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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

**20th meeting of the Governing Board (GB)
and joint meeting with the Consultative Committee (CC)**

Wednesday 27 May 2026

Thursday 28 May 2026

Council of Europe Headquarters, Strasbourg, France

In person only

List of Decisions

[Check against delivery]

1. Opening of the meeting

The Governing Board (GB) of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) held its 20th meeting in Strasbourg on 27 and 28 May 2026 with Solène Charuau (France) 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 IV.

3. Opening words by the Director

The Committees took note of the opening address delivered by Hanne Juncher, Director of Security, Integrity and Rule of Law at the Council of Europe.

4. Implementing “Youth perspective” in Sport

The GB and CC took note of the presentations regarding the implementation of the “Youth perspective” in sport and its integration into the preparations for the 19th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (MSL19).

5. 19th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (MSL19 - Monaco, 3-4 November 2026)

The GB and CC took note of the progress update provided by the Monegasque representatives and the Secretariat. Following an exchange of views with the members of the two Committees and the young participants on the proposed themes, the GB took note of proposals to complete the draft resolution and mandated its Bureau to continue planning the ministerial sessions of the Conference.

6. Opening of the in-camera meeting

The Governing Board took note of the introductory words provided by the Chair, Solène Charuau.

7. Statutory issues

7.1 Annual account

The Governing Board took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the status of the ordinary account in 2025 and the update for 2026, as presented in document EPAS(2026)50.

Regarding the information related to the 2027 budgetary contributions and the programme of activities, it will be up to the EPAS Statutory Committee to formally approve them after the summer.

7.2 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 2026 ordinary budget to the EPAS Special Account.

7.3 Updates regarding the Consultative Committee

The Governing Board took note of the decisions taken regarding the renewal of membership for three years of eleven members of the CC including the European Athlete as Student Network (EAS), the European Paralympic Committee (EPC), the European Athletes and Players Association (EAPA), the European Physical Education Association (EUPEA), the FARE Network, the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE), the International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA), the International School Sport Federation (ISF), Play the Game (PTG), the Sports Rights Owners Coalition (SROC) and the European Olympic Committees (EOC).

The GB identified the possibility of adding six new members to the CC. Following a thorough examination of candidates by the Bureau and Secretariat, the Governing Board voted in favour of six possible candidates to be put forward to the Committee of Ministers for validation in October. The GB also took note of the Alice Milliat Foundation's change in status from a Foundation to an Association, agreeing that a new membership application would be reviewed in 2027.

8. Adoption of documents

The Governing Board validated the updated Terms of Reference for the Working Group on the revision of the recommendations on the promotion of good governance in sport and on the principle of autonomy of sport in Europe, extending its mandate to the end of 2027. The Governing Board also validated the reports on the European Sports Charter (ESC) Support and Follow-up visits in Morocco (2024) and Greece (2025).

9. Working Group (WG) on the Autonomy of Sport and Good Governance

The Governing Board took note of the Secretariat's update and the ongoing work on the new draft Recommendation on the principle of autonomy of sport in Europe. The Governing Board noted the last proposal of the WG to mitigate the impression of a defiant or negative tone, the definitions, the type of monitoring mechanism and the link between good governance and autonomy. The Governing Board agreed to hold an online meeting in June involving non-EPAS member states to answer questions and receive feedback before processing a final version for approval and transmission to the Committee of Ministers.

10. Information on the new IOC policy on the protection of the female (Women's) category in Olympic sport and possible follow on

The Governing Board took note of the information provided by the Secretariat in presentation and decided that the 2027 programme of activity would include further research and exchange of views to provide background information and discussion elements on this new policy.

11. Selection of the 2027 Diversity Conference theme

The Governing Board agreed that the theme for the 2027 Diversity Conference will be "Sport in times of crisis" (broadened from the initial proposal of "Sport in times of war").

12. Council or Europe bodies' presentations

The Governing Board took note of the reports from the Chair of the Committee of Ministers and the PACE Committee on Culture, Science, Education, and Media, including the development of the Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport, the preparation of a resolution on press freedom in sport, a session on good governance of sports organisations, and a possible side event on "Stadia: a welcoming space for all" at the ministerial Conference in Monaco.

