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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

Meeting of the Bureau of the EPAS Governing Board

Monday 30 May 2022

9.00 am – 10.30 am CET

Via videoconference

Report

Participants:

Alexandre Husting (Chair), Andrea Carletti (Vice-Chair), François Tricarico, Andrew Decelis, İnanç Özçakmak, Kolë Gjelošhaj

Apologised:

Tone Jagodic

EPAS Secretariat:

Sophie Kwasny, Francine Hetherington Raveney, Francesca Carnio, Caroline Larghi, Despina Tramountani

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by the Chair.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. 17th Conference of Ministers responsible for sport – update

Sophie Kwasny thanked the Bureau for the comments sent on the draft overview and thematic document of the Ministerial Conference.

a) Draft resolutions

Sophie Kwasny presented the draft resolutions (documents MSL17 04 and 05) and requested comments from Bureau members by Friday 3 June. The resolutions will then form the basis for discussion at the GB/CC joint plenary meeting. At the joint meeting, all GB and CC members will be asked for comments, with the objective of finalising the drafts with the Bureau early September.

The resolutions are composed of a short preamble and a call for action to member states and to EPAS (GB and CC).

The Chair asked to clarify the addressees of the call for action to EPAS (as a body or to EPAS members). Kole Gjelošhaj asked about the possibility of shortening the preamble section by making reference to previously approved documents, in order to have a shorter document, and noted that there is no reference to gender equality in the preamble, while the topic is mentioned in the call for action.

The Bureau agreed to send written comments on the draft resolutions by Friday 3 June.

b) Debrief of the recognition visit to Antalya

Francine H. Raveney and İnanç Özçakmak reported to the Bureau about the recognition visit ahead of the Ministerial Conference in Antalya. The visit was fruitful and served to clarify practical details of the organisation. The venue of the conference was also identified.

Caroline Larghi has drafted a report of the visit, which will be circulated to the Bureau for information.

4. Update on the GB/CC plenary meeting, including update on EPAS 15th anniversary reception on early evening of 13 June

Sophie Kwasny presented the draft agenda of the GB/CC joint plenary meeting. The Secretariat will circulate the revised documents including all modifications.

On 13 June evening, an information meeting to Permanent Representations on the Ministerial Conference will be held, followed by a cocktail reception co-hosted by Monaco and EPAS to celebrate the 15th anniversary of EPAS. The information meeting is mainly dedicated to non-EPAS member States, but all delegates are welcome to attend.

Sophie Kwasny also informed the Bureau that they may be contacted by the Secretariat and asked to take the floor or present some items on the agenda in which they were particularly involved.

The Secretariat will contact GB members who will have to present items at the Joint Plenary meeting on 13-14 June.

5. Update on upcoming events

a) Combating hate speech in sport conference to launch the joint project (31/5 - hybrid)

Francine H. Raveney reminded the Bureau about the launch event of the EU-CoE Joint Project “Combating hate speech in sport”, which will take place in the afternoon of 31 May 2022, as a hybrid meeting. The invitation has been sent and the Bureau is invited to circulate it widely. The event will be moderated by Francine H. Raveney and Irena Guidikova, the new Head of the Children’s Rights and Sport Values Department, and will be opened by Jeroen Schokkenbroek, Director of Anti-Discrimination, and Tamas Szucs, Director of Culture, Creativity and Sport at DG EAC, European Commission. The event will be composed of three sessions:

- State of play in project partner countries
- Addressing hate speech in sport: current policies
- Inspiring initiatives to combat hate speech

6. Date of the next meeting

The Secretariat will contact Bureau members after the joint GB/CC Plenary to set the date of the next meeting.