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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

19th meeting of the EPAS Governing Board (GB) and joint meeting with the Consultative Committee (CC)

14-15 May 2025

LIST OF DECISIONS

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1. Opening of the meeting

The Governing Board (GB) of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) held its 19th meeting in Strasbourg on 14-15 May 2025 with Alexandre Husting (Luxembourg) as Chair. The Consultative Committee (CC) joined part of the meeting (see Appendix I).

The Governing Board noted that the quorum was reached.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Governing Board adopted the agenda - see Appendix I.

The list of participants is set out in Appendix II.

3. Statutory issues

The Governing Board took note of the information provided by the Secretariat regarding the change of Executive Secretary as from 1 August 2025.

3.1 Annual account

The Governing Board took note of the information provided by the Secretariat under this item pertaining to the ordinary account in 2024 and the update for 2025.

Regarding the information related to the 2026 budgetary contributions and the programme of activities, it will be up to the EPAS Statutory Committee to formally approve them after the summer.

3.2 Special account

The Governing Board took note of the situation regarding the Special Account and:

- authorised, as has been the case in the past budgetary exercises, the use by the Executive Secretary, upon prior consultation of the Chair of the GB, of an amount of up to €10,000 of the Special Account to face urgent needs or to optimise the use of the EPAS liquidity.
- authorised the possible transfer up to €50,000 from the unspent balance of the EPAS 2025 ordinary budget to the EPAS Special Account.
- authorised the allocation from the Special Account reserve of the costs covering six months of employment of an A2-A3 staff member overseeing the implementation of EPAS projects extra-budgetary activities.

3.3 Decisions concerning the Consultative Committee

The Governing Board approved the amended version of the Consultative Committee's Terms of Reference. The Governing Board also took note of the decisions taken regarding the renewal of membership for three years of the Centre for Sport and Human Rights (CSHR), the European Association for Sport Management (EASM), and the International Dance Organization (IDO).

4. European Sports Charter (ESC)

The Governing Board took note of the information provided by the Secretariat pertaining to the ESC working group (whose mandate is extended until 31 December 2025) and the methodology applied to follow-up country visits. Member states were invited to host a support and follow up visit in the future, and their representatives were encouraged to take part in these visits as members of the team, which would then be followed up bilaterally with the Secretariat.

5. Council of Europe Conferences of Ministers responsible for Sport (MSL)

5.1 MSL 18 - Porto, 8-10 October 2024

The Governing Board expressed its thanks to the Portuguese authorities for hosting the 18th Conference.

The Board took note of the Resolution on “Collaborative governing and good governance in sport: supporting a fresh approach to match its societal importance” adopted by the Ministers, and of the Secretary General’s report on the 18th Conference. It adopted the mandate of the Working Group on the Autonomy of Sport and Good Governance, as amended following the exchange of views on the proposed follow-up.

5.2 MSL 19 - Monaco, 3-4 November 2026

The Governing Board took note of the presentation provided by the Monegasque representatives and the Secretariat on the progress of the Conference preparations and held an exchange of views on the proposed themes, mandating its Bureau to continue to plan the ministerial sessions of the Conference.

6. EPAS Diversity Conference 2025: Sport and intergenerational challenges for young people and older persons

The Governing Board took note of the update provided by the Secretariat on the organisation of the Conference.

7. Guidelines on safer recruitment in sport: human rights-compliant screening of professionals and volunteer in contact with children

The Governing Board took note of the presentation and the request to review the draft guidelines, whereby delegations would be invited to submit any comments on the draft within two weeks, before finalising the text and its being submitted to the Governing Board for adoption via written procedure.

8. Elections

The Governing Board:

- Elected Solène Charuau (France) as Chair for a mandate of two years;
- Elected Ioanna Paraskevopoulou (Cyprus), as Vice-Chair for a mandate of two years;
- Elected Antonio Parrilla (Italy), as a Bureau member for Region 1 for a mandate of two years,
- Elected Simon De Coster (Belgium), as a Bureau member for Region 2 for a mandate of two years,
- Elected Marija Jurčević (Croatia), as a Bureau member for Region 3 for a mandate of two years,
- Elected Elnur Mammadov (Azerbaijan), as a Bureau member for Region 4 for a mandate of two years.

