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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

Consultative Committee (CC) Bureau Meeting

Monday, 24 April 2023
1-2PM

Council of Europe office in Paris, France
55, avenue Kléber & online

Working language: English

Meeting report

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by the EPAS Deputy Executive Secretary.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda (Appendix I) was adopted without any modifications.

3. Plenary meeting of the EPAS Consultative Committee, Strasbourg, 8 June 2023 (am)

The CC was informed of the process for the elections of the Bureau of the Consultative Committee. The first election would be for the Chair, for a one-year period following the vacancy of the position. Should the elected candidate be a current member of the Bureau, a second election would have to be held to fill that seat left vacant. It was recalled that the elections would all take place at the plenary meeting and not through written procedure.

The draft agenda for the upcoming plenary meeting was presented to the members of the bureau. It was emphasised by many members of the Bureau that the tour de table (Item 7 on the 15th Plenary meeting of the EPAS Consultative Committee draft agenda) should be structured to focus on the key messages and that there should be a unified format for CC members' presentations. These presentations must demonstrate how the work of the CC member is linked to the promotion and implementation of the European Sports Charter. These presentations will be sent to the Secretariat in advance.

4. Upcoming EPAS events

- "All In Plus" joint EU-CoE project launch event, 10 May 2023
- Unconscious bias training session, 7 June 2023
 - The objective of the training is to raise awareness of sexism and unconscious bias in women's sport and the media and ultimately to build capacity amongst participants to understand and challenge unconscious bias which is visible in content, language and images of women's sport and individual athletes in the media and everyday life.
 - Facilitator: Dr Jane Dennehy
- Forum on Sport and Human Rights - Third edition on Data Protection, Strasbourg, 30 June 2023
- Webinar on risks to health from sport, including concussion, online (tbc)
- Annual Meeting of the Pool of International Experts in Safe Sport, Hybrid (Strasbourg), 5 December 2023
- Diversity Conference on the Inclusion of Child Migrants and Refugees in and through Sport, TBD, November 2023
 - The location of the conference (Liechtenstein) and an approximate date, (end of November) was shared with the Bureau.

5. Updates on past events

- Breakfast Roundtable on Women in Sport, Hybrid (Strasbourg), 8 March 2023. The focus of the roundtable was combating gender-based violence in sport, which is one

of the areas of work of the All In Plus joint EU-CoE project. A panel composed of victims of gender-based violence in sport was organised and the event's recording is available on the Council of Europe's Facebook channel.

6. CC membership

Renewals

The Secretariat provided an update on the renewals to the Consultative Committee. 5 of the 14 member organisations concerned had submitted their renewal letters. A reminder message would be sent to the other 9 members by the Secretariat in the days following the meeting.

7. Promotion of CC members' activities

Peace and Sport

Pauline Johanet put forward two requests. The first was to better understand the position of the Council of Europe regarding the reintegration of athletes in conflict zones in competitions.

The Secretariat responded by indicating that the following day, a hearing of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe was scheduled to discuss this very issue. It was recommended that the Secretariat set up a bilateral call with Sophie Kwasny, EPAS Executive Secretary, in the coming weeks to address the current position of Council of Europe on this subject, following the closed hearing. This same issue was also on the agenda to be discussed at the Joint Plenary meetings in June.

The second was to the CC Bureau (and the CC as a whole) to ask if any members of the CC would be willing to join Peace and Sport in an effort to prepare a questionnaire on the impact of conflict on the lives of athletes. This would be a global approach covering all stakeholders in the sport industry. This would also act as a guide for future conflicts.

Janez Sordznik mentioned that the perspective on the Ukrainian conflict in other parts of the world was very different from in Europe and this could skew the results of the survey.

Mogens Kirkeby encouraged all CC bureau members to reach out to support this initiative if this is of interest to them.

8. AOB

European Cultural Routes on Sport (ECROS) presentation by the Alice Milliat Foundation

The Secretariat introduced the European Cultural Routes on Sport emphasising its importance. The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe embody the fundamental values of the Council of Europe: human rights, cultural democracy, cultural diversity and identity, dialogue, exchange and mutual enrichment across borders and centuries.

The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme was launched in 1987 and involves 45 routes in 37 countries with specific themes. None of these Cultural Routes has sport as a theme. Not only in Europe but around the world, sport encourages mobility, is relevant to all people and populations, from streets to stadiums, from a personal and a social perspective.

There is currently an application for a European Cultural Route on Sport, of which Alice Milliat is one of several contributors. It is in its early stages and will be submitted for a response from the Council of Europe in 2024.

Two themes were selected for this application (“archipelagos”):

- around the figures of sportsmen and women
- around places linked to the history and practices of sport.

Additional information was provided in a document shared with the Bureau.

9. Date and place of the next Bureau meeting

The next CC Bureau meeting will be held in Liechtenstein on the margins of the Diversity Conference.

10. Closing

The Vice-Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

APPENDIX I

Agenda

1.	Opening of the meeting
2.	Adoption of the draft agenda
3.	Plenary meeting of the EPAS Consultative Committee, Strasbourg, 8 June 2023 (am) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elections to the Consultative Committee • Draft Agenda for the CC plenary meeting (in camera)
4.	Upcoming EPAS events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "All In Plus" joint EU-CoE project launch event, 10 May 2023 • Unconscious bias training session, 7 June 2023 • Forum on Sport and Human Rights - Third edition on Data Protection, Strasbourg 30 June 2023 • Webinar on risks to health from sport, including concussion, online (TBC) • Annual Meeting of the Pool of International Experts in Safe Sport, Hybrid (Strasbourg), October 2023 • Diversity Conference on the Inclusion of Child Migrants and Refugees in and through Sport, TBD, November 2023 • Other events
5.	Updates on past events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Roundtable on Women in Sport, Hybrid (Strasbourg), 8 March 2023
6.	CC membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewals
7.	Promotion of CC members' activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC activities
8.	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Cultural Routes on Sport (ECROS) presentation by the Alice Milliat Foundation
9.	Date and place of the next Bureau meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autumn 2023
10.	Closing

APPENDIX II

PARTICIPANTS

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