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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

4th plenary meeting of the Consultative Committee

Council of Europe, Strasbourg
Agora building, Room G.06

Friday 11 May 2012
9.00am-5.00pm

Meeting report

1. Opening of the meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Predrag Manojlović, Chair of the EPAS Consultative Committee (CC). He regretted that only eight of the 23 member organisations were present at the meeting, especially since a revision of the Committee's terms of reference was on the agenda.

2. Adoption of the agenda

2. The Chair thanked the Secretariat for the preparation of the meeting and in particular its contribution to drafting documents. The agenda, as attached in Appendix 1, was adopted.

3. Welcome of new partner organisations

3. The Chair welcomed those participants who were attending the Committee meeting for the first time. During a "tour de table", the participating organisations briefly presented their scope of action, priorities for 2012/2013, and expectations from the EPAS membership.

- EU Athletes works on social rights of athletes with the EU and has been a partner of the CoE for a long time; it is currently focusing on education programmes (on integrity of sport, in particular match-fixing) and involved in the reform of the WADA code on anti-doping. Is looking for more co-operation with the sports movement via the Council of Europe (CoE).
- ISCA delivers sporting activities and projects at grass-roots level; does lobbying work on educational opportunities and aims at sharing experiences. Appreciates the concerns of the Chair regarding the participation levels at this meeting; hopes for a frank discussion on how to render the CC more attractive and to maybe rethink its structure.
- TAFISA Europe gathers the national sports organisations and is working on practical grass-roots programmes with local municipalities, for example. It is eager to help with the development of EPAS' visibility and discover future strategies in conjunction with other CC members.
- EWS aims to represent and promote women in sport; it wishes to develop active practice with EPAS and to achieve more political visibility at European level. Attending for the first time, the delegate hoped that the EWS would become an active member of the CC.
- EUPEA is the umbrella organisation of all national physical education associations, with 200,000 PE teachers across Europe. Its aim is to promote quality education of PE teachers and to share good practices across different countries; its involvement in the Committee could be useful to EPAS as it is in direct contact with children.
- ENGSO gathers national umbrella organisations and national Olympic committees, priorities being the exchange of knowledge and the improved quality of the organisational resources. It is currently working on the European Year of Sport 2014, focusing on the benefits of diet, health and physical activity, as well as a new joint project on the fight against sexual harassment in sport. Its expectation from EPAS is to be able to share best practices.
- EOC brings together the 49 national Olympic committees in Europe and is very active both with the EU and the CoE. Its priorities currently include match-fixing and the global governance of sport. The CoE's agenda is in line with EOC actions, and membership of the CC brings constructive and complementary discussions.
- EGLSF works on the human rights aspects of sport and its social dimension, and has a contribution to make to the work of the CC; it is currently developing activities and projects on homophobia in sport with the EPAS secretariat. It sees the importance of

sharing with other organisations at grass-roots level and co-operating with sports federations.

4. The Secretariat summarised the follow-up to the last Plenary meeting:
 1. Terms of Reference to be revised; contributions received so far indicate that a change in structure could be the way forward;
 2. An increase in collaboration between EPAS and the sports movement; this has been notable on activities such as diversity, match-fixing and gender mainstreaming. There is a willingness from both sides to strengthen co-operation;
 3. UEFA was elected as a second member of the CC to participate in the Bureau of the Governing Board, in accordance with the revised Statute of EPAS.

4. New developments

5. The Consultative Committee took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on new developments, in particular:

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6. The UK Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers will come to an end on 23 May 2012, handing over to Albania for a period of 6 months.

7. The Parliamentary Assembly recently adopted two sport-related reports during its last session on 25 April. These covered match-fixing (Anne Brasseur, Luxembourg) and Governance in sport (François Rochebloine, France). EPAS will be invited to give input to the follow-up of these two reports.

8. Regarding the Conventions, a revision of the anti-doping code is ongoing and a conference will be organised in collaboration with the pharmaceutical industry in November 2012. Concerning spectator violence, the Standing Committee is considering a restructuration of its working methods. It is also participating in safety inspection visits of the different stadiums in Poland and Ukraine, in collaboration with UEFA.

9. Changes in the Secretariat include the current Deputy Secretary General's term of office (Maud de Boer-Buquicchio), which will end on 31 August this year. The decision on her successor lies with the Parliamentary Assembly at its next session in June. The two candidates in the running are Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni and Gérard Stoudmann. Also, Snežana Samardžić-Marković (former Minister for Youth and Sport in Serbia) took up her duties as the CoE's new Director General for Democracy on 1 April 2012. Regarding the EPAS secretariat, a stable situation has been reached, with Heather Stewart (communication, publications) and Caroline Larghi (administrative support) having both joined the EPAS team. There are no budgetary resources left for temporary staff in the EPAS secretariat in 2012.

EPAS member states

10. Regarding the current membership to the Partial Agreement, the Secretariat informed the CC of the withdrawal by Sweden as from 1 January 2012. However, an application from Montenegro has been processed and it will officially accede on 1 June 2012. Negotiations with several other countries were on-going (e.g. Turkey, Belgium), with five to six other countries considering accession.

