



Strasbourg, 26 May 2014

EPAS (2014) 43

Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

6th plenary meeting of the Consultative Committee

Council of Europe, Strasbourg
Palais de l'Europe, room 14

Tuesday, 20 May 2014
2.00pm-4.30pm

Meeting report

1. Opening of the meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Predrag Manojlović, Chair of the EPAS Consultative Committee (CC). He regretted only one third of the 29 member organisations were attending the meeting, especially since elections were to be held for which a quorum of at least 50% of member organisations was necessary.

2. Adoption of the agenda

2. The Chair thanked the Secretariat for the preparation of the meeting and in particular its contribution to drafting documents. The agenda was adopted as it appears in Appendix 1.

3. Welcome to new partner organisations

3. The Chair welcomed those participants who were attending the Committee meeting for the first time. During a “tour de table”, the participating organisations briefly presented their scope of action and priorities for 2014/2015.

- "Play the Game" co-operates with a variety of stakeholders on issues such as good governance, gender mainstreaming, doping and match fixing.
- The “FARE network” is an umbrella organisation that brings together everyone driven to combat inequality in football and to send out a unified message against discrimination. It focuses on discrimination, racism, homophobia and inclusion, mainly in football.

4. EPAS developments since the last Consultative Committee meeting

4.1 Presentation of the EPAS 2014 Programme of activities and budget

5. François Tricarico, EPAS Deputy Executive Secretary, presented the document EPAS (2014) 7 on the programme of activities and the budget. He briefly reported on the international convention against the manipulation of sport competitions, the recommendation on gender mainstreaming and the conference on sport and prisons. He expressed his desire for the activities planned by EPAS in 2014 to feed into the discussions about the CC’s priorities. The EPAS would like to enhance co-operation with the EU in the field of gender mainstreaming, the European week of sport (EWoS) and other relevant areas. Regarding the EWoS, the Deputy Executive Secretary told the Committee about a meeting with the EU’s Commissioner Vassiliou scheduled on 11 June in Brussels to discuss the possible involvement of the EPAS in this project. He assured the CC members that they would be kept informed about the outcome of this meeting.

6. Furthermore, he invited the CC members to notify the Secretariat if they had activities of relevance to the EPAS which should be included in the EPAS programme of activities.

7. ISCA appreciated the good work which has been done but recommended putting more focus on participation, as not much had been done in this area so far. ISCA considers the practice of sport/ the participation in sport to be a human right. ISCA would welcome any initiative which promotes human rights and sport and raises participation levels. In addition, ISCA would be interested in co-operating with the EPAS and the EU in the framework of the European Week of Sport.

4.2 Presentation on the preparations for the 13th Council of the Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport

8. The Deputy Executive Secretary referred to the relevant documents of the Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, and informed the Committee that the item will be discussed with the Governing Board, point by point, the following day on Wednesday 21 May 2014.

5. Consultative Committee Terms of Reference

5.1 Renewal of the Bureau and election of a new Chair

9. In accordance with the terms of reference (ToR), the plenary meeting of the Consultative Committee should proceed with the elections for its Bureau and a new Chair. The Deputy Executive Secretary referred to document EPAS (2012) 25rev and said that the current members of the Bureau were not eligible for re-election according to the existing ToR.

10. The CC members were invited to declare their interest in running for a position as Chair and/ or member of the Bureau. The current Chair of the CC summarised the statements given by the members as follows:

- EGLSF, ENGSO, EUPEA, FARE network and FIAS declared their interest in becoming members of the CC Bureau. SportAccord stated its interest in the role of Chair.

11. However, the quorum required to proceed with the elections during the meeting was not reached.

Decision:

Given that the voting quorum was not met at the plenary meeting, the elections to the Bureau will be organised by the Secretariat by written procedure.

5.2 Renewal of members representing the Consultative Committee in the EPAS Governing Board Bureau

12. In accordance with the ToR, the CC should recommend two representatives to participate in the EPAS Governing Board Bureau. Expressing the interest of his own organisation – ENGSO – to be willing to continue representing the CC in the EPAS Governing Board Bureau, the Chair asked the CC members about their interest for this position.