13. Policy debate on promoting good governance in sports organisations

The Governing Board participated in a debate and clarified expectations regarding future work on good governance, including the use of IPACS benchmarks. The participants held an

exchange of views on the role Governments should play in defining and guaranteeing compliance with good governance principles.

14. Opening of the joint meeting (continued) and welcoming by the GB Chair

The delegations took note of the information provided by the Chair of the Governing Board, Solène Charuau, regarding the key outcomes of the Governing Board in-camera meeting (items 6 to 13) (see Appendix II).

15. Update by the Chair of the Consultative Committee

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

16. Reports by the Gender Equality Rapporteurs (GERs)

The delegations took note of the reports by the GB and CC GERs. The Governing Board supported the proposal to carry out a stock-taking exercise on gender equality policies in sport in 2026. The GB and CC noted the achievement of 90% gender parity in speaker panels at EPAS' events.

17. Secretariat staff

The delegations took note of staff introductions: Hannah Fischer, Administrative Support Assistant; Léonie Assier, Trainee; and Isabella Cerio, Trainee.

18. 2025 Draft Activity Report

The delegations took note of the EPAS 2025 draft Activity Report and the invitation to submit any comments on the document within two weeks, prior to finalisation of the text and its submission to the Governing Board for adoption by written procedure.

19. Implementation of the 2026-2027 EPAS strategy

The delegations took note of the status of implementation of the EPAS 2026-2027 Strategy (EPAS(2025)38 final).

20. 2027 Programme of activities

The delegations took note of the update provided by the Secretariat and approved the list of activities for 2027, as set out in document EPAS(2026)53, including the Diversity Conference (item 11) and inclusion work on balancing the objectives of inclusivity and fairness in the female category (item 10).

21. Other updates

21.1 Governing Board

The delegations formally welcomed Spain as the 42nd member state of EPAS.

21.2 Consultative Committee

The delegations took note of the Consultative Committee Bureau elections held on 27 May 2026. Charlotte Girard Fabre (IFSO) was re-elected Chair; Patrik Perosa (IDO) was elected Vice-Chair; and Annamarie Phelps (EOC), Guido Battaglia (CSHR), James Ogilvie (UEFA) and Marie Denitton (ENGSO) were elected to the Bureau. Marie Denitton was also re-elected Gender Equality Rapporteur.

In terms of new members, the Governing Board noted the renewal of 11 out of 12 expiring memberships and identified six slots for new members whose names (Europe Active, European Association of Sport Employers, European Federation for Company Sport, European Network of Outdoor Sports, ParaVolley Europe, UNESCO) will be submitted to the Committee of Ministers for decision in October.

21.3 Committee of Ministers

The delegations took note of the handover of the presidency to Monaco. The Secretariat highlighted several flagship priorities, including the New Democratic Pact for renewing democracy in member states, the establishment of a new tribunal against the crime of aggression in Ukraine, and ongoing work regarding foreign interference and manipulation of information (FIMI). Other Council of Europe activities that may have an impact on, or be relevant to, activities in the sport sector include the promotion of health literacy, the development of a recommendation against the smuggling of migrants and the development of standards regarding the use of pyrotechnics.

21.4 Parliamentary Assembly

The delegations took note of the Secretariat update provided on the activities of the Parliamentary Assembly including upcoming initiatives such as a side event at the ministerial Conference in Monaco entitled “Stadia: a welcoming space for all” and a conference in Strasbourg focused on youth and sport, as well as activities promoting gender equality and women’s sport.

21.5 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 Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations (CINGOs) of the Council of Europe regarding the work of its Committee on Sport and Human Rights. The committee focuses on combating discrimination and promoting inclusion in sports. Its main activities include developing a Code of Good Practice and a Charter for Young European Athletes.

22. European Sports Charter (ESC)

22.1. ESC Support and Follow-up visits

The delegations took note of the results from past visits (Greece in June 2025 and Monaco in March 2026) and the upcoming schedule (Armenia in July 2026; Montenegro in September 2026).

