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## **Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)**

### **Consultative Committee (CC) Bureau Meeting**

28 November 2023  
10.30am - 11.30am

SAL am Lindaplatz  
Schaan, Liechtenstein

**Meeting report**

## **1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting was opened by the Chair.

## **2. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda (Appendix I) was adopted without any modifications.

## **3. Upcoming EPAS events**

- Diversity Conference on the Inclusion of Child Migrants and Refugees in and through Sport, (Schaan, 28-29 November 2023);
- 18th meeting of the EPAS Statutory Committee (Strasbourg, 4 December 2023);
- Meeting of the Pool of International Experts on Safe Sport (Strasbourg, 5 December 2023).

## **4. Updates on past events:**

- European Sports Charter Working Group (ESC WG) 3rd meeting (Brussels, 29 September 2023)
  - On behalf of Guido Battaglia, Cassandra Mactavish provided an overview of the work of the ESC WG and the role Guido played at the meeting, namely representing the CC. Following a survey of the CC's proposals for the promotion of the Charter, Guido brought many ideas on the promotion of the ESC to the meeting and thus highlighted the role of the CC within the team, and in its promotion.
- European Sports Charter Support and Follow up (ESC S&F) visit to Bratislava, 5-6 October 2023
  - James Ogilvie joined the meeting remotely for a short presentation on his role at the ESC S&F visit to Bratislava. Among his comments were a great appreciation for the visit and his role on the team and a greater understanding of the work being done locally for the implementation in a given country of the ESC, and its promotion.
- All In Plus media informative session (Lausanne, 2 November 2023)
  - As part of the All In Plus joint project, the Council of Europe's Sport Division brought together sports media professionals from over 20 countries to attend a first media informative session on 2 November 2023 at Olympic House, the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, and online. The event was prepared in collaboration both with the IOC and the European Broadcasting Union (EBU). The sessions focused on portrayal guidelines, unconscious bias training, how to report on cases of violence and abuse in sport, as well as sharing some case studies and best practice. The next edition will take place in 2024, allowing those media professionals participating to review how their media practice has changed in the intervening period and has been informed by the 2023 session.

## 5. Promotion of the European Sports Charter

- Next steps following the ESC Working Group meeting:
  - The Secretariat outlined some of the first steps for the promotion of the ESC:
    - Preparation of thematic factsheets;
    - Translation of the ESC into a range of languages;
    - Preparation of videos.

## 6. Consultative Committee (CC) membership

- **Vacancies**
  - The Secretariat confirmed that there were 3 current vacancies on the CC; currently the CC has 27 member organisations out of a possible total of 30.
- **New applicants**
  - The Secretariat informed the Bureau that there were currently 3 sports organisations who had expressed an interest in joining the CC:
    - Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA);
    - International Dart Federation (IDF);
    - World Snowboard Federation (WSF).
  - Their requests are being processed by the Secretariat and if eligible will be subject to the standard process (see Article 2.1.1 - Procedure for admission):
    - Report of the Bureau of the Governing Board;
    - Opinion of the CC;
    - Examination by the Governing Board;
    - Where appropriate – authorisation given by the Committee of Ministers to the Governing Board to invite the candidate organisation to join EPAS as an observer, according to the Terms of Reference of the CC.

## 7. Promotion of CC members' activities

Andrej Pišl of EUSA shared updates including a project in collaboration with ENGSO and EGLSF on inclusion in sport. The organisations have prepared a game with a twist, where one is put in a situation, and needs to make a decision (more interactive). This game will be ready for the European University Games in Hungary 2024 alongside other initiatives (with approximately 5000 participants expected to attend).

## 8. Any Other Business

### **Webinar: Sport promotes citizenship and social cohesion for young people by teaching them the rules of the game (working title)**

The Chair proposed a new webinar for the CC to be held in 2024 or 2025. The concept is about learning how to live together – social rules.