13. SportAccord, as the new Chair of the CC, would have one of these two seats, therefore the delegate from Play the Game proposed leaving the other seat open to members other than ENGSO, as these two seem to be very similar organisations. EGLSF stated its interest in this role.

Decision:

Since EGLSF and ENGSO declared their interest in running for the position to represent the CC in the Governing Board Bureau, and the voting quorum was not met during the plenary meeting, the Secretariat would launch the elections by written procedure.

5.3 Renewal of organisations

14. In accordance with the ToR, the CC expressed its opinion on the eight (8) organisations whose membership was due to end in 2014. Discussions on the membership criteria preceded the decisions. The Chair reminded those present that some member organisations were not at all active in EPAS, therefore, it may be advisable not to renew such members in order to make room for new organisations. Furthermore, Play the Game proposed defining activity criteria for future evaluations of the memberships.

Decision:

The CC members recommended to the Governing Board the membership renewal of the following seven (7) organisations: *EWS, FIAS, EUPEA, Think tank Sport & Citizenship, Tennis Europe, SROC, EU Athletes*.

The CC members did not recommend the membership renewal of the following organisation due to the absence of a renewal application: *European Handcycling Federation*.

5.4 Recent applications from partner organisations

15. Two new applications had been submitted to EPAS seeking CC membership. In accordance with the ToR, the CC was being asked to give its opinion on the admissibility of:

- European Tour
- International School Sport Federation (ISF)

16. Following discussions, the CC was in favour of recommending that ISF be invited to become a member.

17. However, the CC recommended rejecting the application from European Tour, based on the criteria established within the CC's ToR which stipulate that applicants should either be a non-profit organisation, or be composed of members with non-profit status.

Decisions:

The CC recommends approving the membership application of the International School Sport Federation. The application of ISF has been transmitted to the Governing Board which will then decide whether or not to send it to the Committee of Ministers for final approval.

In addition, the CC recommended rejecting the application of European Tour based on the criteria established within the CC's terms of reference. It also agreed to revise these criteria during the update of the terms of reference which will take place next year (end of current terms of reference 15/09/2015).

6. Round Table on CC working methods and its priorities for 2014-2015

18. The Chair asked for comments on the priorities and working methods for the CC for the period 2014-2015. Considering that the ToR will expire in September 2015, ISCA stated it would like to discuss them in greater detail. They should be well revised and simplified to make them more effective and transparent. Considering the absence of the majority of CC members from the meeting, the Deputy Executive Secretary proposed to ask the member organisations on their view on CC working methods and its priorities for 2014-2015 by written procedure.

Decision:

The Secretariat will organise a survey among CC members on working methods and priorities for 2014-2015.

7. Miscellaneous

19. No items discussed.

8. Date and place of the next meeting

20. Next meeting will take place in May 2015 (tbc).

Appendix 1 Agenda**Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)****Plenary Meeting of the Consultative Committee**

Council of Europe, Strasbourg
Palais de l'Europe, room no 14

Tuesday, 20 May 2014
2.00pm-4.30pm

Agenda

1.	Opening of the meeting	
2.	Adoption of the agenda	EPAS (2014) 32rev1
3.	<p>Welcome of new partner organisations Round table :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>International University Sport Federation (FISU) 12/12/2012</i> - <i>Panathlon International 29/05/2013</i> - <i>Football against Racism in Europe (FARE) 29/05/2013</i> - <i>Play the Game 29/05/2013</i> - <i>International Centre for Sport Security (ICSS) 10/07/2013</i> - <i>International Federation of Professional Footballer Associations (FIFPro) 16/10/2013</i> <p>Report of the last plenary meeting</p>	EPAS (2012) 24rev
4.	<p>EPAS developments since the last Consultative Committee meeting:</p> <p>4.1 Presentation of the EPAS 2014 Programme of activities and budget</p> <p>4.2 Presentations on the preparations for the 13th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport(MSL13)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - general presentation of the themes and expected outcomes - draft programme 	<p>EPAS (2014) 7 Sport (2014) 1</p> <p>MSL13 (2014) 2rev1 MSL13 (2014) 1rev3 MSL13 (2014) 7</p>
5.	Consultative Committee Terms of Reference	EPAS (2012) 25rev

