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## **Meeting of the Bureau of the EPAS Governing Board**

Tuesday 6 September 2022

9.00 am – 10.00 am CET

Via videoconference

### **Report**

**Participants:**

Alexandre Husting (Chair), Andrea Carletti (Vice-Chair), Solène Charuau, François Tricarico, Ioanna Paraskevopoulou, Andrew Decelis, İnanç Özçakmak, Kolë Gjelošhaj, Mogens Kirkeby

**EPAS Secretariat:**

Sophie Kwasny, Francine Hetherington Raveney, Cassandra Mactavish, Francesca Carnio, Caroline Larghi

**1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting was opened by the Chair.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

**3. Follow-up to the decision regarding membership of the Consultative Committee (CC)**

After written consultation of the Governing Board over the summer and the adoption of the decision of circular letter 2022/11 enabling suspension of CC members concerned, a letter was sent to the International Sambo Federation (FIAS) on September 1<sup>st</sup>, requesting that the concerns raised be addressed by October 1<sup>st</sup>. In the case of an unsatisfactory answer from FIAS, a decision for suspension of membership would be submitted to the Governing Board with a two-week deadline for approval.

**4. Final activity report 2021**

The final version of the 2021 Activity Report of EPAS was presented to the Bureau. It will be presented to the Committee of Ministers and will become public once the Committee of Ministers has taken note of it.

**5. Draft resolutions (MSL17)**

The draft resolutions for the Ministerial Conference will be sent to the GR-C in the afternoon of 6 September and to delegations by Friday 9 September 2022. The latest changes concern mostly wording and are not substantial.

Upon request of the Chair, the Secretariat will circulate a cleaner version of the documents for clarity and understanding of the substantive changes made to the text. The paragraphs will also be numbered.

Sophie Kwasny also updated the Bureau about the programme of the Conference. The complete programme with speakers will be shared with delegations as soon as possible, hopefully by Friday 9 September, with a reminder for registration.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Opening session: representatives from the host country, the Council of Europe's Secretary General, and representatives from the Committee of Ministers and Parliamentary Assembly.

- For theme 1: Volleyball Coach Giovanni Guidetti, Kristina Molloy from the International Paralympic Committee, Annamarie Phelps from the IWG on Women in Sport and Emine Bozkurt, Chair of the European Commission's High-Level Group on Gender Equality in Sport.
- For theme 2: Sergey Bubka, former Ukrainian pole vaulter, Marcelien Bos-De-Koning, former Dutch sports sailor.
- Closing session: Council of Europe's Deputy Secretary General, Chair of the Governing Board and Chair of the Consultative Committee

Side event confirmed speakers include:

- Kolë Gjelošhaj, Chair of the Consultative Committee (opening)
- Leyla Kayacik, Special Representative of the SG of the CoE on migration and refugees
- Aya Medany, Peace and Sport Champion for Peace and member of the IOC's Athletes' Commission
- Nagin Ravand, female minority footballer dreaming of changing the world through football
- Michelle Mills, Unicef (Sport 4 Development Programme)
- Filippo Veglio, Senior Expert, Football and Social Responsibility Division, UEFA
- Mogens Kirkeby for ISCA
- A representative of the "SportUnity: Integration through sport" project
- A representative from the FARE Network (Piara Powar)
- Sebahattin Deveciođlu, representing the Faculty of Sports Sciences of the Firat University and its Peace Ball project
- A representative of The Royal Belgian Football Association and its campaign 'Everyone on the Field' (to encourage refugees and displaced individuals to play football with local people)
- Ms Nigar Arpadarai, PACE, Azerbaijan

## 6. Candidates for the next Conference of Ministers (MSL18)

The Secretariat received expressions of interest <sup>1</sup>to host the next ministerial conference in 2024 from Portugal and Switzerland. It would be ideal if the next host country was selected ahead of the Conference in Antalya, therefore the Chair proposed to organise an extraordinary Governing Board meeting on 27 September to enable presentations by the candidates of their proposals followed by a decision to be made by the Governing Board by written procedure in the following week.

Solène Charuau agreed with the proposed procedure and inquired on the possibility of identifying the hosts of the next two or three Conferences, similarly to the Olympic Games.

Kolë Gjelošhaj asked whether it would be possible to allow the participation in this extraordinary GB meeting of the Consultative Committee as observers, which was confirmed by the Chair.

## 7. Frequency of Ministerial Conferences

The Chair informed the Bureau of the Secretariat's proposal to dedicate a meeting to discuss the format and frequency of Ministerial Conferences.

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<sup>1</sup> At the time of the Bureau meeting, the Secretariat referred to three applications, due to a misunderstanding regarding a final confirmation which as actually never made.

The Chair pointed out that the frequency of the Conferences should only be the final point of a larger discussion focused on their format, content and outcome.

Bureau members agreed with the Chair and indicated that they would not be in favour of changing the frequency of the Conference. Ioanna Paraskevopoulou added that another issue to consider will be to find a way to be consistent and review the actions taken at the Conference and ensure commitment from the ministers.

## **8. Any other business**

The Chair raised an issue about the registration form for the Ministerial Conference, as the information provided cannot be modified after submission and invited the hosts to look into the matter.