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## **Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)**

### **13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Consultative Committee**

Online  
Strasbourg, 14 June 2021  
3 pm - 6 pm

Working language: English

### **Meeting report**

## **1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting was opened by Kolë Gjeloshaj, Chair of the Consultative Committee who welcomed the participants, particularly the IFSO as the newest member of the CC. The Secretariat carried out a roll call to take note of the list of participants (see Appendix II). 23 out of the 26 CC member organisations were present at the plenary meeting.

## **2. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted as proposed. No comments were raised.

### ***The CC decided:***

- ***to adopt the agenda as it appears in document EPAS(2021)26.***

## **3. Report on recent meetings**

### ***3.1 Report of the Chair***

The Chair started by outlining the *general approach* to the CC which had been adopted. In this respect he drew on the following points:

- *Rights and responsibilities*

In terms of how the CC can better contribute to the policies led by EPAS, he mentioned in particular the CC webinars as an excellent means of achieving this – see below under item 5 of the agenda.

- *Involvement and interaction*

In terms of ensuring greater involvement and interaction of CC members in the different EPAS activities, the Chair referred again to the role played by many CC members (promoting, moderation, attending etc.) for the two webinars which had taken place and also mentioned his concern with there being increased interaction amongst CC members and how the Secretariat might draw on CC expertise more.

In the latter respect he flagged up interaction between various CC members and the Secretariat for the planning of the Diversity Conference 2021 entitled “Protecting and promoting the human rights of intersex and transgender athletes in sport competitions” in particular the feedback from: EAS, EGLSF, EUSA and Peace & Sport amongst others.

- *Increasing the number and variety of organisations*

The Chair mentioned how delighted he was to welcome IFSO as the latest CC member as this would contribute to the diversity of voices within the CC. He also referred to the 3 new applications which would be discussed under item 8 of the agenda and the interest expressed by the Centre for Sports and Human Rights in becoming a CC member. He considered all of these as positive points.

The Chair then reviewed a number of recent activities including the following:

- participation in the meetings of the bureau of the Governing Board;
- being a speaker at the 1<sup>st</sup> session of the EPAS Inter-ministerial meeting (15/1/2021);
- delivering a statement at the conclusion of the Inter-ministerial meeting (15/1/2021);
- participating in the webinar “You are not alone – model for safeguarding children in sports” (26/1/2021);

- taking part in the 3<sup>rd</sup> webinar on the revision of the ESC (10/3/2021);
- organising and participating in the CC webinar: “Checking criminal records as a tool to protect children in sport” (3/6/2021).

Further to the Chair’s report a number of colleagues encouraged the Chair to increase quick feedback and communication to CC members, post bureau meetings in particular, and to facilitate greater communication amongst CC members. It was suggested that this might be a point on the agenda of the next CC plenary meeting.

### *3.2 Report by the CC members*

Further to a request by the Chair a number of CC members presented activities their organisations had held which were related to EPAS/Council of Europe activities.

The following organisations presented their related activities:

EAS (Laura Capranica),<sup>1</sup>  
 ENGSO (Stefan Bergh),  
 ENSE (Louis Moustakas),  
 EOC (Tone Jagodic),  
 EU Athletes (Paulina Tomczyk),  
 FIAS (Michal Buchel),  
 ICSSPE (Detlef Dumon),  
 ISF (Kolë Gjelošhaj),  
 Play the Game (Jens Sejer Andersen),  
 TAFISA Europe (Janez Sodrznik),  
 UEFA<sup>2</sup> (James Ogilvie) and  
 European Athletics (Jean Gracia).

Those presentations submitted to the Secretariat are available [here](#).

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<sup>1</sup> EAS provided a number of information links concerning DE-PASS Cost action including: official link - <https://depass.eu>

As well as information on the following planned activities:

1) “DE-PASS Best Evidence Statements – “Defining, searching and analysing best evidence using SLRs, Meta-analysis and Realist Synthesis – intersecting methodologies and theory”, **23<sup>rd</sup> June**, 10.00 – 13.00 CET, presenter Prof Caterina Pesce ([Profile](#)), Chair Prof Laura Capranica. Structure - Webinar, plenary and breakout rooms, with large group capacity. Register at <https://brightelm.eventsair.com/de-pass-pafh-summer-training-school/registration>

2) “Using online tools to support the implementation of a Systematic Literature Review/Meta-Analysis” End of August 2-3 hr Tutorial using Covidence software. Interactive Tutorial, small group (x20). Based on demand additional tutorials will be provided.

