, accommodation, transport)

The Bureau took note of the prime minister's recent resignation in Slovenia and the impact it may have on the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport (and potentially the conference). Elections will be held by the end of April so the Slovenian authorities will know more then.

The Bureau also noted that the conference itself will be held in Brdo, but that the accommodation will be arranged in Bled.

ii. Themes et preparation of documents

a. Revision of the European Sports Charter

i. Draft text (Draft 0)

ii. Running of the 2nd workshop (Paris, 7-8 April 2020)

iii. Next steps

On the topic of the European sports Charter, the Bureau held a discussion on the European Sports Model and the widening gap between commercial sport and the sport-for-all values to be preserved. The Bureau considered using "what values make sport special" as an entry point to the topic and to guide the ministers' discussions towards what their national sports policies should be focusing on.

The Bureau agreed to send the Secretariat its proposals for potential speakers on the values of sport within ten days, and its comments on the Draft0 text and on the draft agenda of the 2nd Workshop within three weeks.

b. Human rights in sport

i. Conclusions of the Seminar of 20 November 2019

The Bureau took note of the secretariat's presentation on the human rights standards and discussed the various human rights themes in more detail to try to pinpoint a smaller group on which to focus at the conference.

The Bureau was in favour of focusing on three topics; child safeguarding, social rights (right to be a member of a union, collective complaints, right to education) including rights of representation, right to a voice, and possible right to fair trial and/or hate speech.

7.2 Follow-up to the 15th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, Tbilisi, Georgia, 16 October 2018

- i. IPACS
 - a. State of play
 - b. Next steps

The Bureau took note of the update given by the secretariat and agreed that Finland could be suggested as the small state to be added as a member of the enlarged Steering Committee. The Bureau also agreed to persist with the European Contact Group as a way to involve more states and the Consultative Committee from the Council of Europe's side.

- ii. Kazan Action Plan
 - a. State of play
 - b. Next steps

The Bureau took note of the raw manuscript of the guidelines which would be delivered in their final version by the Working Group at the CIGEPS meeting in Lausanne on 29 April.

The Bureau agreed to draw the Secretariat's attention to any major issues it saw in the Kazan Action Plan Guidelines within ten days.

Concerning the Tbilisi Declaration, the Bureau asked the Secretariat to re-send another consultation, before the next Ministerial Conference, to all current "signatories" to check if they wish to remain on the list as having endorsed it, and to send an individual letter to the Bulgarian Minister.

8. Programme of Activities: 2018-2019

8.1 Draft Activity Report

The Bureau agreed to react to the content of the draft Activity Report and send the Secretariat its comments within ten days.

8.2 Outcomes of and follow-up to the [ALL IN](#) project and the [Start to Talk](#) initiative

The Bureau noted that the All In tools and data collection campaign could be used by the possible new International Observatory on Women in Sport, which is part of Action 4 of the Kazan Action Plan (a feasibility study is being co-ordinated by Switzerland).

It also took note that voluntary contributions had been received from Cyprus and Monaco to support Start to Talk.

The Bureau decided to discuss potential follow-up of these projects in more detail at its next meeting.

9. Programme of Activities: 2020-2021

9.1 New CoE-EU joint project (Direct Grant Agreement / Erasmus +)

The Bureau took note of the update given by the secretariat on the status of the new joint project ("Child Safeguarding in Sport" (CSiS)) which will start on 1 March 2020 for a period of 20-months. As a follow-up to the ProSafeSport+ project, it will focus on emotional and psychological abuse of children and steps to recruit and train Child Welfare Officers. The project will be managed within the EPAS secretariat by Clotilde Talleu and assisted by Pascale Doré.

9.2 Overview of 2020 activities

- i. Updated Budget and programme of activities for 2020
- ii. Presentation of the activities overview
- iii. 2020 Calendar

The Bureau took note that the 2020 Budget and Programme of Activities had been slightly adjusted with minor financial cuts made to some activities to absorb the salary adjustments approved by the Ministers' Deputies, but this would have no major impact on the main EPAS activities in 2020.