22.2. Working Group on the European Sports Charter

The delegations took note of the final report of the Working Group, which concluded its mandate in December 2025. The Governing Board agreed to a two-year updating cycle of the ESC implementation questionnaire to align with ministerial conferences, with the goal of receiving updated data from all member states for the upcoming conference in Monaco. Additionally, note was taken of the new graphic format for country overviews and the launch of the dedicated ESC web page.

22.3. Working Group on the Autonomy of Sport and Good Governance

The delegations took note of the progress of the WG on the revision of the Recommendation on the principle of autonomy of sport in Europe and of the upcoming questions and answers webinar on 24 June as a final opportunity to amend the text before presentation to the Committee of Ministers in October.

23. Solidarity with Ukraine

The delegations reiterated their solidarity with Ukraine. They took note of the draft project outlined in document EPAS(2026)49 that was presented by the Ukrainian delegation. The Governing Board decided that the project would be further developed between the Bureau and the Ukrainian delegation, and put forward for extra-budgetary funding.

24. Sport Conventions

24.1. Anti-doping

The delegations took note of the updates provided regarding the Anti-doping Convention. The Secretariat highlighted the development of standards, specifically the 2025 recommendation on addressing doping risks in recreational sport. Note was taken of the launch of dynamic dashboards in 2025 to visualise monitoring data from national questionnaires. The Governing Board and the Consultative Committee also noted the ongoing work of CAHAMA and the "One Voice" initiative, which coordinates European positions within WADA, supported by voluntary contributions from Estonia, Finland and Norway. Finally, note was taken of the conference held in Paris (May 2026) focused on limiting the availability of doping substances.

24.2. Macolin Convention

The delegations took note of the significant growth of the Macolin Convention, with the number of states parties doubling in the last three years. The delegations welcomed the recent ratification by Armenia and noted that Australia is expected to ratify by the end of 2026. Note was taken of the alarming trend where suspicious match alerts involving under-18 athletes have multiplied by eight in four years. The Secretariat also updated delegations on the development of guidelines regarding betting sponsorship and the risks posed by Artificial Intelligence being used by criminal networks for competition manipulation.

24.3. Saint-Denis Convention

The delegations took note of the updates regarding the Saint-Denis Convention, which currently has 33 ratifications, the most recent being Cyprus. The GB and the CC noted that the 10th anniversary of the Convention's opening for signature will be celebrated during the 19th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (MSL19) in Monaco on 3 November 2026. Note was taken of the successful conclusion of the EU-CoE joint project "Balance S4" (2024 - 2025), the results of which led to a 2026 recommendation on strengthening the security and services pillars.

25. Artificial intelligence (AI)

The delegations took note of the presentation on AI risks (epistemic dependence, mass surveillance). The Secretariat will process a call for interest from delegations to conduct risk assessments using the HUDERIA methodology.

26. Online courses

The delegations took note of the launch of the HELP module on child safeguarding and the development of the anti-discrimination course expected by the end of 2026.

27. Ethical Sport

27.1. Database on Alleged Cases of Corruption in Sport (DACCS)

The delegations took note of the presentation regarding the latest updates to the DACCS database for 2024, which identified 162 total cases of alleged corruption. Note was taken that football remains the highest-risk sport and match-fixing the most common crime. The GB and the CC also noted the ongoing dialogue with the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) aimed at establishing co-operation to make the database more accessible to expert networks through the European Media Monitor.

27.2. International Partnership Against Corruption in Sport (IPACS) and Good Governance

The delegations took note of the updates provided on IPACS' three main work streams: law enforcement and justice co-operation, the use of AI to detect corruption, and the promotion of good governance. The delegations welcomed the new IPACS Sport Governance Handbook, which translates the 50 IPACS benchmarks into a practical blueprint for sports organisations

of all sizes. Note was taken that a dissemination strategy for the handbook is under development and expected to be implemented in the summer of 2026. Additionally, the delegations noted that EPAS is now integrating IPACS workshops for National Olympic Committees into its European Sports Charter support and follow-up visits.