3) “Application and Implementation of Group Concept Mapping Techniques”, Mid-September, 2021, presenter Concept Systems Inc. Event nature is Webinar, plenary and breakout rooms, with medium group capacity (x 60).

4) “Implementation, analysis and outputs pertaining to Group Concept Mapping” Mid/Late September 2021, presenter Concept Systems Inc. Interactive Tutorial, small group (x20). Based on demand additional tutorials will be provided.

<sup>2</sup> UEFA provided a number of useful links: <https://www.unhcr.org/news/press/2021/5/60a6a4ea4/uefa-unhcr-partner-support-refugees.html>

<https://www.uefa.com/insideuefa/mediaservices/mediareleases/news/0269-125bf038fb97-5dd445c3c584-1000--sign-for-an-equal-game/>

<https://www.equalgame.com/#default>

Pauline Johanet (Peace and Sport) also took the opportunity in this section to draw attention to an upcoming conference on gender equality organised by UN Women under the theme of Sport for Generation Equality (1/7/2021) as this was relevant to EPAS work in this area. A number of CC members mentioned their involvement in this initiative.

***The CC took note:***  
***of the information provided by all CC members, the Chair's report and the request for increased communication and for this to be a point on the agenda of the next CC plenary meeting.***

#### **4. European Sport Charter: the state of play**

The Chair invited the Secretariat represented by Mr Stanislas Frossard, the Executive Secretary of EPAS, to present an update on the state of play concerning the revision of the European Sport Charter in particular further to a request from Ms Tomzyk prior to the CC meeting to better understand the revision process.

Mr Frossard explained the legal procedure of the drafting of the ESC and mentioned that draft 4 was about to be presented for approval by the Governing Board at the plenary meeting scheduled for 15 June in the afternoon, further to a drafting meeting, and that CC members would be invited to voice their opinion on the amendments at that point during the GB/CC joint meeting. He also explained that the reference to the European Sports Model which had been included at the latest drafting meeting had been a point for discussion and that its inclusion represented a compromise. A number of sports bodies expressed their dissatisfaction with this inclusion, and some other amendments. However, they took note of the opportunity to express their opinions at the plenary meeting the following day. The Chair thanked Mr Frossard for his explanations pertaining to the revision process.

***The CC took note:***  
***of the oral update provided by the Secretariat on the revision of the ESC. They also noted that there would be an opportunity to express their opinions on the amendments to the revised ESC at the plenary meeting on 15 June 2021.***

#### **5. Webinars**

##### *5.1 Presentation of the activities*

The Chair mentioned that the CC webinars were a new concept and that they were linked to EPAS' areas of activity. The two webinars held so far were both linked to the EPAS Programme "Start to Talk: Safeguarding Children in Sport". The first webinar entitled "Raising awareness on Human Rights in Youth Sports: The Role of Sports Organisations and Educational Institutions" was held on 19 November 2020 and attracted 80 participants. (See EPAS(2020)53). The second webinar "Checking criminal records as a tool to protect children in sport" was held on 3 June 2021 and attracted 115 participants. More detailed information is available at the webinar [conclusions page](#) (see EPAS(2021)43).

##### *5.2 Discussion of the concept*

The Chair explained that one of the reasons for organizing the webinars was to raise the profile of the CC and also to encourage greater involvement of CC members in EPAs activities. He drew attention to and thanked a number of CC colleagues who had played an important role in

moderating, participating in and/or promoting the webinars and mentioned that he was counting on CC members to further present these webinars in the future.

The next two webinars were planned for autumn 2021 and spring 2022.

***The CC took note:***

***of the oral update provided by the Chair and of the exchange of views.***

## **6. EPAS Annual Diversity Conference**

The Chair invited the Secretariat to present an update on the upcoming EPAS Diversity Conference entitled: “Protecting and promoting the human rights of intersex and transgender athletes in sport competitions”, which was scheduled to take place on the morning of 20 September in hybrid form over KUDO and from the Council of Europe’s Paris office. The latest programme was presented as was the format of the conference which would start with the interviewing of a high-profile intersex athlete by a journalist so the initial focus could be on the athlete’s point of view. It was hoped that the Ugandan intersex athlete Annet Negesa would agree to be part of the conference.