The Governing Board was reminded of the election in January 2025 of Florian Botto, Catherine Farneti and Michael Landau (Monaco) as additional members of the Bureau from the organising country of the next Ministerial Conference.

The Governing Board also elected Solène Charuau (France) as Gender Equality Rapporteur of the Governing Board.

The Governing Board designated the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Consultative Committee as the two representatives from the Consultative Committee to take part in the proceedings of the Bureau.

9. Opening of the joint meeting

The delegations took note of the information provided by the Chair of the Governing Board regarding the key outcomes of the Governing Board meeting.

10. Update by the Chair of the Consultative Committee

The delegations took note of the information provided by the Chair of the Consultative Committee (see Appendix III).

11. Draft Activity Report 2024

The delegations took note of the draft 2024 EPAS Activity Report and the invitation to submit any comments on the draft within two weeks, prior to finalisation of the text and its submission to the Governing Board for adoption by written procedure.

12. Other updates

12.1 Governing Board

The Governing Board and the Consultative Committee warmly thanked the outgoing Chair, Alexandre Husting, whose second consecutive term was coming to an end. The impact of his leadership and his commitment as Chair of EPAS was highlighted as having given visibility to the Partial Agreement and helping to strengthen its work. His collaborative and open-minded approach, as well as some of the achievements during his mandates, were highlighted: 41 member states and a Consultative Committee that had reached the maximum number of member organisations, two major ministerial conferences, a plethora of awareness-raising activities and conferences, strong promotion of the European Sports Charter, development of the “Start To Talk” project, including the establishment of the Pool and financial contributions received, the creation of the MARS Network, and the adoption by the Committee of Ministers in 2023 of a Declaration on sports integrity.

12.3 Committee of Ministers

The delegations took note of the update provided by the Secretariat regarding the handover of the presidency of the Committee of Ministers from Luxembourg to Malta which would hold the Presidency until the end of the year.

12.4 Parliamentary Assembly

The delegations took note of the recent and ongoing work of the Parliamentary Assembly, presented by the Secretariat, in particular the launch of the Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport, as well as the finalisation in 2025 of two reports on “Olympic Movement and peacekeeping: is sport neutrality serving sport values?” and “Protecting human rights in and through sport: obligations and shared responsibilities”.

12.5 Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations (CINGOs) of the Council of Europe

The delegations took note of the update provided by the representative of the Non-Governmental Organisations of the Council of Europe (CINGOs) regarding the work of the Committee on Sport and Human Rights.

13. EPAS Strategy

The delegations took note of the progress made in implementing the EPAS 2024-2025 strategy.

The delegations reviewed the draft EPAS 2026-2027 strategy and took note of the invitation to submit any comments on the draft within two weeks, prior to finalisation of the text and its submission to the Governing Board for adoption by written procedure.

14. European Sports Charter (ESC)

The delegations took note of the results of the previous European Sports Charter follow-up visits (Portugal, 24–25 May 2023; Finland, 18–19 April 2024; Morocco, 11–12 June 2024; Ireland, 24–25 March 2025) and the ongoing multi-annual programme (Greece, 25–26 June 2025; Luxembourg, October 2025; Monaco, February 2026; Armenia, June 2026; Denmark, December 2026).

The delegations took note of the results of the work on the country profiles and the presentation made by Diana de Aguiar Santos, Assistant Professor, School of Education and Social Sciences, Polytechnic Institute of Leiria, on the main trends emerging from the responses to the ESC implementation questionnaire sent to member states.

The delegations took note of the update provided by the Secretariat on the EPAS Showcasing and Sharing tool, in particular regarding Best Practices.