28. Inclusive Sport

28.1. EPAS Diversity Conference 2025

The delegations took note of the results and follow-up of the 2025 Diversity Conference, which focused on uniting generations through sport and addressing challenges for both young and older persons.

28.2. Presentation of the theme of the EPAS Diversity Conference 2027

The delegations took note of the selected theme for the 2027 Diversity Conference: "Sport in times of crisis".

28.3. Breakfast roundtable on women and girls' participation in sport

The delegations took note of the presentation on the 2026 Breakfast Round Table held on International Women's Day. The event highlighted both existing obstacles to female participation and optimistic messages of progress, noting a significant increase in the diversity of participants, including more men and researchers.

28.4. Protecting and promoting the human rights of transgender and intersex athletes in and through sport

The delegations took note of the activities carried out in this field, specifically the development of an educational toolkit designed to support inclusive participation for transgender, non-binary, and intersex people. The toolkit is in its final stages and is grounded in the lived experiences of athletes. The GB and the CC also noted that the related human rights study will remain an internal document for the time being.

28.5. Inclusion of child migrants and refugees in and through sport

The delegations took note of the update regarding child migrants and refugees, specifically that the database of initiatives has been transferred to the International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA) for future management and visibility.

29. Safe Sport

29.1 Start to Talk

The GB and the CC acknowledged the project's importance and took note of recent activities. Delegations reviewed the pioneering implementation model in Cyprus, which transitioned from awareness-raising to a practical system involving tailor-made policy documents for four pilot federations and making safeguarding a mandatory requirement for state funding. Delegations were invited to submit comments on the draft "Guidelines for a safer recruitment in sport" within two weeks prior to their finalisation and adoption via written procedure.

29.2 International Pool of Experts on Safe Sport

Delegations took note of the activities of the International Pool of Experts, which currently includes 40 specialists across six categories and is supporting the 19th Ministerial Conference (MSL19) through research compilation. The GB and the CC noted that the Secretariat intends to renovate the Pool of Experts by late 2026, with a formal call for applications to be published on the EPAS website and networks.

30. Network of Magistrates / Prosecutors Responsible for Sport (MARS)

The delegations took note of the 5th annual meeting outcomes and the joint session held with the Saint-Denis committee on 29 April 2026.

31. Sport facilities and sustainability

The delegations took note of the presentation provided by the Mulier Institute and the recommendation to establish financed research hubs for harmonised European indicators.

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

Due to time constraints at the end of the meeting, the GB and the CC took note of a summarised update rather than individual presentations, with detailed project information to be disseminated following the meeting.

32.1. Results of Balance S4 (January 2024 – December 2025)

32.2. Sport For All (March 2025 – September 2026)

32.3 Active and Equal (January 2026 – December 2027)

32.4. Future development prospects

32.5. European Sport Model

33. Website

Delegations took note of the presentation regarding the newly updated monitoring web pages. The GB and the CC noted the implementation of a new "access point by country" feature, which allows users to view all monitoring reports related to a specific member state in one centralised location.

34. EPAS Showcasing and Sharing Tool

Delegations took note of the presentation on the Showcasing and Sharing Tool, specifically the "Best Practices" section organised by themes such as human rights, child safeguarding, and sustainability. Note was taken of the harmonised template designed to standardise submissions, and delegations were encouraged to continue sharing their national initiatives and projects to populate the database.

35. Any other business

No other points were raised by the delegations.

36. Date and location of the next meeting

The Governing Board took note that the 21st meeting is scheduled for 1 to 3 June 2027 in Strasbourg (physical meeting).

37. Closing of the meeting

The Chair closed the meeting, thanking the Secretariat and interpreters.

