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## Meeting of the EPAS GB Bureau

**Monday 16 October 2023**

12.45 – 1.15pm CET

Online (Teams platform)

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**REPORT**

## **Participants**

Governing Board (GB): Alexandre Husting (Luxembourg, Chair), Andrea Carletti (Italy, Vice-Chair), Solène Charuau (France), Andrew Decelis (Malta), Diana Santos (Portugal, MSL18), Charlotte Girard-Fabre (CC Chair), Mogens Kirkeby (CC Vice-Chair)

Secretariat: Sophie Kwasny, Cassandra Mactavish, Caroline Larghi

Apologised: Benthe Tanghe (Netherlands)

### **1. Welcome and adoption of the agenda**

The meeting was opened by the Chair of the GB.

The agenda was adopted with the following items for consideration:

- 1) Welcome and adoption of the agenda
- 2) MSL18
- 3) Diversity Conference 2023
- 4) Support to Ukraine
- 5) Start to Talk
- 6) AOB

### **2. MSL 18**

Diana Santos recalled that the Conference and its side events are scheduled between 8 and 10 October 2024. No decisions have been taken since the previous Bureau meeting.

The Portuguese authorities are meeting Ambassador Gilberto Jerónimo, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the Council of Europe together with the Conference organisation team in the week. Diana will provide an update by the end of the week.

### **3. Diversity Conference**

Cassandra recalled that the Conference on the inclusion of child migrants and refugees in and through sport will take place on 28 November 2023 pm and 29 November am in Schaan, Liechtenstein. The session on 28 November will be a technical meeting taking the form of workshops to exchange good practices and identify steps for further action. A dinner reception, hosted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Education and Sport of the Principality of Liechtenstein, will be offered after the session and followed by a private screening of the movie "We dare to dream", in the presence of Cyrille Tchatchet, performing in the movie and remote participation of Waad Kateab, Director of the movie.

The participation of the GB and CC Bureau members is covered by EPAS (travel and accommodation costs). GB Bureau members are asked to confirm their on-site participation as soon as possible. Furthermore, accommodation of one representative per EPAS member State will be covered.

#### **4. Support to Ukraine**

Based on the exchanges held under item 4 of the plenary meeting of the Governing Board in June 2023, the Bureau decided at its meeting on 5 July that the following proposals be submitted to the Governing Board:

- Prepare a state of play of the damages to Ukrainian sport infrastructure and violations of athletes' rights since the beginning of the war of aggression and use this material for a dedicated webpage of the EPAS website;
- Raise awareness of those facts and figures in various relevant CoE instances and share elements with the services in charge of the new Register of Damage for Ukraine;
- Facilitate possible exchanges between the Governing Board and IOC representatives (while taking into account ongoing exchanges at the highest level between Ukraine, France, the IOC and the Organising Committee of the Olympic Games 2024, which should not be interfered with).

In addition, further to a request from the Ukrainian delegation, it is proposed that an educational workshop for Ukrainian counterparts be organised in 2024 in order to raise awareness of coaches, ministry staff, elite athletes, referees, etc. (target to be specified by the Ukrainian ministry, around 30 people) on the European Sports Charter and its principles, the Combating Hate Speech and All In Plus projects.

The workshop could take place early 2024 in the European Youth Centre of Budapest.

The Bureau instructed the Secretariat to consult the Governing Board on this set of proposals before moving forward with the implementation, where appropriate.

#### **5. Start to Talk**

The Secretariat recalled that Start to Talk is the flagship project of EPAS, Elena Casero being the full-time project officer of this important work.

Further to the funding provided by Monaco as of 2024, the Secretariat needs to secure the staffing in order to implement the foreseen activities. Considering the change of employment status of the project officer (from a temporary contract to a fixed-term contract), the approval of the GB to use a part of the special account of EPAS to cover this salary is needed before the end of 2023.

The Bureau supported this proposal and instructed the Secretariat to consult the GB accordingly.

The Bureau expressed its gratefulness to Monaco for the voluntary contribution made to Start to Talk.

**6. AoB**

No items were added under AOB.

**7. Date and place of the next meeting**

The next Bureau meeting will take place online on 7 December from 12.45 to 1.45pm (tbc).

The meeting was closed at 1.15pm.