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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

Consultative Committee (CC) Bureau Meeting

Thursday, 8 September 2022
9.30am -11am

Online meeting

Working language: English

Meeting report

1. Opening of the meeting by the Chair

The Chair opened the meeting, welcoming participants and, in particular, Cassandra Mactavish, the new co-ordinator of the EPAS Consultative Committee. The Chair carried out a roll call (see list of participants in Appendix II).

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda (Appendix I) was adopted with no modification.

3. CC membership: overview of membership

The Bureau took note of the update from the Secretariat regarding the composition of the CC, which had reached 30 members with the recent admission of the Centre for Sport and Human Rights and the renewed memberships of the Global Association of International Sports Federations, European Association of Sport Management, and International Dance Organisation.

The Chair congratulated the Secretariat and the Bureau for reaching this membership milestone and proposed to inform the Ministers of this achievement at the 17th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers Responsible for Sport.

4. EPAS events/actions

The Bureau took note of the Secretariat's update on the Ministerial Conference in Antalya in October 2022. The final draft Resolutions to be put for adoption by the Ministers will be shared with the members shortly.

The CC Bureau meeting will take place in person in Antalya on 25 October (2 to 3pm), while the extraordinary plenary meeting of the EPAS CC (working session to plan a seminar on transgender and intersex athletes in 2023 as a follow-up of the 2021 Diversity conference) will be held on 27 October (8 to 9am) subject to the numbers of confirmed participants. A number of CC member organisations will contribute to the side event on the integration of migrants and refugees through sport on 27 October (9.30am – 12 noon).

The Chair also reminded its members that 16 September was the registration deadline for the Conference and encouraged all members to register as soon as possible.

The Bureau was informed of the upcoming Diversity Conference 2023 and its focus on the integration of child refugees and migrants in and through sport.

The Bureau took note of other upcoming EPAS events, including the Human Rights Forum on 30 November and the meeting of the Pool of International Experts on Safe Sport on 6 December.

5. CC events

Between mid-January and the end February 2023 a working day is to be organised in Strasbourg as part of the follow-on by the CC to the 2021 Diversity Conference on Promoting and Protecting the Human Rights of Intersex and Transgender Athletes. The format of the working day could include a CC bureau meeting, followed by a webinar on a topic related to this subject area, followed by a working session, in particular to advance on the preparation of a toolkit in this area. The details of this working session will be discussed by the CC in Antalya on 27 October.

Bureau members were invited to submit any new ideas and proposals by written procedure to be shared with other CC members. The Bureau agreed to communicate within the CC on the topics and the dates of the events.

Bureau members were invited to inform the Secretariat of any activities they were carrying out they would like the Secretariat to promote amongst the CC to facilitate information sharing. The Chair also invited Bureau members to share information for events they would like the Secretariat to consider promoting as required.

The Bureau invited the Secretariat to provide updates on the Sport Conventions, opportunities, relevant initiatives, and co-operation projects during the Bureau and general CC meetings. The Secretariat welcomed the exchange of information and expressed willingness to provide such information to create more synergy between the CC and other areas of work of the Sport Division.

The Secretariat took note of the request to share updates regarding the joint EU and Council of Europe's project on Combating Hate Speech in Sport.

6. European Sports Charter

The Chair stressed the significance of implementation and promotion of the European Sports Charter (ESC) as one of the main duties of the CC, recalling the Working Group established in June 2022 for this purpose, and welcomed any suggestions on this matter.

The Bureau took note of the Vice-Chair's proposal to create a label illustrating the support for the ESC for free, self-regulated use by the CC members, as well as other institutions and organisations, to increase the visibility to the revised ESC. The Secretariat highlighted the challenges associated with visual labelling of any Council of Europe activities and the requirement to notably consult with the Directorate of Communications.

The Bureau took note of the exchanges held within the group and agreed on the priority of developing a communication strategy to implement and promote the ESC among the member states. The Chair emphasised the lack of recognition of the EPAS logo in Europe and suggested designing methods for promoting it in order to visually impact the broader institutional network.

The Bureau was updated by the Secretariat on the upcoming evaluation visits of the implementation of the ESC, in particular the on-site visit to North Macedonia on 30 September (Mr. J. Sodrznik confirmed his unavailability at this date) and the remote meeting with Albanian authorities and stakeholders on 3 October. The Bureau was also informed of the first

meeting of the ESC Working Group after the Ministerial Conference 2022, with the exact date to be confirmed.

7. Communication

The Bureau took note of the update provided by the Secretariat regarding the promotion of the CC activities towards the Member states. At the next joint meeting, for the first time an agenda item will be allocated for all CC members to present their activities. The Bureau was invited to exchange relevant information and links with the Secretariat.

The Bureau took note of the Vice-Chair's proposal to launch an internal newsletter to share events among the CC members. The Chair suggested a strict format of a calendar of upcoming events shared with the CC members after each meeting (3-4 times a year) labelled to reflect the relevant section of the ESC the event falls under. The Bureau agreed to continue working on this proposal in order to clarify it for the next meeting.

8. Proposal on the Russian Federation and Belarus for EPAS

The Bureau took note of the Governing Board's decision regarding the possible suspension of the rights of representation of organisations members of the CC that have "headquarters, leadership and/or component primarily linked to non-member states of the Council of Europe concerned by decision CM/Del/Dec(2022)1429/2.5 and Resolution CM/Res(2022)3" adopted on 10 August 2022 by written procedure.

The formal adoption of the GB's decision has led to the identification of one CC member as being possibly subject to such suspension decision. On 1 September, FIAS was notified by letter of the procedure of possible suspension and was given 1 month (until 1 October 2022) to reply and address the concerns raised. On 3 October, the decision on whether to suspend or not will be submitted to the governing board for adoption. The decision can be revisited at any time in the future.

9. AOB

The Bureau was informed of the Gender Equality Rapporteur position becoming vacant due to the resignation of the elected individual for personal reasons. The Bureau instructed the Secretariat to send the call for applications and the description of the election process in the week of 12-16 September to hold the elections before the Ministerial Conference in Antalya.

The Bureau took note of the provisional date for the presentation of the candidates to host the Ministerial Conference in 2024, on 27 September 2022. The exact time of this extraordinary Governing Board meeting will be communicated at a further date. The members of the Consultative Committee were invited to attend this meeting as observers.

10. Date and place of the next Bureau meeting

The next Bureau meeting will take place on 25 October 2022 in Antalya, Türkiye (2 to 3pm).

11. Closing

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

APPENDIX I**AGENDA**

1.	Opening of the meeting by the Chair
2.	Adoption of the agenda
3.	CC membership: overview of membership
4.	EPAS events/actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on the Ministerial meeting in Antalya October 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Involvement of the CC members - Diversity Conference on Refugees - Other events
5.	CC events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 2021 Diversity Conference follow up: Chair update * Attendance of the Bureau members to CC members events
6.	Revised European sports charter
7.	Communication – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update • Promotion of the CC activities towards the Member states • Information from the Secretariat to the CC members
8.	Proposal on the Russian Federation and Belarus for EPAS
9.	AOB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal from bureau members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Internal communication *RESC label
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11.	Closing

APPENDIX II
PARTICIPANTS

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