APPENDIX I

Agenda

Wednesday 27 May: 9.30 am - 12.30 pm (with a coffee break included)		
<i>Joint meeting of the Governing Board and the Consultative Committee, with the Youth participants</i>		
1.	Opening of the joint meeting	
2.	Adoption of the agenda <u>Action:</u> Delegations are invited to <u>adopt</u> the agenda.	EPAS(2026)16rev3
3.	Opening words by the Chair	
4.	Implementing “Youth perspective” in Sport	EPAS(2026)34 EPAS(2026)46 HEY course on sport
5.	19 th <u>Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (MSL19, Monaco, 3-4 November 2026)</u> <u>Action:</u> Delegations are 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 elements to be included in the resolution the Conference.	MSL19(2026)3rev EPAS(2026)39 MSL19(2026)2 MSL19(2026)5

Networking lunch with the Youth delegates at the [European Youth Centre Strasbourg](#)

Wednesday 27 May: 2.30 pm - 5.30 pm (with coffee break included)		
<i>In camera - Governing Board only - Palais de l'Europe room no.8 (Parallel Consultative Committee in camera session, EYCS, room no. 3.2 - separate agenda)</i>		
6.	Opening of the in camera meeting <u>Action:</u> The GB is invited to <u>take note</u> of the information provided by the Chair.	
7.	Statutory issues 7.1. Annual account i. Ordinary Account – 2025 ii. Ordinary Account – 2026 <u>Action:</u> The GB is invited to <u>take note</u> of the balance of the 2025 budget (item i.) and the update made by the Secretariat regarding the 2026 budget (item ii.).	EPAS(2026)50

	7.2. Special account i. GB authorisation, as has been the case in the past budgetary exercises, for the Executive Secretary, upon prior consultation of the Chair of the GB, to use an amount of up to €10,000 of the Special Account to face urgent needs or to optimise the use of the EPAS liquidity. ii. GB authorisation to transfer the 2025 unspent balance of up to €50,000 to the EPAS 2026 special account Action: The GB is invited to: a) <u>authorise</u> – 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) <u>authorise</u> the possible transfer up to €50,000 from the unspent balance of the EPAS 2026 ordinary budget to the EPAS Special Account. 7.3. Updates regarding the Consultative Committee (CC) i. Renewals of the CC ii. New members Action: The GB is invited to <u>take note</u> of the renewal decisions, where appropriate, for organisations whose memberships will expire in 2026 (item i) and of the new members (item ii.). The GB is also invited to <u>take note</u> of the change in statute of CC member Alice Milliat, that will require an application as new member.	EPAS(2026)51
8.	Adoption of documents Action: The GB is invited to <u>validate</u> the updated terms of reference of the WG on the Autonomy of Sport and Good Governance as well as the two ESC Support and Follow up reports. 8.1. Terms of Reference of the WG on the Autonomy of Sport and Good Governance 8.2. Reports of the European Sports Charter Support & follow up visits to Morocco (June 2024) and Greece (June 2025)	EPAS(2025)44rev2 EPAS(2025)21 EPAS(2026)14
9.	WG on the Autonomy of Sport and Good Governance Action: The GB is invited to <u>take note</u> of the update made by the secretariat <u>and to express views</u> on possibly remaining issues.	
10.	Information on the new IOC policy on the protection of the female (Women's) category in Olympic sport and possible follow on	New IOC Policy Previous IOC Policy

	Action: The GB is invited to <u>take note</u> of the information shared by the secretariat and <u>decide</u> whether the matter should be further assessed (preparation of an analyse and possible WG), with EPAS with contributions from the Consultative Committee.	
11.	Selection of 2027 Diversity Conference theme ○ Topic 1 - Sport in Times of War ○ Topic 2 - Inclusive and Fair Female Category Action: The GB is invited to <u>decide</u> on the theme of the next Diversity Conference.	
12.	Council of Europe bodies' presentations ○ Chair of the Committee of Ministers ○ Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Action: The GB is invited to <u>take note</u> of the reports and <u>express views</u> and ideas on the ongoing work of these bodies.	
13.	Policy debate on promoting good governance in sports organisations Action: The GB is invited to <u>participate in a debate</u> and <u>clarify the expectations</u> regarding the next steps of the work on good governance in sport.	CM/Rec(2018)12

Thursday 28 May: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm (with a coffee break included)

Joint meeting with the Consultative Committee

14.	Welcoming by the Governing Board Chair	
15.	Update by the Chair of the Consultative Committee Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the information provided by the Chair of the Consultative Committee.	
16.	Reports by Gender Equality Rapporteurs Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the updates provided by the Gender Equality Rapporteurs.	
17.	Secretariat staff Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the current changes within the Secretariat.	
18.	Draft Activity Report 2025 Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the draft Activity Report 2025.	