The Bureau decided to discuss this in more detail at its next meeting and asked the Secretariat to ensure this item was placed at the beginning of the agenda in future.

9.3 Theme of the 2021 conference on diversity in sport

The Bureau held preliminary discussions on possible topics for this conference, with one possible idea of taking up one of the human rights topics from the Ministerial Conference.

The Bureau decided to discuss this in more detail at its next meeting.

10. Miscellaneous

None.

11. Date and place of next meeting

The Bureau noted the dates of the next Bureau meetings:

- 8 (pm) - 9 (am) April 2020¹ (following the 2nd workshop on the ESC revision which will be on 7 April + 8 April (am))
- 15 September 2020 (Paris)

¹ In the meantime, this meeting on 8 and 9 April has been replaced by weekly video-conference meetings of no more than two hours at a time.

Appendix I

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS /
LISTE DES PARTICIPANTS**

BUREAU MEMBERS / MEMBRES DU BUREAU

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Appendix II

ANNOTATED AGENDA

1.	<p>Opening of the meeting The meeting will be opened and chaired by Madeleine Delaperrière, Chair of the Governing Board</p>	
2.	<p>Adoption of the agenda <u>Action:</u> the Bureau is invited to adopt the agenda and any proposed amendments to it.</p>	EPAS(2020)01
3.	<p>Update on member states and organisations of EPAS</p> <p>3.4 Governing Board ii. New member states <u>Action:</u> the Bureau is invited to take note of the update given by the secretariat.</p> <p>3.5 Consultative Committee iv. New members and requests to join v. Renewals foreseen in 2020 <u>Action:</u> the Bureau is invited to take note of the update given by the secretariat.</p> <p>vi. Revision of the Terms of Reference <u>Action:</u> the Bureau is invited to take note of the working document proposed by the Bureau's working group; the Bureau is invited to discuss these modifications and to approve the document for transmission to the Governing Board for validation by written procedure. <u>Action:</u> the Bureau is invited to decide upon the classification method to be applied to organisations according to the four categories.</p> <p>3.6 Promotion of EPAS i. Draft promotional leaflet <u>Action:</u> the Bureau is invited to take note of this revised version and to give its green light for the production process to continue</p>	<p>EPAS(2020)03</p> <p>EPAS(2020)06</p> <p>EPAS(2020)25</p> <p>EPAS(2019)50rev1</p>
4.	<p>Reports and recent meetings</p> <p>4.1 Lists of decisions of the following meetings:</p> <p>i. 31st meeting of the Bureau of the Governing Board, Paris, 20 September 2019 <u>Action:</u> the Bureau is invited to approve this draft report</p> <p>ii. Meeting of the Bureau of the Consultative Committee, via Skype, 25 November 2019 <u>Action:</u> the Bureau is invited to take note of this report</p> <p>iii. 16th meeting of the Statutory Committee, Strasbourg, 29 November 2019 <u>Action:</u> the Bureau is invited to take note of this report</p> <p>iv. Round Table on the subject of "Sport and freedom of the media", Strasbourg, 5 June 2019</p>	<p>EPAS(2019)59</p> <p>EPAS(2019)73</p> <p>EPAS-SC(2019)03rev</p> <p>EPAS(2019)70</p>

