

Strasbourg, 2 September 2022

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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

14th meeting of the Consultative Committee

Strasbourg, 13 June 2022
9 am - 12 pm

Meeting report

1. Opening of the meeting

Kolë Gjelošhaj, Chair of the Consultative Committee, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. The Chair underlined that it is the first time that so many members of the Committee are present. This not only demonstrates that the work carried out by the different stakeholders (Member states, CC members and the Secretariat) but, above all, that the themes addressed are considered extremely important by the sport community and by the relevant public authorities. He thanked the organisations which are giving their time and resources to the work on sport of the Council of Europe.

The Chair informed the Consultative Committee of the upcoming elections and the written nominations received for the positions of chair, vice-chair, bureau and gender equality rapporteur. He invited interested delegations to make any further oral nomination, before closing the application period in order to allow for the smooth preparation of the elections by the Secretariat. No further candidacies were put forward.

The quorum was confirmed by the Secretariat. The list of participants is appended to this report (see Appendix II)¹.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as appearing in document EPAS(2022)21 was adopted (see Appendix I).

3. Update by the Secretariat

Irena Guidikova, Head of the Department on Children's Rights and Sport Values informed the delegations of recent developments. The Consultative Committee took note of the cessation of membership of the Russian Federation both at the Council of Europe and at the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), of the strategic priorities of the Council of Europe in the field of sport for 2022-2025, as well as changes in the Secretariat.

4. Revision of the new Terms of Reference of the Consultative Committee (CC ToR)

The Consultative Committee welcomed the recent amendments to the Terms of Reference, in respect of Articles 2.2 on gender equality and 3.3.b) on the need for a gender balanced composition of the Bureau of the CC.

The Chair proposed to add in article 3.3 “**e) Election of the Gender Equality Rapporteur**” and this proposal was approved by the CC. The Secretariat will ensure that the necessary steps for the amendment of the corresponding Terms of Reference are undertaken.

5. Elections

Elections had to be held for the following positions:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Bureau members
- Gender Equality rapporteur

¹ 26 member organisations participated in the plenary meeting, with 24 organisations (including 2 late arrivals) attending the meeting in Strasbourg. 2 organisations (UEFA and TAFISA Europe) made use of proxies (ISF for UEFA and IDO for TAFISA Europe) according to article 3.2 b) of the Terms of Reference of the Consultative Committee.

Candidacies received by the Secretariat were as follows:

Chair of the Consultative Committee

Kole Gjeloshaj, ISF

Vice-Chair of the Consultative Committee

Tone Jagodic, EOC

Mogens Kirkeby, ISCA

Members of the bureau of the Consultative Committee

Baiba Veisa, EFPM

Charlotte Girard-Fabre, IFSO

Pauline Johanet, Peace and Sport

Janez Sodrznik, TAFISA

Gender Equality rapporteur

Emily Shaw, UEFA

All candidates were given an opportunity to introduce themselves before the voting.

Laura Capranica (EAS) and Davide Delfini (GAISF) were nominated as scrutineers.

25 organisations were entitled to vote. 25 ballot papers were received (including the 2 proxies from TAFISA to IDO and UEFA to ISF)².

The results of the elections are:

Position	Name of the candidate	Votes in favour
Chair	Kole Gjeloshaj	21

Position	Name of Candidate	Votes in favour
Vice-Chair	Tone Jagodic	12
Vice-Chair	Mogens Kirkeby	13

Position	Name of Candidate	Votes in favour
Bureau member	Pauline Johanet	23
Bureau member	Charlotte Girard-Fabre	19
Bureau member	Baiba Veisa	21
Bureau member	Janez Sodrznik	18

Position	Name of Candidate	Votes in favour
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² At the first election round for the Chair, a total of 24 CC members were entitled to vote.

Gender Equality Rapporteur	Emily Shaw	20
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The Chair, the Vice-Chair, members of the bureau and the Gender Equality Rapporteur of the Consultative Committee for the term 2022-2024 thus are:

Position	Name of the candidate
Chair	Kole Gjeshaj
Vice-Chair	Mogens Kirkeby
Bureau member	Pauline Johanet
Bureau member	Charlotte Girard-Fabre
Bureau member	Baiba Veisa
Bureau member	Janez Sodrznik
Gender Equality Rapporteur	Emily Shaw

6. Recent events

The Chair informed the CC of the events organised since the last meeting in 2021, which include the successful webinars on 3 June 2021 (checking criminal records as a tool to protect children in sport) and on 22 February 2022 (physical education and school sport).