19.	Implementation of the 2026-2027 EPAS Strategy Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the status of implementation of the 2026-2027 Strategy.	EPAS(2025)38 final
20.	Programme of activities 2027 Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the update on the programme of activities and to <u>approve</u> the list of foreseen activities.	EPAS(2026)53
21.	Other updates 21.1. Governing Board Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the update made by the Secretariat. 21.2. Consultative Committee Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the 2026 renewals and new members. 21.3. Committee of Ministers Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the update made by the Secretariat. 21.4. Parliamentary Assembly Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the update made by the Secretariat. 21.5. Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations (CINGOs) of the Council of Europe Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the update made by the representative of the CINGOs.	
22.	European Sports Charter (ESC) 22.1. ESC Support and Follow-up visits • Morocco (11-12 June 2024) • Greece (25-26 June 2025) • Monaco (18-19 March 2026) • Armenia (7-8 July 2026) • Montenegro (September 2026) 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, and to <u>express interest</u> for hosting an ESC support and follow-up visit, as well as being part of the visiting team.	Concept note

	22.2. Working Group on the European Sports Charter Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the final report of the WG. 22.3. Working Group on the Autonomy of Sport and Good Governance Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the update made by the Secretariat on the ongoing work on the drafting of the Recommendation.	EPAS(2025)44rev2
23.	Solidarity with Ukraine Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the update provided by the Ukrainian delegation, to <u>agree</u> to undertake legal analysis and preparatory work within the EPAS 2027 programme of activities, and to <u>consider</u> the feasibility of launching a joint project with the EU or through voluntary contributions.	EPAS(2026)49
24.	Sport Conventions 24.1. Anti-doping 24.2. Macolin Convention 24.3. Saint-Denis Convention Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the updates provided by the Secretariat.	EPAS(2026)52
25.	Artificial intelligence (AI) <i>Presentation + Q&A</i> Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the presentation on the use of AI in the field of sports policy and to <u>discuss</u> the merits of conducting an assessment of certain AI tools using the new tools for risk and impact assessment of AI systems from the perspective of human rights, democracy and the rule of law (HUDERIA), in order to prepare for a future debate with new insights.	CAI(2025)6rev2 CAI(2024)16rev2 EC document
26.	Online courses Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the information provided regarding the HELP module on child safeguarding in sports and of the antidiscrimination HELP module and <u>suggest ideas</u> on ways to promote participation to these courses.	

Networking lunch with the Sport Conventions' colleagues at the "horseshoe" snack bar

Thursday 28 May: 2 pm - 5 pm (with a coffee break included) <i>Joint meeting with the Consultative Committee</i>		
27.	Ethical Sport 27.1. Database on Alleged Cases of Corruption in Sport (DACCS) 27.2. International Partnership Against Corruption in Sport (IPACS) and Good Governance Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the updates provided by the Secretariat and to invite a country to join the Steering Committee.	IPACS TOOLS - Good Governance
28.	Inclusive Sport 28.1. EPAS Diversity Conference 2025 Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the envisaged follow-up of the 2025 Diversity Conference. 28.2. Presentation of the theme of the EPAS Diversity Conference 2027 Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the theme of the next Diversity Conference. 28.3. Breakfast roundtable on women and girls' participation in sport 28.4. Protecting and promoting the human rights of transgender and intersex athletes in and through sport 28.5. Inclusion of child migrants and refugees in and through sport Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the updates provided by the Secretariat.	Draft toolkit
29.	Safe Sport 29.1. Start to Talk Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the update provided. 29.2. International Pool of Experts on Safe Sport	EPAS(2026)INF2 EPAS(2026)INF3 EPAS(2026)INF4 EPAS(2026)INF5 EPAS(2026)18 EPAS(2026)32 Guidelines EPAS(2026)39

	Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the presentation by the Secretariat.	EPAS(2026)47
30.	<u>Network of Magistrates / Prosecutors Responsible for Sports (MARS)</u> Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the presentation by the Secretariat.	MARS(2026)2 MARS(2026)3
31.	Sport facilities and sustainability <i>Presentation + Q&A</i> Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the presentation.	
32.	Co-operation with the European Union and information regarding the EU-CoE Joint Projects 32.1. <u>Results of Balance S4</u> (January 2024 – December 2025) 32.2. <u>Sport For All</u> (March 2025 - September 2026) 32.3. <u>Active and Equal</u> (January 2026 – December 2027) 32.4. Future development prospects 32.5. European Sport Model (w/ Q&As) Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the updates provided by the Secretariat and express views on the type of co-operation activities that should be further developed with the EU.	EPAS(2026)2
33.	Website	
34.	EPAS <u>Showcasing and Sharing Tool</u>	
35.	AOB	
36.	Date and place of the next meeting Action: Delegations are invited to <u>take note</u> of the dates and place of the 2027 EPAS annual meeting	
37.	Closing	

APPENDIX II

Introductory words provided by the Chair of the Governing Board

[translated from French by the Secretariat]

Dear colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I join you this morning for the third and final part of the 20th EPAS plenary meeting, a joint meeting with the Consultative Committee. A warm welcome to you all.

We already had the opportunity to touch on this yesterday, but we hope that this meeting is not merely a formality in our calendar: in many respects, it represents the most important and collaborative occasion we have each year to define and approve our organisation's working priorities for the coming months.

As you all know as well as I do, the issues surrounding sporting practice and activities extend far beyond sporting matters in the strict sense of the term, whether in amateur sport, elite sport or professional sport. These issues are directly linked to questions of respect for human rights and adherence to the rule of law. I shall not list them all, but to reflect current events, we might mention the rise of artificial intelligence, which raises numerous questions; solidarity with populations under military attack, whose sports facilities, amongst other things, have been systematically destroyed; and gender equality.

For these issues to be addressed coherently and effectively in an interconnected world, it is imperative that they are not considered solely in isolation, at the level of individual countries. They must be open to debate, in ways that bring people together, within appropriate forums. EPAS offers precisely such a space, which is unique in its kind, as demonstrated by the very rich agenda presented to you, illustrating the diversity and complexity of the issues that concern us all.

The strength of EPAS lies in its ability to bring together, within a structured, sustainable, healthy and secure framework, the expertise of public authorities, sports organisations and civil society. Our meetings are not merely opportunities to take stock: above all, they are platforms for expressing our expectations, sharing our priorities and examining together the challenges and opportunities facing European sport. We often highlight EPAS' ability to provide a space for dialogue: well, it is today that this dialogue must take place, so that it may then have the chance to continue throughout the year.

I therefore invite you to make the most of this opportunity: not only to listen actively, but also to engage, ask questions and inspire one another. Our agenda today comprises around twenty items and covers all our areas of action: governance, ethics, safety and inclusion in sport, the central role of young people, and the development of our partnerships across Europe and beyond.

It is your contribution today that will enable us to refine and prioritise our activities, and to ensure that the voices of both governments and sports organisations are taken into account in our future work. The true value of EPAS lies in this ability to promote, in a spirit of co-operation and mutual respect, shared values and practical solutions.

I invite you to make the most of this meeting to strengthen our ties, set ambitious goals, propose initiatives and improvements, offer constructive and well-meaning criticism, and lay the foundations for another year of shared impact.

A quick clarification: in the agenda, most items state that delegations are invited to 'take note'; this in no way means that discussion and questions are not welcome. So please do not hesitate to raise your hand on every item on the agenda.

Thank you for your commitment and involvement. I wish us all fruitful, open and inspiring discussions.

Solène Charuau
Chair of the EPAS Governing Board

Appendix III

Information provided by the Chair of the Consultative Committee [translated from French by the Secretariat]

Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Chair of the Governing Board,
Dear members of the Governing Board and the Consultative Committee,
Dear colleagues and friends,

It is with great pleasure that I address our Consultative Committee today.

