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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

European Sports Charter (ESC) Working Group Mandate

Introduction

The Governing Board decided at its 16th meeting (13-14 June 2022) to set up a Working Group tasked with developing proposals on supporting the implementation of the European Sports Charter (ESC), i.e. strategic guidance, evaluation visits, questionnaire with key indicators, criteria for organising visits, work plan, factsheets, etc.

Article 20 of the ESC reads as follows:

“Article 20 – Support and follow-up to the implementation of the Charter

1. The Council of Europe as a whole and other international organisations should be encouraged to use sport as a vehicle to promote values and to mainstream sport in strategies and action plans.
2. To facilitate the promotion and the implementation of this Charter, relevant stakeholders should be invited to pledge for the implementation of the Charter in their policies, strategies and programmes.
3. At European level, it is important to review progress and support the implementation of the Charter, in particular to guarantee the positive impact of sport on health, inclusion and education, to maximise its potential to promote a dynamic civil society as well as a culture of human rights, the rule of law, democratic governance and sustainability, and to fight threats to sports integrity. The Council of Europe’s Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport should be used to assess and promote progress in the implementation of the Charter, including by:
 - a. facilitating the exchange of information and good practices;
 - b. holding thematic exchanges on issues pertaining to the Charter;
 - c. collecting and publishing information to monitor the implementation of the Charter;
 - d. supporting the promotion and implementation of the Charter through regular multilateral and country-specific activities.”

Specific Tasks

The Group’s mandate contains different dimensions and it was decided that the first priority would be to further enhance and improve the current methodology for the implementation of the ESC through country-specific activities.

The second priority will be to develop a strategy to support Member States in the promotion of the ESC within their country.

Finally, the Group will explore the possibility of including an ESC Index inspired in part by the Intercultural cities programme of the Council of Europe.

Deliverables

Task	Deadline
Final draft methodology and questionnaire	May 2023
Pilot implementation exercise	May 2023
Conduct 2 additional S&F exercises	Autumn 2023
3 rd ESC WG meeting to discuss the post 3-year evaluation of the ESC	Autumn 2023
Strategy for the promotion of the ESC	Autumn 2023
ESC Questionnaire completed	2024
Roll out of the ESC National profiles	2025

Composition

Members:

- Alexandre Husting (Luxembourg), Chair of the Governing Board
- Solène Charuau (France), Bureau member of the Governing Board
- Guido Battaglia (Centre for Sport and Human Rights), Member of the Consultative Committee

Mandate valid until end of 2025.