The Secretariat informed that attendance levels were very good (over 200 connections registered) with also very positive feedback on the format and content of the webinars. Regarding the follow-on, it concluded that cross-sectoral cooperation with relevant stakeholders such as judicial authorities, the police, the ministry of education is crucial to promote safe sport and school sport.

The Chair proposed that CC members be informed by the Secretariat of events organised by the Sport Division which would allow for possible engagement of CC members, with open and transparent processes in respect of the identification of those contributing.

7. Tour de table

The Chair invited organisations that have an event in the period up to the next Ministerial Conference to present it. Intervened among others, EAS, EFPM, ENSE, EUA, PTG. He invited these organisations to also promote their relevant activities and events during the joint meeting with the Governing Board.

8. CC membership

8.1 Overview of the membership

The Chair welcomed the newest members of the CC: the Alice Milliat Foundation, FIBA and Panathlon International. They all participated in an induction session organised in February in order to facilitate the identification of common priorities between those organisations and the CC.

The Chair gave the floor to the representatives of those three organisations and to IFSO's which joined at the previous Joint meeting in 2021.

8.2 Renewals

Renewal requests from 3 CC members (the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), the European Association for Sport Management (EASM) and the

International Dance Association) were being processed and will have to be submitted to the GB in the summer for consideration by written procedure. The Chair thanked those CC members who submitted renewal requests in a timely manner.

8.3 Pending application

The CC took note of the current status of the membership application by the Centre for Sports and Human Rights, attending the meeting as guest pending completion of the admission process.

The Chair finally pointed out that for the first time in the history of EPAS, with the possible granting of membership to the Center for Sports and Human Rights, the CC would reach its highest level of participation with the threshold of 30 members being reached.

9. Upcoming events

The Chair invited CC members to react to the draft agenda of the joint meeting with the Governing Board and share any comments they may have.

The representative of Play the Game highlighted the need to ensure that the choice of hosting countries of Ministerial conferences be made in due consideration of the human rights, democracy and rule of law situation of the countries concerned.

10. Communication strategy

The CC took note of the information provided by the Secretariat.

11. Date and place of the next meeting

Further meeting dates will have to be confirmed, a bureau meeting will be held at the occasion of the Ministerial Meeting in October in Antalya, Türkiye, and possibly a meeting of the Consultative Committee depending on the level of attendance on site.

12. AOB

No specific issued was raised.

13. Closing

The Chair thanked the CC members present for their active participation and as many organisations do not yet have the experience of joint meetings, he invited them to not hesitate to share their views during the meeting with the Governing Board. The Chair closed the meeting.

Appendix 1: Agenda

1.	<p>Opening of the meeting</p> <p>The meeting will be opened by Kolë Gjeloshaj, Chair of the CC.</p>	
2.	<p>Adoption of the agenda</p> <p>Action: The CC is invited to adopt this agenda.</p>	EPAS(2022)21
3.	<p>Update by the Secretariat</p> <p>Action: The CC is invited to take note of the update of the Secretariat.</p>	
4.	<p>Revision of the new Terms of Reference of the Consultative Committee</p> <p>Action: The CC is invited to take note of the presentation of the Secretariat.</p>	EPAS(2022)20
5.	<p>Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1. Information on candidatures received in writing 5.2. Oral nominations of candidates 5.3. Introduction round of candidates 5.4. Information on the organisation of the elections 5.5. Election <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.5.1. Election of the Chair 5.5.2. Election of the Vice-Chair 5.5.3. Election of the 4 members of the Bureau 5.5.4. Election of the Gender Equality Rapporteur <p>Action: The CC is invited to elect the Chair, Vice-chair, 4 members of the Bureau and a Gender Equality Rapporteur.</p>	<p>EPAS(2022)13 EPAS(2022)22 EPAS(2020)25</p>
6.	<p>Recent events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1. Debriefing of the CC webinar on 21/02/2022 6.2. Debriefing of the induction session 22/02/2022 6.3. Other events <p>Action: The CC is invited to comment on the oral update provided by the Chair and discuss recent activities.</p>	
7.	<p>Tour de table</p> <p>Action: The CC is invited to briefly report on their activities related to the work of EPAS.</p>	