15. Conferences of Ministers responsible for Sport (MSL)

15.1 MSL 18 – Portugal, 8-10 October 2024

The delegations took note of the resolution adopted at the 18th conference: “Collaborative governing and good governance in sport: supporting a fresh approach to match its societal importance”. The delegations also took note of the Secretary General's report and of the adoption of the mandate for the working group tasked with ensuring part of the follow-up to the Conference.

15.2 MSL 19 – Monaco 19, 3-4 November 2026

The delegations took note of the presentation provided by the Monegasque representatives and the Secretariat, and held an exchange of views on the themes envisaged for the Conference.

16. Sport in Ukraine during the war time

The delegations took note of the presentation made by the Ukrainian representative to the Governing Board and expressed their unwavering solidarity with Ukraine, while reiterating their condemnation of the war of aggression waged by the Russian Federation against Ukraine.

The Governing Board tasked its Bureau to examine the follow-up to the proposals made by the Ukrainian delegation, namely:

- to initiate a dedicated work stream on “sport in emergency situations”;
- to explore the development of a general EPAS position or declaration on the role of sports infrastructures as essential civilian and social infrastructures, and on the integration of sport into reconstruction frameworks;
- to encourage the inclusion of destroyed sports facilities in the Register of Damage for Ukraine, and to consider iconic sports venues in the context of collective memory, recognising their cultural, societal and commemorative value as spaces of identity and solidarity.

17. Ethical Sport

The Governing Board and the Consultative Committee took note of the presentation by the Secretariat on the work of the MARS Network, in particular the Network's annual meeting held on 1-2 July in Strasbourg. They also took note of the latest update to the Database of Alleged Corruption in Sport (DACCS), which aims to understand and address corruption cases, as

well as the dialogue initiated with the European Commission's Joint Research Centre regarding potential extended co-operation. They lastly took note of the presentation on the work of the International Partnership Against Corruption in Sport (IPACS), in particular the working group on Artificial Intelligence and Corruption, and the development of a good governance benchmarking manual.

18. Inclusive Sport

The Governing Board and the Consultative Committee took note of the update provided by the Secretariat concerning the preparations for the 2025 EPAS Diversity Conference, which would address the theme “sport and intergenerational challenges for young people and older persons”.

They also took note of the attribution of the 2024 Council of Europe North-South Prize to the initiative by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and the Olympic Refugee Foundation (ORF) supporting the participation of refugee athletes in the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The North-South Centre will organise a roundtable on 21 May 2025, with the support of EPAS, entitled “From competition to co-operation: the power of sport as a tool for development and inclusion”. They further took note of the presentation on the Breakfast roundtable on women's health in sport, held on 7 March 2025, as well as the activities carried out to protect and promote the human rights of intersex and transgender athletes (including the Human Rights Bootcamp organised at the European Youth Centre from 13 to 18 April 2025). They also took note of the work on the inclusion of migrant and refugee children in and through sport.

Finally, the delegations took note of the report of the Governing Board's Gender Equality Rapporteur, commended her work and thanked her for her commitment. The Governing Board supported her proposal to carry out a stock-taking exercise on gender equality policies in sport in 2026. The delegations also took note of the presentation by the Consultative Committee's Gender Equality Rapporteur, particularly regarding the upcoming dissemination within the committee of a questionnaire.

19. Safe Sport

The Governing Board and the Consultative Committee acknowledged the importance of the “Start to Talk” project and took note of the activities implemented as part of the project, reiterating the call for funding and financial contributions.

The delegations took note of the presentation given by the Secretariat on the draft “Guidelines for a safer recruitment in sport: human rights-compliant screening of criminal and disciplinary records” and the invitation to submit comments on the draft within two weeks, prior to finalisation of the text and its submission to the Governing Board for adoption by written procedure.

19.3 Side event to the 58th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council

The delegations took note of the side event on “Safe sport as a space for human rights education” organised by EPAS in the margins of the 58th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council which aimed to enhance an understanding of how safe and rights-respecting environments can be powerful enablers for the enjoyment and promotion of children's human rights.

