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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

23rd meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau (including extraordinary meeting on the 14th Ministerial Conference – item 5)

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

Wednesday 27 April 2016, 10.00 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.
Thursday 28 April 2016, 9.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

List of Decisions

1. Opening of the meeting

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

2. Adoption of the agenda

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

Decision:

- *Adoption of the agenda without modification.*

3. Reports on recent meetings

- Draft List of decisions – Governing Board Bureau meeting held in Paris on 1 December 2015;
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- Draft summary – 1st meeting of the Task Force on good governance in sport, held in Paris on 8 April 2016;
- Overview of activities - EPAS Inter-institutional co-ordination meeting, held in London on 7 April 2016

The Bureau took note of these reports. No modifications were requested.

4. Recent news

4.1 Member States

The Secretariat informed about member states interested in joining EPAS.

Belgium requested membership to EPAS as of 16 May 2016.

No substantial progress was made with other states.

4.2 Partner organisations (Consultative Committee membership)

The Secretariat informed about the views of the CC members on the applications of

- Special Olympics Europe Eurasia
- World Forum for Ethics in Business

CC members viewed the application of Special Olympics Europe Eurasia favourably, whereas the application of the World Forum for Ethics in Business was considered questionable, as sport is not their core business.

Decision:

- *Representatives of the WFEB will be invited to attend the in camera part of the next Governing Board meeting to make an introductory presentation to GB members.*

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.

Concerning item 4.2, the Bureau is invited to give its opinion on the follow-up to be given regarding the new Consultative Committee membership requests.

5. Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport

5.1 13th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, Macolin/Magglingen (Switzerland), 18 September 2014

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

5.2 Preparation of the 14th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (Budapest, Hungary, 29 November 2016)

- Organisational issues
 - Schedule of the preparatory work of conference documents
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The Bureau is invited to take note of the updated schedule for the preparation of the conference and to approve the practical information factsheet.

- Programme
 - Thematic overview
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The Bureau was informed about the programme of the MSL and agreed to the topics as outlined in document MSL14 (2016) INF2.

The Bureau agreed with the topics proposed but requested changes:

1st part: Good Governance: strengthening governmental and non-governmental cooperation

c. Observers

Invite UNESCO and UNOSDP

Possibly Japan

- Preparation of the conference documents
 - Presentation by the Secretariat on the issues of Governance of Sport and Pan-European Co-operation

The Bureau is invited to take note of the oral presentation provided by the Secretariat and to discuss and complete the contents of the items.

6. Voluntary Contribution Projects and Joint Projects

6.1 [KCOOS](#) (Keep Crime out of Sport)

Joint Project with EU (DG Home)

6.2 **BIS** (Balance in Sport)

Joint Project with EU (Erasmus+)

6.3 [ProS4](#) (Promoting CoE standards on safety, security and services at football matches)

Joint Project with EU (Erasmus+)

The Bureau took note of the oral report on the successful implementation of the three joint projects (KCOOS, BIS and ProS4) provided by the Secretariat.

The chair raised the concern that some questionnaires which were sent to Governing Board members cannot be answered due their length and invited project managers to reduce the number of questionnaires, as filling them in is a very time-consuming activity.

Montenegro expressed the view that questionnaires are an important and useful project management tool and recommended to use them in moderation.

6.4 [PSS \(Pro Safe Sport\)](#)

The Bureau took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the follow-up of the Pro Safe Sport initiative.

- The IOC requested permission from the CoE to use elements of the Pro Safe Sport Toolkit for their upcoming launch of the Olympic Values and Education Digital Toolkit. The Council of Europe granted these rights to the IOC.
- The Bulgarian Ministry of Sport approached EPAS and inquired about possibilities to organise a Pro Safe Sport conference in Sofia to promote the PSS toolkit. A conference on safe sport and the well-being of athletes will be organised on 4 October 2016 in Sofia by the Bulgarian Ministry of Sport in cooperation with EPAS. The Secretariat informed about the draft programme and topics to be discussed at the conference.

6.5 EPAS' involvement as partner in third party projects

The Bureau was informed on the requests from ENGSO and Play the Game to act as a partner in their respective Erasmus+.projects to be submitted before 12 May 2016.

The Bureau viewed these partner requests of ENGSO and Play the Game favourably.

Decision:

- The Secretariat shall organise a Circular Letter to request the opinion of Governing Board members on a possible participation of EPAS as a partner in the ENGSO and/ or Play the Game project. The survey among Governing Board members shall be conducted as early as possible to be able to meet the 12 May deadline.

7. Standard-setting and follow-up

7.1 Convention on the manipulation of sports competitions (CETS 215)

- [Status of signatures and ratifications](#)
- **Concept of promotion**

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

7.2 Recommendation on the protection of child and young athletes from dangers associated with migration ([CM/Rec\(2012\)10](#))

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

7.3 Recommendation on the prohibition of free-fighting contests, such as cage fighting ([R \(99\) 11](#))

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7.4 Compliance with Commitments

- Draft Appendix to procedural guidelines
- Future evaluation visits

The Bureau is invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat and to finalise the draft Appendix with a view to its adoption at the 10th meeting of the Governing Board.

8. Promotion of diversity and anti-discrimination

8.1 Priorities in 2016

- Newly arrived migrants and their integration via sport

The Bureau is invited to take note of the update provided by the Secretariat regarding the progress made in organising the EPAS annual conference on 2-3 June 2016.

8.2 Priorities in 2017

- 10 years of EPAS: working together to build and consolidate democracy, tolerance and inclusion through sport

The Bureau is invited to take note of the presentation made by the Secretariat regarding the progress made in organising the EPAS annual conference in 2017.

8.3 Future activities

The Bureau is invited to discuss future priorities and how EPAS can move forward in its activities on diversity and anti-discrimination.

9. Programme of Activities 2016-2017

9.1 Programme and Budget 2016

- Update
- Calendar of events
- Special Account

The Bureau is invited to take note of the proposed changes to the 2016 Budget as outlined by the Secretariat, and to approve them where necessary.

The Bureau is invited to take note of the 2016 calendar of events, and designate Bureau representatives where necessary.

The Bureau is invited to discuss and prepare a decision for the 10th meeting of the Governing Board regarding the use of the Special Account.

9.2 Programme and Budget 2017

The Bureau is invited to take note of the presentation made by the Secretariat and to hold an exchange of views on the preparation of the 2017 programme.

10. Draft Agenda of the 10th meeting of the Governing Board (joint meeting with the Consultative Committee)

The Bureau is invited to comment on the draft agenda for the forthcoming plenary meeting and to make proposed modifications where necessary.

11. Visibility and Communication

11.1 Publications

11.2 Websites

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

12. Any other business

12.1 Sports Diplomacy

Bearing in mind the work being done by the EU High-level Group on Sports Diplomacy, the Bureau is invited to discuss the merits of EPAS using Ambassadors of Sport to help play a role in transmitting EU values to other non-EU countries).

13. Date and place of next meeting

- 10th meeting of the Governing Board (joint meeting with the Consultative Committee): 17-18 May 2016, Strasbourg

The Bureau is invited to set a date for the 24th meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau (last quarter 2016).

Appendix I

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Appendix II

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

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

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

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EPAS (2015) 61rev2
EPAS (2016) INF5
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The Bureau is invited to take note of these reports, and make any comments or modifications as deemed necessary.

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The Bureau is invited to hold an exchange of views on the content and structure of the documents and to agree on the follow-up. The Bureau is invited to propose ideas on the format of the Restricted gathering for Ministers and on improvements to be made to the Inter-institutional meeting.

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