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Renewal of organisations <i>In accordance with the terms of reference, the next meeting of the Consultative Committee should express an opinion on the 8 organisations, whose term of office is reaching its end.</i> - Recent applications from partner organisations <i>In accordance with the terms of reference, the Consultative Committee should give an opinion on the new candidates:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>European Tour</i> - <i>International School Sport Federation</i> - Renewal of the Bureau and election of a new Chair <i>In accordance with the terms of reference, the next meeting of the Consultative Committee should renew the Bureau and elect a new Chair.</i> - Renewal of members representing the Consultative Committee to the EPAS Governing Board Bureau meetings <i>In accordance with the terms of reference, the Consultative Committee should renew the two representatives representing the Consultative Committee to the EPAS Governing Board Bureau meetings.</i> 	<p>EPAS (2014) 24</p> <p>EPAS (2014) INF03 EPAS (2014) INF05</p> <p>EPAS (2014) 24</p>
6.	Round Table on CC working methods and its priorities for 2014-2015	
7.	Miscellaneous	
8.	Date and place of the next meeting	

Appendix 2**Final list of participants / Liste des participants****CHAIR / PRESIDENT**

Mr Predrag MANOJLOVIC
European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation (ENGSO)
Secretary General

MEMBERS / MEMBRES**EUROPEAN GAY & LESBIAN SPORT FEDERATION / FEDERATION SPORTIVE
EUROPEENNE GAIE ET LESBIENNE (EGLSF)**

Ms Annette WACHTER
EGLSF General Secretary
E-mail: annette@eglsf.info

Ms Armelle MAZÉ
EGLSF Representative

**EUROPEAN PHYSICAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION / ASSOCIATION
EUROPEENNE D'EDUCATION PHYSIQUE (EUPEA)**

Ms Rose-Marie REPOND
Bern University of Applied Sciences
Swiss Federal Institute of Sport

FOOTBALL AGAINST RACISM IN EUROPE (FARE)

Ms Claudia KROBITZSCH
Programmes Co-ordinator

INTERNATIONAL SAMBO FEDERATION (FIAS)

Mr Michal BUCHEL
Chief Executive Officer

INTERNATIONAL SPORT AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION (ISCA)

Mr Jacob SCHOUENBORG
Secretary General

PEACE AND SPORT

Ms Karine TEOW
International Relations Officer

PLAY THE GAME

Mr Jens Sejer ANDERSEN
International Director

SPORTACCORD

Ms Sarah LACARRIERE
Integrity Officer

SPORTS RIGHTS OWNERS COALITION (SROC)

Ms Sophie GUILLON-MOREL

TAFISA Europe

Mr Jean-Francois LAURENT

Project Co-ordinator

APOLOGISED / EXCUSES

Mr Julien ZYLBERSTEIN (UEFA)

Mr Julian JAPPERT / Mr Maxime LEBLANC (Think Tank Sport & Citizenship)

Mr Jonas BAER-HOFFMANN (FIFPro Division Europe)

Mr Gilles BIZOT (FIRA AER)

Mr Giacomo SANTINI (Panathlon International)

Ms Kristina THURÉE (European Women and Sport)

EPAS SECRETARIAT**DIRECTORATE OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND EQUALITY / DIRECTION DE LA
DIGNITE HUMAINE ET DE L'EGALITE**

Mr Stanislas FROSSARD

EPAS Executive Secretary

Mr François TRICARICO

EPAS Deputy Executive Secretary

Mr Michael TRINKER

PSS Project Manager

Ms Caroline LARGHI

Administrative Assistant