20. Sport Conventions

The delegations took note of the update provided by the Secretariat regarding the work of the Council of Europe in the areas of anti-doping, combating the manipulation of sport competitions, and ensuring safety, security and service at major sports events.

21. Co-operation with the European Union and information regarding the EU-CoE Joint Projects

The delegations expressed their appreciation for the close co-operation and complementarity of action between the European Union and the Council of Europe in the field of sport, and took note of the information relating to the results of the joint project All In Plus (completed in February 2025) and the proposed follow-up (see EPAS(2025)50), as well as the implementation of the projects “Balance S4” (January 2024 – September 2025) and “Sport for All” (March 2025 – September 2026), the launch event for which took place on the same day.

22. Online courses

The delegations took note of the information provided on the HELP course on sport and human rights, which would be enriched with new modules on the protection of children from sexual violence and other forms of abuse, as well as a module on combating discrimination and hate speech. The HELP course was scheduled to be launched in Morocco in June. Finally, the delegations took note with interest of the development of the HEY (Human Rights Education for Youth) course on responsible, safe, inclusive and ethical sport.

23. AOB

No other points were raised by the delegations.

24. Date and location of the next meeting

The Governing Board and Consultative Committee noted the date and location of the next meeting, to be held in Strasbourg on 27 and 28 May 2026.

25. Closing of the meeting

The Chair closed the meeting.

APPENDIX I

Agenda

Wednesday 14 May: 2.00 pm - 5.30 pm (with coffee break included) <i>In camera - Governing Board only</i> <i>(Parallel Consultative Committee in camera session in room no. 6 - separate agenda)</i>		
1.	Opening of the meeting	EPAS(2023)31rev
2.	Adoption of the agenda Action: The GB is invited to adopt the agenda.	EPAS(2025)13rev2
3.	Statutory issues 3.1. Annual account i. Ordinary Account – 2024 ii. Ordinary Account – 2025 Action: The GB is invited to take note of the balance of the 2024 budget (item i.) and the update made by the Secretariat regarding the 2025 budget (item ii.). 3.2. Special account i. GB authorisation on a specific transfer from the special account ii. GB authorisation to transfer the 2024 unspent balance of up to €50,000 to the EPAS 2025 special account iii. GB authorisation regarding specific staff project costs Action: The GB is invited to: a) authorise – as has been the case in the past budgetary exercises - the use by the Executive Secretary, upon prior consultation of the Chair of the GB, of an amount of up to €10,000 of the Special Account to face urgent needs or to optimise the use of the EPAS liquidity. b) authorise the possible transfer up to €50,000 from the unspent balance of the EPAS 2025 ordinary budget to the EPAS Special Account. c) authorise the allocation from the Special Account reserve of the costs covering 6 months of employment of an A2-A3 staff member overseeing the implementation of EPAS projects extra-budgetary activities.	EPAS-SC(2023)2 EPAS-SC(2024)2 EPAS(2025)49 EPAS(2025)48