8.	<p>CC membership</p> <p>8.1. Overview of the membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewals <p>8.2. Pending application(s)</p> <p>8.3. New application(s)</p> <p><u>Action</u>: The CC is invited to take note of the report of the Secretariat</p>	<p>EPAS(2022)06</p> <p>EPAS(2022)13</p>
9.	<p>Upcoming events</p> <p>9.1. Joint meeting of the GB and CC, 13-14/06/2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral update <p>9.2. Ministerial Conference 2022, 25-27/ 10/ 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral update <p><u>Action</u>: The CC is invited to take note of the report of the Chair/Secretariat and give feedback for setting the agenda, topics of the events and/ or common positions.</p>	
10.	<p>Communication strategy</p> <p><u>Action</u>: The CC is invited to take note of the report of the Secretariat.</p>	
11.	Any other business	
12.	Date and place of the next meeting	
13.	Closing	

Appendix 2: List of Participants

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE / *COMITE CONSULTATIF*

CHAIR / *PRESIDENT*

International School Sport Federation (ISF)

Mr Kolë GJELOSHAJ

Deputy Secretary General/ CEO

VICE-CHAIR / *VICE-PRESIDENT*

European Olympic Committees (EOC)

Mr Tone JAGODIC

Consultant, EOC Representative to EPAS

MEMBERS / *MEMBRES*

Alice Milliat Foundation

Ms Aurélie BRESSON

President

European Association for Sport Management (EASM)

Mr Stefan WALZEL

Secretary General

European Athlete as Student Network (EAS)

Ms Laura CAPRANICA

President

European Fair Play Movement (EFPM)

Ms Baiba VEISA

Vice-President

European Gay & Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF)

Mr Hugh TORRANCE

Co-President

European Network of Sport Education (ENSE)

Mr Louis MOUSTAKAS

Secretary General

European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation (ENGSO)

Ms Marie DENITTON

Office Director

European Athletic Association (European Athletics)

Mr Jean GRACIA
First Vice-President

European Elite Athletes Association (EU Athletes)

Mr Jean-François REYMOND
Development Manager

European Physical Education Association (EUPEA)

Mr Martin HOLZWEG
Executive Committee Member (Scientific Advisor)

European University Sports Association (EUSA)

Mr Andrej PISL
Communications & Projects Manager

International SAMBO Federation (FIAS)

Mr Michal BUCHEL
Chief Executive Officer

International Basketball Federation (FIBA)

Mr Andreas ZAGKLIS
Secretary General

Mr Kosta ILIEV

Sports Director

Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF)

Mr Davide DELFINI
Membership Manager

International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE)

Mr Detlef DUMON
Executive Director

International Dance Organization (IDO)

Mr Patrick PEROSA
Advisor to the President

International Federation for Sports Officials (IFSO)

Mr Patrick VAJDA
President

Ms Charlotte GIRARD FABRE

Secretary General

International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA)

Mr Mogens KIRKEBY
President

Panathlon International

Mr Pierre ZAPPELLI
President

Peace and Sport

Ms Pauline JOHANET
External Relations Manager

Ms Melissa SASSI
International Relations Officer

Play The Game

Mr Jens Sejer ANDERSEN
International Director

Sports Rights Owners Coalition (SROC)

Mr Mark LICHTENHEIN
Chairman

TAFISA EUROPE

Mr Janez SODRZNIK (apologised - proxy to Patrik PEROSA, IDO)
TAFISA Board Member & Vice President NOC Slovenia

UEFA - Union of European Football Associations

Mr James OGILVIE (apologised, proxy to Kolë GJELOSHAJ, ISF)
EU & Governmental Affairs Manager

GUEST / INVITE

Centre for Sport and Human Rights (CSHR)

Mr Guido BATTAGLIA
Head of Policy & Outreach

EPAS SECRETARIAT / SECRETARIAT DE L'APES

Ms Irena GUIDIKOVA

Head of the Children's Rights and Sport Values Department

Ms Sophie KWASNY

EPAS Executive Secretary

Ms Francine HETHERINGTON RAVENEY

EPAS Deputy Executive Secretary

Mr Michael TRINKER
Senior Project Manager

Ms Despina TRAMOUNTANI
Project Support Assistant