The event would then be divided into two subsequent roundtables – one focusing on biology and historical context primarily and the second on human rights. At the end there would be a presentation of some best practice examples and a summing up of recommendations. The Council of Europe’s SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) Unit had also been providing invaluable advice in this area. The Chair thanked the Secretariat and then mentioned that he was grateful for the involvement of CC members and flagged up collaboration in particular with EGLSF, EUSA and also Peace & Sport.

***The CC took note:***

***of the oral update provided by the Secretariat and the Chair and of the exchange of views.***

## **7. Joint GB and CC meeting**

The Chair invited the CC members to react to the draft agenda of the joint meeting with the Governing Board. No points were raised. The Chair also flagged up the involvement of a number of CC members following the restructuring of the format of the joint meeting, which meant that some sections would be presented by a representative either of the CC or of the GB and a member of the Secretariat. The involvement of the ICSSPE, ISF and the EOC was flagged up in particular by the Chair.

***The CC took note:***

***of the agenda of the upcoming joint meeting.***

## **8. Update on new members, applications and renewals of the CC**

### ***8.1 New members and applications***

IFSO was welcomed as a new member of the CC by the Chair and they presented their activities, in particular their commitment to gender equality. The Chair expressed how pleased the CC was to welcome them to the CC. Three applications had been received to join the CC and were currently due to be evaluated by the GB by written procedure after the joint plenary meeting, namely: the Alice Milliat Foundation, FIBA and Panathlon International. The Chair thanked the members for their reactivity in responding to application requests.

The Centre for Sports and Human Rights had also enquired about how to become a member of the CC.

***The CC took note:***

***of the oral update provided by the Secretariat and the Chair and thanked IFSO for their presentation.***

### ***8.2 Renewals***

Renewal requests from 8 CC members (European Athletic Association, referred to as European Athletics, European Gay & Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF), European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation (ENGSO), European Network of Sport Education (ENSE), European University Sports Association (EUSA), Association « Peace and Sport », The Association For International Sport For All (TAFISA Europe), Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) had been received and was also due to be studied by the GB again by written procedure. The Chair thanked those CC members who submitted renewal requests in a timely manner.

***The CC took note:***

***of the oral update provided by the Secretariat and the Chair.***

### **9. Date and place of next meeting**

The next CC bureau meeting would take place on 20 September in the afternoon (or 21 September in the morning subject to availability of the meeting room in Paris) following the diversity conference and would be in hybrid format. The next CC plenary meeting would take place in June 2022 prior to the joint GB/CC plenary meeting.

### **10. Closing**

The Chair thanked the CC members present for their active participation and closed the meeting.

## Appendix 1: Agenda<sup>3</sup>

1.	<p><b>Opening of the meeting</b></p> <p>The meeting will be opened by Kolë Gjeloshaj, Chair of the CC.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Adoption of the agenda</b></p> <p>Action: The CC is invited to <b>adopt</b> this agenda.</p>	EPAS(2021)26
3.	<p><b>Report on recent activities</b></p> <p>3.1 Report by the Chair 3.2 Report by the CC members</p> <p>Action: The CC is invited to comment on the oral update provided by the Chair and discuss recent activities.</p>	
4.	<p><b>European Sport Charter: The state of play</b></p> <p>Action: The CC is invited to take note of the oral update provided by the Secretariat.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Webinars:</b></p> <p><b>5.1 Presentation of the activities</b> <b>5.2 Discussion of the concept</b></p> <p>Action: The CC is invited to take note of the oral update provided by the Chair and exchange views.</p>	EPAS(2020)53 EPAS(2021)43
6.	<p><b>EPAS annual conference 2021 on protecting and promoting the human rights of intersex and transgender athletes in sport competitions</b></p> <p>Action: The CC is invited to take note of the oral update and exchange of views.</p>	EPAS(2021)22
7.	<p><b>Joint GB and CC meeting</b></p> <p>Action: The CC is invited to exchange views on the agenda of the upcoming joint meeting.</p>	EPAS(2021)32
8.	<p><b>Update on new members, applications and renewals of the CC</b></p> <p>8.1. New members/ application(s) Action: The CC is invited to take note of the oral update provided by the Chair/ Secretariat.</p> <p>8.2. Renewals Action: The CC is invited to take note of the oral update provided by the Chair/ Secretariat.</p>	EPAS(2021)INF03 EPAS(2021)INF04 EPAS(2021)INF06