	<p>3.3. Decisions regarding the Consultative Committee (CC)</p> <p>i. Terms of reference of the CC</p> <p>ii. Membership of the CC</p> <p>Action: The GB is invited to <u>approve</u> the amended version of the Terms of Reference of the CC (item i). The GB is also invited to <u>take note</u> of the renewal decisions, where appropriate, for organisations whose memberships will expire in 2025 (item ii).</p>	<p>EPAS(2025)25 EPAS(2025)6</p>
4.	<p>European Sports Charter (ESC)</p> <p>Applications for future ESC support and follow-up visits (host country and team members)</p> <p>Action: The GB is invited to <u>take note</u> of the proposed multi-annual programme of visits and <u>express interest</u> for hosting ESC support and follow-up visits, as well as being part of the visiting team.</p>	<p>EPAS(2023)29rev</p>
5.	<p>Council of Europe Conferences of Ministers responsible for Sport (MSL)</p> <p>5.1. MSL 18 – Porto, 8-10 October 2024</p> <p>Resolution "Collaborative governing and good governance in sport: supporting a fresh approach to match its societal importance"</p> <p>Action: The GB is invited to <u>take note</u> of the Resolution and the Report of the Secretary General, to <u>exchange views</u> on the proposed follow-up and possibly <u>adopt</u> the Terms of Reference of the Working Group.</p> <p>5.2. MSL 19 – Monaco, 3-4 November 2026</p> <p>Action: The GB is invited to <u>take note</u> of the presentation made by the Monegasque representatives and the Secretariat, to <u>exchange views</u> and to <u>provide</u> orientations on possible themes for the Conference.</p>	<p>CM(2025)3 MSL18(2024)8 EPAS(2025)INF2 EPAS(2025)44</p> <p>EPAS(2025)2rev EPAS(2025)24rev</p>
6.	<p>Diversity Conference 2025: Sport and intergenerational challenges for young people and older persons</p> <p>Action: The GB is invited to <u>take note</u> of the update made by the Secretariat on the organisation of the Conference.</p>	<p>Oral presentation</p>
7.	<p>Guidelines on safer recruitment in sport: human rights-compliant screening of professionals and volunteers in contact with children</p> <p>Action: The GB is invited to <u>take note</u> of the presentation and to <u>examine</u> the draft Guidelines and comments received, and to <u>exchange views</u> in order to <u>finalise</u> and possibly <u>adopt</u> the text.</p>	<p>EPAS(2025)37</p>

8.	<p>Elections</p> <p>Action: The GB is invited to <u>proceed with the elections</u>.</p> <p>Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for a mandate of two years</p> <p>Election of the Bureau of the Governing Board</p> <p>For regions 1, 2, 3, 4 and for non-CoE member states, for a mandate of two years</p> <p>With the designation of two representatives from the Consultative Committee, upon proposal by the Consultative Committee (to take part in the proceedings of the Bureau, without the right to vote)</p> <p>Election of the Gender Equality Rapporteur</p>	<p>EPAS(2025)INF3rev</p> <p>EPAS(2022)39</p>
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<p>Thursday 15 May: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm (with coffee break included)</p> <p><i>Joint meeting with the Consultative Committee</i></p>		
9.	<p>Opening of the Joint meeting</p> <p>Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the information provided by the Chair.</p>	
10.	<p>Update by the Chair of the Consultative Committee</p> <p>Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the information provided by the Chair of the Consultative Committee.</p>	
11.	<p>Draft Activity Report 2024</p> <p>Delegations are invited to <u>take note of</u> the draft Activity Report 2024.</p>	<p>EPAS(2025)35</p>
12.	<p>Other updates</p> <p>12.1. Governing Board</p> <p>Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the update made by the Secretariat.</p> <p>12.2. Consultative Committee</p> <p>Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the amended Terms of Reference of the Consultative Committee and of the 2025 renewals.</p>	<p>2025 Report by the SG</p> <p>Programme of activities (CM(2025)1)</p> <p>EPAS(2025)25 EPAS(2025)6</p>

	<p>12.3. Committee of Ministers</p> <p>Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the update made by the Secretariat.</p> <p>12.4. Parliamentary Assembly</p> <p>Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the update made by the Secretariat.</p> <p>12.5. Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations (CINGOs) of the Council of Europe</p> <p>Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the update made by the representative of the CINGOs.</p>	<p>EPAS(2025)INF5</p> <p>Mid-term report</p>
13.	<p>EPAS Strategy</p> <p>13.1. Implementation of the 2024-2025 Strategy</p> <p>Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the status of implementation of the 2024-2025 Strategy.</p> <p>13.2. Draft Strategy 2026-2027</p> <p>Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the presentation and <u>exchange views</u>.</p>	<p>EPAS(2024)34</p> <p>EPAS(2025)38</p>
14.	<p>European Sports Charter</p> <p>14.1. ESC Support and Follow-up visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portugal (24-25 May 2023) • Finland (18-19 April 2024) • Morocco (11-12 June 2024) • Ireland (24-25 March 2025) • Greece (25-26 June 2025) • Luxembourg (October 2025) • Monaco (February 2026) • Armenia (June 2026) • Denmark (December 2026) <p>Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the outcomes of the past ESC Support and Follow-up visits and of the multi-annual programme.</p> <p>14.2. ESC Working Group : ESC country overviews</p> <p>Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the outcomes of the work on the country overviews and of the presentation made by Diana de Aguiar Santos, Assistant Professor, School of Education and Social Sciences, Polytechnic Institute of Leiria.</p>	<p>EPAS(2023)29rev</p> <p>EPAS(2025)8</p> <p>IPACS workshops</p> <p>EPAS(2023)26</p>