First and foremost, I would like to thank all our member organisations for their ongoing commitment to the values upheld by the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport. The strength of our Committee lies above all in this diversity of experiences, skills and perspectives, which is what makes it unique and powerful.

Within EPAS, the Consultative Committee holds a special place. It provides a forum for dialogue, where practical expertise meets institutional reflection, and where the day-to-day realities experienced by those involved in sport enrich the strategic directions set at European level. This role of liaison and contribution is now more important than ever.

During the term of office now drawing to a close, the Consultative Committee has continued to develop and has gradually increased its visibility within EPAS. Its members have contributed to numerous initiatives: thematic conferences, joint projects, work relating to the European Sports Charter, and discussions on governance, integrity, safe sport, gender equality, inclusion and human rights in sport.

Beyond these activities, it is above all a collective dynamic that has taken hold. A dynamic based on mutual listening, constructive dialogue and the desire to bring together sometimes differing approaches towards a shared ambition: to contribute to a sport that is safer, more inclusive, more ethical and more respectful of democratic values.

This development is not the work of a single person, nor of a single term of office. It is part of an ongoing process. It is built on the commitment of successive presidencies, the members of the Bureau, all the organisations within the Consultative Committee, as well as on constant co-operation with the EPAS Secretariat and the Governing Board. This complementarity is one of the great strengths of our governance model.

Recent years have also confirmed the growing importance of the advisory role played by our Committee. Discussions with the Governing Board have intensified and become more fruitful. Our members' contributions now play a greater part in shaping EPAS' strategic thinking and provide concrete insights drawn from practical experience on the ground.

This development is particularly valuable at a time when sport is facing ever more complex challenges. Issues relating to integrity, ethics, inclusion, health, governance and the participation of all go far beyond the sporting sphere. They concern our societies as a whole and reinforce the need for ongoing dialogue between public institutions and the sporting civil society.

The coming year also marks an important milestone for our Committee.

Recent changes to the terms of reference now provide for the expansion of the Consultative Committee to thirty-five organisations. This expansion represents a major opportunity. It will

enable us to welcome new expertise, new experiences and fresh perspectives. It will further strengthen the representativeness and diversity that already characterise our body.

This diversity is not a challenge to be overcome; it is a resource to be nurtured. Within our Committee, organisations of different sizes, diverse sporting cultures and approaches that are sometimes complementary and sometimes distinct coexist. Our collective responsibility is not to pit these realities against one another, but to enable them to engage in dialogue, to understand one another and to contribute together to a shared vision of sport based on the values of the Council of Europe.

With this in mind, the Ministerial Conference to be held in Monaco will also be a major event for EPAS and all its partners. It will provide an opportunity to continue the discussions already underway on the future of European sport and on how our organisations can contribute, each at their own level, to meeting the challenges ahead.

In the face of these challenges, the Consultative Committee has a vital role to play.

Not that of a parallel institution.

Nor is it to act as a competing voice.

But rather that of a forum for dialogue, expertise and contribution, capable of linking principles to realities, strategic directions to experiences on the ground, and institutions to the people who bring sport to life on a daily basis.

Our collective responsibility is to continue to foster this spirit of co-operation that has characterised EPAS since its inception.

To continue building bridges between organisations.

To continue encouraging the exchange of experiences and best practice.

To continue giving a voice to the diversity of sporting realities across Europe.

And above all, to continue emphasising that sport remains a powerful driver of dignity, inclusion, equality, civic participation and social cohesion.

I am convinced that the Consultative Committee now has solid foundations on which to pursue this mission in the years to come.

Together, let us continue to strengthen its contribution, its visibility and its ability to inform the work of EPAS.

Together, let us continue to make the dialogue between institutions and civil society in sport a real strength.

And together, let us continue to bring to life the values that unite us within the Council of Europe.

Thank you for your attention.

Charlotte Girard Fabre
Chair of the EPAS Consultative Committee

Appendix IV

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