Applications from partner organisations

11. The CC welcomed recent decisions by the Committee of Ministers of the CoE allowing Tennis Europe, Sports Rights Owners Coalition (SROC), European Handcycling Federation, EU Athletes and the European Athlete Student Network to join EPAS.

12. Furthermore, a new application from the International University Sports Federation (FISU) has been registered and its EPAS membership process is now underway. The Secretariat mentioned that three other requests for membership were expected from Play the Game, the FARE network and Panathlon International.

13. Participants raised the question on the criteria applied to welcoming new members to the CC. Suggestions and amendments on these criteria for new applicants could be proposed given the expiration of the Terms of Reference in 2012 under discussion (see below under item 5).

14. The CC therefore currently had 24 members with one application underway.

5. Revision of the CC Terms of Reference

15. The Chair noted that since TAFISA and ICSA had sent proposals to the Secretariat, he invited them both to take the floor.

16. The ICSA delegate felt the role, the whole structure of the CC and its terms of reference needed to be reconsidered. He saw the CC's role as one of giving opinions and sharing important vision of NGOs, but raised the question as to whether an organisation really had to be a member of the CC in order to share its opinion. He thought that the diversity of the CC could be used as a strength: it could give various opinions instead of formulating one co-ordinated opinion. He believed democratic debate could be achieved by allowing the CC to function in a more open manner. He did however still believe it was important to have a body which would enter discussions with the Secretariat and the Ministries, and thus proposed a smaller CC Bureau be established, with only around 5 members holding a shorter, non-renewable, mandate. The future role of the CC should be a proactive one where individual members could suggest items on the agenda and practical actions to be taken. Another option would be to combine the joint CC/GB meeting with a seminar to add specialist value to the meetings.

17. The TAFISA Europe delegate saw the need to follow a strategy in order to build the structure of the CC. He agreed on the need to be more proactive and to continue collaborations amongst NGOs on subjects not solely focused on violence, doping and match-fixing. He regretted the absence of some EPAS members to this one CC meeting per year. He suggested creating working groups which could meet to specialise on other topics (eg. Grass-roots, health) so that some participants would feel they could contribute in return to the work of EPAS. He stressed the need to know if the CC members were ready and willing to contribute more to the work of EPAS or if one annual meeting was sufficient.

18. The CC also noted the proposal received by the secretariat from Peace and Sport to create smaller working groups focusing on specific topics. This could be based on a voluntary participation of members and would suppose a proactive contribution from them.

19. The Chair reminded the Committee that EPAS is the only intergovernmental organisation in Europe which provides a legal status for NGO sports advice. He wondered if there was a need to hold a plenary meeting of the CC, and if more focus should be placed on the joint meeting with the Governing Board. He added that the current membership threshold was at 30 organisations, but that this figure had not yet been reached. His proposal was to establish a

bureau of 6 members (two from each of the three categories) which could hold one joint meeting with the Governing Board and two with its bureau on an annual basis. Since the travel and subsistence costs were borne by the members, they could be flexible on organising the meetings.

20. The Secretariat reminded the Committee the key feature of EPAS was to promote dialogue and co-operation between the CC and the governing bodies (as part of the EPAS statute, the revision of which was a formal and complicated procedure); however, the CC's Terms of Reference were adopted by the Governing Board, and these could be amended by the Board in a more flexible way. The current ToR were based on a working group of the Governing Board bureau to which ENGSO and UEFA were party. Any modifications to the ToR could be proposed at the next meeting of the Governing Board on 20/21 June.

21. TAFISA Europe proposed that the CC Bureau be composed of at least 6 members (for reasons of flexibility). It also raised the question of re-defining the categories.

22. ICSA suggested the categories be deleted. Then, when necessary, the Secretariat could call for opinions on subjects which could be open for contributions, ie. internet hearings, for example.

23. The Chair stressed that these categories have little impact other than as far as the composition of the CC Bureau is concerned.

24. On the working structures and methods, the Chair believed the importance of maintaining the meeting between the CC and the Governing Board, and that it was logical for the CC to meet beforehand in order to prepare the joint meeting.

25. Concerning the eligible organisations, the secretariat stressed the need to maintain balance between international and European federations and the other category members so that the smaller members could play their role and be attracted to joining EPAS. He regretted the absence of members representing the International Federations category from this present meeting. Concerning the proposal by TAFISA to stipulate that the Bureau be composed of at least 6 members, the secretariat pointed out that the Governing Board could question the sharing of the roles between the bureau and the plenary. Also, it would be clearer for budgetary reasons if a fixed number of members was established.

26. TAFISA Europe said that flexibility was required if the structure was to change in order to allow working groups – the term “minimum 6 members” was therefore preferable.

27. The Secretariat took note of all the comments and would propose amendments to the ToR, based on the discussions, and circulate to the CC members for agreement before the expiry of the said terms.