	<p>14.3. EPAS Showcasing and Sharing Tool</p> <p>Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the update made by the Secretariat on the Showcasing and Sharing tool, notably regarding Best Practices.</p>	
15.	<p>Council of Europe Conferences of Ministers responsible for Sport (MSL)</p> <p>15.1. MSL 18 – Portugal, 8-10 October 2024</p> <p>Resolution "Collaborative governing and good governance in sport: supporting a fresh approach to match its societal importance"</p> <p>Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the Resolution and the Report of the Secretary General, and to <u>exchange views</u> on the proposed follow-up.</p> <p>15.2. MSL 19 – Monaco, 3-4 November 2026</p> <p>Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the presentation made by the Monegasque representatives and the Secretariat, and to <u>exchange views</u> on possible themes for the Conference.</p>	<p>CM(2025)3 MSL18(2024)8 EPAS(2025)INF2 EPAS(2025)44</p> <p>EPAS(2025)2rev EPAS(2025)24rev</p>
16.	Sport in Ukraine during the war time	EPAS(2025)INF4
17.	<p>Ethical Sport</p> <p>17.1. Network of Magistrates/Prosecutors Responsible for Sports (MARS)</p> <p>17.2. Database on Alleged Cases of Corruption in Sport (DACCS)</p> <p>17.3. International Partnership Against Corruption in Sport (IPACS)</p> <p>Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the updates provided for items 17.1. to 17.3.</p>	<p>Network members MARS(2025)2 MARS(2025)4 Country profiles EPAS(2025)4</p>
18.	<p>Inclusive Sport</p> <p>18.1. EPAS Diversity Conference 2025: Sport and intergenerational challenges for young people and older persons</p> <p>18.2. North-South Prize Award ceremony and Round table “From competition to cooperation: the power of sport as a tool for development and inclusion”</p>	<p>Oral presentations</p> <p>Draft Programme</p>

	<p>18.3. Breakfast roundtable on gender equality in sport</p> <p>18.4. Protecting and promoting the human rights of transgender and intersex athletes in and through sport</p> <p>18.5. Inclusion of child migrants and refugees in and through sport</p> <p>18.6. Reports by Gender Equality Rapporteurs</p> <p>Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the updates provided for items 18.1. to 18.5.</p>	EPAS(2025)5rev
19.	<p>Safe Sport</p> <p>19.1. Start to Talk</p> <p>Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the update provided.</p> <p>19.2. International Pool of Experts on Safe Sport</p> <p>Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the presentation by the Secretariat on the “Draft guidelines on safer recruitment in sport: human rights-compliant screening of professionals and volunteers in contact with children” and comments received.</p> <p>19.3. Side event to the 58th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council</p> <p>Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the update provided.</p>	<p>Glossary on Safe Sport</p> <p>Compendium of resources on Safe Sport</p> <p>EPAS(2025)37 EPAS(2025)42</p> <p>EPAS(2025)19rev</p>
20.	<p>Sport Conventions</p> <p>20.1. Anti-doping</p> <p>20.2. Macolin Convention</p> <p>20.3. Saint-Denis Convention</p> <p>Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the updates provided for items 20.1 to 20.3.</p>	EPAS(2025)INF7
21.	<p>Co-operation with the European Union and information regarding the EU-CoE Joint Projects</p> <p>21.1. Results of All In Plus (ended February 2025)</p> <p>21.2. Balance S4 (January 2024 – September 2025)</p> <p>21.3. Sport For All (March 2025 - September 2026)</p>	<p>EPAS(2025)INF6</p> <p>EPAS(2025)50</p> <p>EPAS(2025)55</p>

	Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the updates provided for items 21.1. and 21.3.	
22.	Online courses Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the information provided regarding the HELP course on Sport and Human Rights and of the development of the HEY course .	Oral presentations
23.	AOB	
24.	Date and place of the next meeting Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the dates and place of the 2026 EPAS annual meeting	
25.	Closing	

(Invitation to a lunch cocktail in the Foyer of the Committee of Ministers co-offered with the Permanent Representation of the Principality of Monaco to the Council of Europe: 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm)

1.30 pm – 2.15 pm: demonstration of Blind Football on the lawn of the Palais de l'Europe

Thursday 15 May: 2.30 pm - 5.30 pm (with coffee break included)

joint meeting GB and CC with the [launch](#) of

“Sport for All - Promoting Inclusion and Combating Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities”

2.30 pm – 2.50 pm	Opening session <i>Gianluca Esposito</i> , Director General, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe <i>Normunds Popēns</i> , Deputy Director-General of DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission (online) <i>Alexandre Husting</i> , Chair of the EPAS Governing Board <i>Charlotte Girard Fabre</i> , Chair of the EPAS Consultative Committee
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2.50 pm – 3.30 pm	<p>Keynote speakers / Athlete testimonies</p> <p><i>Zakia Khudadadi</i>, Afghan taekwondo athlete, Paralympic & European Champion</p> <p><i>Yaroslav Denysenko</i>, Ukrainian swimming athlete, Paralympic, World & European Champion</p> <p><i>Gizem Girişmen</i>, Turkish archery athlete, Paralympic & World Champion</p> <p><i>Arnaud Assoumani</i>, French athlete specialised in long & triple jump, Paralympic & World Champion</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p>Interviewed by <i>Iva Stoyanova</i>, Sport journalist, Bulgaria</p>
3.30 pm – 4.10 pm	<p>Empowering sports organisations, from Alsatian grassroots to elite level</p> <p>Elvira Stinissen, Vice President of World ParaVolley, Dutch Paralympic sitting volleyball player</p> <p><i>Gaël Rivière</i>, President of the French Handisport Federation, Paris 2024 Blind Football Champion</p> <p><i>Mireille Loeffler</i>, Member of the Schiltigheim Blind Football team; Paralympic Torch bearer</p> <p><i>Delphine Szachsznajder</i>, Educator of adapted physical activity and physical trainer, DS Coaching</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p>Moderated by <i>Olivia Conrad</i>, Senior Project Officer, Council of Europe</p>
4.10 pm – 4.25 pm	<p>Family photo</p> <p>Coffee break</p>
4.25 pm – 5.20 pm	<p>Best practices at international level</p> <p>Presentation of the survey results & comments from country representatives</p> <p><i>Raymon Blondel</i>, President, European Paralympic Committee</p> <p><i>Patrick Stolpmann</i>, Executive Director, International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE)</p> <p><i>Osazemen Aghedo</i>, Project Manager, TAFISA</p> <p><i>Shanaia Xuereb</i>, Athlete leader, Special Olympics Malta (online)</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p>Moderated by <i>Kateryna Lavryk</i>, Junior Project Officer, Council of Europe</p>

<p>5.20 pm – 5.30 pm</p>	<p>Closing session</p> <p><i>Pia Haschke</i>, Policy Officer, Sport Policy and Programme Unit, Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission</p> <p><i>Alexandre Husting</i>, Chair of the EPAS Governing Board</p> <p><i>Sophie Kwasny</i>, Head of Sport Division, Executive Secretary of EPAS, Council of Europe</p>
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APPENDIX III

Information provided by the Chair of the Consultative Committee

Dear members of the Governing board,
Dear ladies and gentlemen, dear colleagues,

I'm truly honoured to address you today as Chair of the Consultative Committee. Representing our 30 member organisations - from NGOs to federations, European networks and international bodies - is more than a mandate. It is a daily reminder that EPAS lives through the people who bring its values to life in the field.