	<p><u>Action</u>: the Bureau is invited to take note of this report</p> <p>v. 2nd Round Table on sport facilities and online databases, Brussels, 4 December 2019</p> <p><u>Action</u>: the Bureau is invited to take note of the oral report presented by the Secretariat.</p> <p>4.2 Recent news from the Council of Europe</p> <p>i. Committee of Ministers / Parliamentary Assembly</p> <p>ii. Sport Conventions</p> <p>iii. Secretariat</p> <p><u>Action</u>: the Bureau is invited to take note of the update given by the secretariat on the latest developments within the Council of Europe.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Evaluation visits</p> <p>5.3 Visits in 2019</p> <p>ii. Bulgaria, 7-9 October</p> <p><u>Action</u>: the Bureau is invited to take note of the oral report presented by the secretariat.</p> <p>5.4 Visits planned in 2020</p> <p>iii. Portugal (dates to be confirmed)</p> <p>iv. Albania (6-7 May 2020, tbc)</p> <p><u>Action</u>: the Bureau is invited to take note of the update given by the secretariat.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Standard-setting</p> <p>6.1 Draft recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on extreme martial arts and combat activities</p> <p><u>Action</u>: the Bureau is invited to take note of the state of play presented by the secretariat.</p>	<p>EPAS(2020)15 EPAS(2017)41rev3</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Conferences of Ministers responsible for Sport</p> <p>7.1 16th Council of Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport</p> <p>i. Logistics (date, schedule, accommodation, transport)</p> <p>ii. Themes et preparation of documents</p> <p>a. Revision of the European Sports Charter</p> <p>i. Draft text (Draft 0)</p> <p>ii. Running of the 2nd workshop (Paris, 7-8 April 2020)</p> <p>iii. Next steps</p> <p>b. Human rights in sport</p> <p>i. Conclusions of the Seminar of 20 November 2019</p> <p><u>Action</u>: the Bureau is invited to decide upon the sub-themes of the ministerial conference and to suggest concrete ideas for the list of presentations and conclusions which appear in the document EPAS(2019)INF14rev.</p>	<p>EPAS(2019)INF14rev EPAS(2019)53rev</p> <p>EPAS(2020)16 EPAS(2019)54rev EPAS(2020)08 EPAS(2020)12</p> <p>EPAS(2019)76</p>

	<p>7.2 Follow-up to the 15th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, Tbilisi, Georgia, 16 October 2018</p> <p>iii. IPACS</p> <p>a. State of play</p> <p>b. Next steps</p> <p><u>Action:</u> the Bureau is invited to take a stand concerning the “small” country which could be invited to become a member of the IPACS Steering Committee.</p> <p>iv. Kazan Action Plan</p> <p>a. State of play</p> <p>b. Next steps</p> <p><u>Action:</u> the Bureau is invited to take note of the state of play presented by the secretariat.</p>	<p>EPAS(2020)INF03 IPACS(2019)07</p> <p>EPAS(2019)67</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Programme of Activities: 2018-2019</p> <p>8.1 Draft Activity Report</p> <p><u>Action:</u> the Bureau is invited to take note of the activities carried out and of the draft activity report.</p> <p>8.2 Outcomes of and follow-up to the ALL IN project and the Start to Talk initiative</p> <p><u>Action:</u> the Bureau is invited to take note of the outcomes presented by the secretariat and to discuss the follow up to be given to these two initiatives.</p>	<p>EPAS(2020)14</p> <p>ALLIN(2019)11</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Programme of Activities: 2020-2021</p> <p>9.1 New CoE-EU joint project (Direct Grant Agreement / Erasmus +)</p> <p><u>Action:</u> the Bureau is invited to take note of the state of play as presented by the secretariat.</p> <p>9.2 Overview of 2020 activities</p> <p>i. Updated Budget and programme of activities for 2020</p> <p>ii. Presentation of the activities overview</p> <p>iii. 2020 Calendar</p> <p><u>Action:</u> the Bureau is invited to make comments on the activities foreseen in 2020, and to approve the proposed update to the programme of activities as presented by the secretariat.</p> <p>9.3 Theme of the 2021 conference on diversity in sport</p> <p><u>Action:</u> the Bureau is invited to hold an open discussion on possible themes for this conference, bearing in mind that the final decision will be taken by the Governing Board at its next meeting in June 2020.</p>	<p>EPAS(2020)INF02</p> <p>EPAS(2020)07</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Miscellaneous</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Date and place of next meeting</p> <p><u>Action:</u> the Bureau is invited to note the dates of the next Bureau meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 (pm) - 9 (am) April 2020 • 15 September 2020 	