6. Term of office of CC members:

28. The CC took note of the upcoming expiry of certain members' terms of office. The secretariat would send reminders to those members concerned, asking them to express a request for membership renewal and to send any changes to their statutes. The renewal requests received will then be submitted to the Governing Board for decision at its next meeting on 20/21 June.

7. EPAS developments since the last CC meeting:

7.1 Presentation of adopted resolutions from the 12th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (Belgrade, 15 March 2012), and follow-up

29. The CC took note of document EPAS(2012)INF 13rev and the information provided by the Secretariat on the two adopted resolutions, namely on the Promotion of the integrity of sport against the manipulation of results (match-fixing) and on Current Issues in Pan-European Sport Co-operation, and their follow-up.

30. The discussion focused on the process of elaborating an international convention on match-fixing and its possible schedule through the different bodies. A realistic timeframe would be to open it for signature in two years time. Other standards were also in development, including Recommendations on the migration and protection of young athletes, and gender-mainstreaming in sport; both of these were supported by Ministers at the Conference in Belgrade.

31. Regarding pan-European co-operation, the CC took note of the consideration being given to continued collaboration between the EU and the CoE.

7.2 Presentation of the EPAS Programme of Activities and Budget 2012

32. The CC took note of the oral presentation by the secretariat on the programme of activities underway in 2012. Most activities would concentrate on standard-setting (match-fixing, gender mainstreaming and migration) but other topics were also being addressed via training sessions, good practice handbooks, and seminars organised in partnership with organisations such as EGLSF, UEFA, European Paralympic Committee, and the FARE network. A proposition will be made to the Governing Board in June to focus 2013's activities around youth and children. Another possible activity under consideration is one centred around sport and prisoners, with interest of involvement already shown by Andorra.

33. Several delegates, from EOC, TAFISA Europe and ENGSO, underlined the importance of having a strong co-operation between the two organisations at institutional level on issues of common interest (doping, match-fixing, violence, European day of sport, etc.).

8 Input of CC members in the work of the EPAS:

34. The CC took note that the EPAS secretariat was now part of the Directorate for Human Rights and Anti-discrimination, and that the Committee members could therefore use EPAS to approach other sectors in this directorate for expertise if required.

35. Participants made the following suggestions of which the Secretariat took note:

36. ICSA believed it was important to focus activities on the positive benefits of sport. The delegated suggested each CC member send a one-page document to the secretariat to show what a strong contribution they can make to EPAS. In addition, ICSA has member organisations which work on the subject of sport and prisons, and could potentially contribute to an EPAS project focusing on this topic.

37. TAFISA Europe was organising a large-scale event in 2013 with the Strasbourg municipality, using funding from the EU which might focus on re-discovering the heritage of sport and traditional sporting games in Europe. If EPAS played a role, this could provide a link between the EU and the CoE.

38. EUPEA confirmed that the subject of children in sport was their main priority and that it would be interested in participating in any activities which focus on the quality of PE teachers or other transversal areas this could help. The Secretariat saw a potential activity in relation to the Pestalozzi Programme and suggested a programme for PE teachers on democratic citizenship be proposed for consideration in 2013.

39. The Chair invited the Committee members to send any projects worthy of EPAS involvement to the secretariat, for presentation to the Governing Board.

9 Round Table on CC working methods and its priorities for 2012-2013

40. The CC concluded its previous discussions on working methods under item 5 of the agenda, the general consensus being that setting up working groups on specialist topics would be appreciated by the members and may boost participation levels in future.

41. Based on the discussions, the secretariat would circulate to the Committee members various proposed modifications to the Terms of Reference for comment and validation by e-mail. This would then be put to the Governing Board for adoption during its next meeting on 20-21 June.

42. Given the presence at the meeting of only eight member organisations, the majority of twelve required in order to be able to vote had not been reached. The elections to the Bureau would therefore be organised by the secretariat by e-mail. Six members had put themselves forward as candidate: ENGSO, UEFA, TAFISA Europe, ISCA, EFPM and EWS.

10 Miscellaneous

43. No items discussed.

11 Date and place of the next meeting

44. Participants noted that two CC representatives (ENGSO and UEFA) have been invited to participate in the next Governing Board Bureau meeting to be held in Paris on 22 May. The CC in its plenary composition is invited to participate in the joint meeting with the Governing Board on 20-21 June 2012 in Strasbourg.

Appendix 1 Agenda**Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)****Plenary Meeting of the Consultative Committee**

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8.	<p>Input of Consultative Committee members in the EPAS work:</p> <p>8.1 Follow-up to the Belgrade Ministerial meeting</p> <p>8.2 EPAS priority 1 : drafting process and implementation of European standards</p> <p>8.3 EPAS priority 2 : organising joint seminars/training/conferences</p> <p>8.4 EPAS priority 3 : cooperation EU/CoE</p> <p>8.5 Presentation of common projects financed by external contributions: Peace and Sport “Friendship games”, project on Good Governance</p>	
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Appendix 2 List of participants

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