2024 was a truly active year. New elections, new members, strong attendance and constant involvement of the Consultative Committee in all dimensions of EPAS: from working groups to thematic events, from ESC support and follow up visits to ministerial forums. But, if I had to choose one word to define our contribution, it would be: consistency - the kind that builds trust, bridges gaps, and quietly shapes the future.

Now - as we are here in the Council of Europe, where multilingualism is a form of governance, and where even sport follows the rules of diplomacy - allow me to switch to French, my mother tongue. I promise I'll stay sharp and to the point.

What I remember most of all is our consistency. Our reliable presence. Our ability to make the link - between politics and the field, between principles and practices. And this consistency is invaluable to EPAS, because it guarantees continuity of action rooted in reality.

But this year has also been marked by a major institutional project: the revision of our mandate. It's a seemingly discreet change, but a structuring one. It was carried out collectively, seriously and in a spirit of openness. It reflects our desire to be even more representative, more inclusive and more in tune with the contemporary challenges of sport and democratic governance. It is also an invitation to join this Committee: to broaden it, to diversify it, to enable it to play its role to the full.

The Consultative Committee is much more than just a statutory body. It is a revealer of trends, a sensor of weak signals, and above all, a committed player. Each of our members brings the European Sports Charter to life on the ground. In schools, clubs, federations and NGOs. That's where the values take shape. That's where EPAS becomes visible, tangible and useful.

We are also a project accelerator, with a remarkable commitment to related initiatives:

- The "Sport for All" project;
- The national visits to support and monitor the Charter;
- The Expert Pool on Safe Sport;
- The Conferences on diversity, human rights and gender equality.

In this respect, the 2025 Diversity Conference, whose theme will be young people and seniors in sport, opens up an exciting prospect: How can we build bridges between those who learn and those who pass on their knowledge? How can we design a sport that brings together, connects and supports all ages in a common space of emancipation? This dialogue between generations is an asset that needs to be developed, a challenge for society, and a powerful lever for inclusion.

The diversity of the Consultative Committee's commitments testifies to a living, willing and competent ecosystem. And I would like this to be better recognised, better valued, not only as

a technical resource, but as a strategic resource for the member states that make up the EPAS: the Governing Board.

Because that's what we want to strengthen over the next few years:

- Contribute our unique expertise to the implementation of the European Sports Charter in upcoming support and monitoring visits: Greece, Luxembourg, Monaco, Armenia, Denmark, etc.;
- Be a driving force in the new working group on the autonomy of sport and good governance;
- Contribute our expertise to EPAS activities and events, such as the forum on sport and human rights and the diversity conference;
- Contribute to the strategic reflection for 2026-2027 based on our feedback;
- And, of course, make an active contribution to the next Ministerial Conference in Monaco to bring the voice of the grassroots to the table.

But beyond the projects, texts and reports, the strength of our Committee lies in its willingness, consistency and collective intelligence. Our members are committed, available, demanding and faithful to the values of EPAS. It is they who, through their actions, give credibility and legitimacy to the voice of civil society in the governance of sport within the boundaries of the EPAS, which extend across Europe.

The Consultative Committee is a bridge - alive, agile, rooted. A bridge between the political vision and the day-to-day reality of sport. And I am convinced that it is by strengthening this link that we will be able to advance our common objectives: more ethical, safer, more inclusive sport.

I would also like to extend a very special thank you to Alexandre Husting, whose tenure as Chairman of the Governing Board has been marked by a true spirit of cooperation, clarity and listening. I personally enjoyed working alongside him, and I know that this feeling is widely shared by the Consultative Committee. We appreciated the quality of the dialogue established and the fluidity of our collaboration.

And I would like to thank every member of the Committee for their commitment, generosity and energy. Thanks to you, values-based sport is not just a concept. It's a living, breathing, inclusive reality. A promise kept.

Thank you for listening and for your confidence.