<sup>3</sup> Documents from the meeting including the draft agenda are available online: [XXXXXXXXXX](#)

	<b>Action:</b> The CC is invited to take note of the oral update and exchange of views.	
10.	<b>Date and place of the next meeting</b>	
11.	<b>Closing</b>	

## **Appendix 2: List of Participants**

### **MEMBERS OF THE CC BUREAU**

#### **International School Sport Federation/Fédération internationale du Sport scolaire (ISF)**

Mr Kole GJELOSHAJ, Deputy Secretary General/CEO

**Chair of the CC Bureau**

#### **The European Olympic Committees/Les Comités olympiques européens (EOC / COE)**

Mr Tone JAGODIC, Advisor

**Vice-Chair of the CC Bureau**

#### **European Athlete as Student Network/Réseau européen des athlètes étudiants (EAS)**

Ms Laura CAPRANICA, President

#### **European Network of Sport Education/Réseau européen d'éducation sportive (ENSE)**

Mr Louis MOUSTAKAS, Secretary General

#### **Union of European Football Associations/Union européenne des associations de football (UEFA)**

Mr James OGILVIE, EU & Governmental Affairs Manager

#### **The Association For International Sport for All/L'Association du Sport International pour Tous (TAFISA Europe)**

Janez SODRZNIK, TAFISA Board Member & Vice President NOC Slovenia

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#### **Association "Peace and Sport"/Association « La Paix par le Sport »**

Ms Pauline JOHANET, Public Relations Officer and Mr Oula Siehe

#### **European Association of Sport Management/Association européenne pour la gestion du sport (EASM)**

Mr Stefan WALZEL, Secretary General

#### **European Athletic Association/Association européenne d'athlétisme (European Athletics)**

Mr Jean GRACIA, Vice-President

#### **European Elite Athletes Association / Association européenne des sportifs de haut niveau (EU ATHLETES)**

Ms Paulina TOMCZYK, General Secretary

#### **European Fair Play Movement/Mouvement européen du fair-play (EFPM)**

Mr Ioannis PSILOPOULOS, General Secretary

**European Gay & Lesbian Sport Federation / Fédération sportive européenne gaie et lesbienne (EGLSF)**

Mr Hugh TORRANCE, Co-President

**European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation/Organisation européenne non gouvernementale des sports (ENGSO)**

Mr Stefan BERGH, President

Ms Laurent BRIEL, Policy Director

**European Paralympic Committee/Comité Paralympique Européen (EPC/CPE)**

Mr Ratko KOVAČIĆ, President

(apologised/excused)

**European Physical Education Association/Association européenne d'éducation physique (EUPEA)**

Mr Martin HOLZWEG, Scientific Adviser

**European University Sports Association/Association européenne du sport universitaire (EUSA)**

Mr Andrej PISL, Communications and Projects Manager

**Fare Network**

Mr Piara POWAR, Executive Director

(apologised/excused)

**Global Association of International Sports Federations/Association mondiale des fédérations internationales de sport (GAISF)**

Mr Davide DELFINI, Membership Manager

**International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education/ conseil International pour l'Education Physique et la Science du Sport (ICSSPE/CIEPSS)**

Mr Detlef DUMON, Executive Director

**International Dance Organization/Organisation internationale de la danse (IDO)**

Mr Patrick PEROSA, Advisor

**International Federation of Sport Officials/Fédération Internationale pour les Juges et Arbitres Sportifs (IFSO)**

Mr Patrick VAJDA, President of IFSO and President of AFCAM

Ms Charlotte GIRARD-FABRE, Secretary General

**International SAMBO Federation/Fédération Internationale de SAMBO (FIAS)**

Mr Michal BUCHEL, Chief Executive Officer

**International Sport and Culture Association/L'Association Internationale du Sport et de la Culture (ISCA)**

Mr Jacob SCHOUENBORG, Secretary General

**Play the Game (PTG)**

Mr Jens Sejer ANDERSEN, International Director

**Special Olympics Europe Eurasia/Les Jeux Olympiques spéciaux Europe-Eurasie (SOEE)**

Mr David EVANGELISTA, President, Managing Director

**(apologised /excusé)**

**Sports Rights Owners Coalition/Coalition des propriétaires de droits sportifs (SROC)**

Mr Mark LICHTENHEIN, Chairman

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