Andrej Pišl stated that he liked the idea that the rules in some disciplines have the concept of fair play embedded in them and expressed his support for the proposed webinar. Certain

sports such as curling or ultimate frisbee have inclusive rules – no referee, it is up to the players to self-regulate as a team.

Pauline Johanet also agreed with this webinar concept as a way to transmit values but adds that the webinar should focus on a very specific area of expertise. She added that at the core of sport there are rules. The same rules are for everyone. Rules are equity and equity is dignity, which is what makes sport so powerful.

Marie Denitton found the topic interesting but specified that there needed to be a clearly defined target group and objectives.

### **Additional items**

When referring to the upcoming CC *in camera* meeting at the EPAS joint plenary meeting in May 2024, Andrej Pišl mentioned that the CC meetings were very important and that additional time would be really beneficial for additional work on synergies between CC members.

The Secretariat indicated that they were looking into there being additional time for the CC to meet *in camera* at the upcoming EPAS Joint Plenary meeting (29-30 May 2024).

The Vice-Chair emphasised the importance of communication with the whole CC (not just the Bureau) to foster the sense of belonging to – and involvement in - this community.

The Chair suggested having photos of the CC representatives on the EPAS website to make it easier to meet them or recognise them at events.

Janez Sodržnik added that it would be beneficial for all CC members to receive the reports of the ESC S&F meetings. Perhaps in addition to publishing the report on the EPAS website, the Secretariat could also send an email or circular letter with a link to the reports as an example.

The Secretariat indicated that they will be examining their communication with the CC more closely and will have a few suggestions and practices to implement in the new year.

Pauline Johanet asked whether or not the Council of Europe will have a role at the Olympic Games.

The Secretariat responded that nothing was currently planned other than an active role around the Olympic Flame in Strasbourg but that they would be informed as this develops further.

### **9. Date and place of the next Bureau meeting**

The next CC Bureau meeting will be held online in March 2024.

### **10. Closing**

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

## APPENDIX I

## Agenda

1.	<b>Opening of the meeting</b>
2.	<b>Adoption of the draft agenda</b>
3.	<p><b>Upcoming EPAS events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diversity Conference on the Inclusion of Child Migrants and Refugees in and through Sport, 28-29 November 2023</li> <li>• EPAS Statutory Committee meeting, Strasbourg, 4 December 2023</li> <li>• Meeting of the Pool of International Experts in Safe Sport, Strasbourg, 5 December</li> <li>• Any other events</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>Updates on past events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESC WG 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, Brussels 29 September 2023</li> <li>• ESC Support and Follow-up visit to Bratislava, 5-6 October 2023</li> <li>• All In Plus media informative session, 2 November 2023</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>Promotion of the European Sports Charter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next steps following the ESC WG meeting</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>CC membership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vacancies</li> <li>• New applicants</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>Promotion of CC members' activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CC activities</li> </ul>
8.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webinar: Sport promotes citizenship and social cohesion for young people by teaching them the rules of the game</li> </ul>
9.	<p><b>Date and place of the next Bureau meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBC</li> </ul>
10.	<b>Closing</b>

## **APPENDIX II**

### **PARTICIPANTS**

**Charlotte GIRARD FABRE (Consultative Committee Chair)**

International Federation for Sports Officials (IFSO)

Secretary General

**Mogens KIRKEBY (Consultative Committee Vice-Chair)**

International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA)

President

**Pauline JOHANET (Bureau member)**

Peace and Sport

External Relations Manager

**Janez SODRZNIK (Bureau member)**

TAFISA EUROPE

TAFISA Board Member & Vice President NOC Slovenia

**Andrej PISL (Bureau member)**

European University Sports Association - EUSA

Communications and Projects Manager

**Marie DENITTON (Gender Equality Rapporteur) (online)**

ENGSO

Office Director

### **SECRETARIAT**

**Francine RAVENEY (online)**

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