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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

Annual meeting of the Pool of International Experts on Safe Sport (extended session)

“Creating safer environments for children in sports associations”

Friday, 14 November 2025
9.30 am – 1.00 pm (CET)

French National Olympic and Sports Committee (CNOSF)

Working languages: English and French
(simultaneous interpretation provided)

Concept note and draft programme

Background

International treaties on child protection impose a range of obligations on states, including in the field of sport. These obligations also extend to sports organisations, which must ensure that children are able to enjoy safe environments that are free from violence and discrimination.

[The Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport \(EPAS\)](#) supports its member states, as well as sports organisations, to better understand and comply with their obligations. A key EPAS text is the European Sport Charter, a recommendation by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe that provides guidance on improving child protection policies in sport. The [Pool of Experts on Safe Sport](#) is an highly specialised EPAS group that supports these goals by organising seminars and publishing safe sport tools.

In the framework of the Pool of Experts annual meeting, EPAS and its flagship project [‘Start to Talk’](#) have organised a seminar on “Creating safer environments for children in sports associations”, in cooperation with the French National Olympic and Sports Committee.

This seminar is aimed at child safeguarding officers and other sports association staff members. High-level international experts will discuss key safeguarding issues with participants and provide practical guidance on implementing safeguards within sports organisations that work with children.

Registration

This seminar is open to child safeguarding officers and other staff from sports associations, and to other invited participants.

Participation is by invitation only. Prior registration is requested.

Practical arrangements

The seminar will be held in the amphitheatre Nelson Paillou at the French National Olympic and Sports Committee ([CNOSE](#)), 1, avenue Pierre de Coubertin, 75640 Paris Cedex 13 - France.

Travel and subsistence expenses will not be borne by the Council of Europe, except for the Pool members and the invited speakers.

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Draft programme

Moderated by Stanislas Frossard, Executive Secretary, Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), Council of Europe

Friday, 14 November	
9.30 am – 9.40 am	Opening
	Stanislas Frossard, EPAS Executive Secretary, Council of Europe
	Welcoming addresses
	Amélie Oudéa Castéra, President, French National Olympic and Sports Committee (CNOSF) (video recording)
	Solène Charuau, Chair of the EPAS Governing Board, Council of Europe
9.40 am – 10.20 am	Safer recruitment in sport
	Elena Casero, Programme Manager, EPAS, Council of Europe
	Melanie Lang, Reader in child protection in sport, Edge Hill University; member of the Council of Europe’s Pool of international experts on safe sport
10.20 am – 10.45 am	Supporting survivors, victims, and whistle-blowers in football
	Joyce Cook CBE, OBE, Chair, Independent Panel, YourSide, FIFA Foundation (online)
10.45 am – 11.35 am	Investigation of cases
	Katherine Fudakowski, Barrister, Old Square Chambers
	Agnès Lehair, President, Olympic and Sports Departmental Committee of Moselle (CDOS57) (online)
11.35 am – 12.00 pm	Coffee break
12.00 pm – 12.25 pm	Safeguarding Children from Exploitation and Trafficking in Sports
	Daniele Canepa, Campaigns & Workshop Facilitator, Mission 89 (online)
12.25 pm – 12.50 pm	Strengthening safeguarding efforts globally
	Gloria Viseras, Senior Manager Safeguarding, Safeguarding Officer at Games time, International Olympic Committee.
12.50 pm – 1.00 pm	Closing