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Meeting of the EPAS GB Bureau

Thursday 16 May 2024

2.30 pm – 3 pm CET

Online (Teams platform)

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REPORT

Participants

Governing Board (GB): Alexandre Husting (Luxembourg, Chair), Andrea Carletti (Italy, Vice-Chair), Solène Charuau (France), Ioanna Paraskevopoulou (Cyprus), Andrew Decelis (Malta)

Consultative Committee (CC): Charlotte Girard-Fabre (IFSO, Chair)

Secretariat: Sophie Kwasny, Francine Raveney, Maria-Elena Casero-Canas, Cassandra Mactavish, Caroline Larghi

1. Welcome

The meeting was opened by the Chair of the GB.

The Executive Secretary of EPAS welcomed the accession of the Republic of Ireland on 15 May 2024. Ireland becomes the 41st member state of EPAS. With the accession of Denmark on 1 April 2024, the plenary meeting of the Governing Board at the end of the month will count two new member states.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted with the following items for consideration:

- 18th meeting of the EPAS Governing Board (joint meeting with the Consultative Committee)
 - Detailed draft agenda of the meeting
 - EPAS 2024-2025 Strategy (item 9)
 - Roundtable on the European Sports Charter (item 14.1)
- Date and place of the next meeting

3. 18th meeting of the EPAS Governing Board (joint meeting with the Consultative Committee)

- Detailed draft agenda of the meeting

The Executive Secretary of EPAS presented the latest changes in the draft agenda of the plenary meeting. She informed the Bureau that the Secretariat is currently working on a timed and annotated version, which will be shared with the Chair soon. She also stated that the Secretariat is doing its utmost to finalise and publish as many meeting documents as possible on the Cloud by the end of the week.

No major changes were made to the draft agenda as previously seen by the Bureau.

- EPAS Strategy 2024-2025

A draft strategy prepared by the Secretariat was sent to the Bureau on 29 April and 2 weeks were given to the Bureau to make comments/complete it. Comments were received from two Bureau members. The revised draft document was presented to the Bureau by the EPAS Deputy Executive Secretary. The strategy was completely repackaged whilst keeping the main information on the basis of input from the Bureau.

The new document was considered to be clearer and more straightforward than the first one, which nevertheless contained the relevant information.

Once revised the Strategy will be uploaded to the Cloud and examined at the annual plenary meeting in May. The proposal was that the document would be discussed during the plenary and that subsequently one week would be given to the Governing Board to send written comments before adoption.

Solène Charuau noted in particular that the new document presented many avenues for development and reflected the current dynamic pace of EPAS' work.

Once finalised this document will be a useful tool for the Governing Board, the Consultative Committee and potential new members of EPAS, as it will show amongst other elements the advantages of being part of EPAS.

- Roundtable on the European Sports Charter (item 14.1)

Cassandra Mactavish presented the outline of the roundtable scheduled to take place on 30 May in the morning. The idea is to bring to light EPAS' flagship tool, the European Sports Charter (ESC). There will be an exchange of views among delegates. Five themes have been identified out of the series of factsheets reflecting thematic work from the ESC. For each theme, the relevant factsheet will be presented, then one or two GB delegates and CC members will present their best practices in the relevant area. The Secretariat is currently putting together a list of speakers. From the CC perspective, this will provide an opportunity to allow for a good level of exchange with the Governing Board in a more engaging manner than has previously been the case.

The EPAS Executive Secretary used the opportunity to thank the Bureau for their instrumental contribution to the finalisation of the factsheets.

4. Date and place of the next meeting

The next Bureau meeting will take place after the plenary meeting.