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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

Meeting of the Bureau of the EPAS Governing Board

Tuesday 16 February 2021
9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

By video-conference

Working language: English

Conclusions

Present: A. Husting (Chair), M. Crnković, D. Karakasis, A. Morozov, V. Slavkova, F. Tricarico, Z. Verovnik, K. Gjeloshaj, T. Jagodic

Secretariat: S. Frossard, M. Trinker, C. Talleu, H. Stewart, C. Mactavish, C. Larghi, D. Tramountani

1. Preparation of the 3rd workshop/webinar on the revision of the Charter (10 March)

The secretariat clarified that the workshop is open to Governing Board and Consultative Committee members only. The draft programme (circulated) contained vacant slots for the introductory presentations, so Bureau members were invited to inform the secretariat if they were interested in playing such a role. The workshop will likely be moderated by consultant, Laszlo Foldi.

The Bureau agreed on the structure of the programme and asked the secretariat to gather and publish the working documents in good time and to follow up the Bureau members' possible participation in the programme by e-mail.

2. Programme of activities 2022-2025

The secretariat made a short presentation explaining the SG's new four-year strategy (replacing the current biennium structure) and outlining possible priorities and indicators that EPAS could put forward. The secretariat added that EPAS will continue to prepare its programme of activities on an annual basis, while preparing the four-year strategy at the same time.

The secretariat would distribute the full Powerpoint presentation to the Bureau along with a short video explaining it in more detail.

3. Date of next joint meeting of the GB and CC

Taking into account the known dates of the current EU presidency events in the field of sport and other CoE meetings, the Bureau preferred to hold the joint meeting of the GB and CC in the middle of June, rather than at the beginning. It therefore confirmed the dates of 15-16 June for the plenary meeting. Given the current situation, it decided to keep the meeting as an online one for the moment but would revisit the possibility of it being a physical meeting should the circumstances allow.

The secretariat asked the Bureau to keep it informed of any relevant EU dates that could be added to the calendar, so that the Council of Europe avoided organising its sport-related events at the same time.

4. Preliminary discussions on preparation of the Bureau elections (to be held on 15-16 June 2021)

The secretariat informed the Bureau that the forthcoming elections should be prepared soon, and that current Bureau members may start to reflect on whether they will stand for re-election within the Bureau. A solution could be found to hold the elections remotely should it be necessary.

The secretariat agreed to distribute by e-mail a document to the Bureau summarising the different re-election possibilities, and that each Bureau member should inform the secretariat if she/he intends to stand again or not.

5. Request from the Committee of Ministers for an EPAS opinion on PACE Recommendation 2178(2020)

The Chair proposed two modifications to the draft opinion which the Bureau accepted.

The Bureau asked the secretariat to re-circulate the modified text after the meeting for last comments by the Bureau before submitting it to the Committee of Ministers.

6. AOB

The Bureau welcomed the information that the Greek delegate would present the outcomes of the Ministerial Conference to the EU Working Group on Sport meeting the following day.

7. Next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be fixed by exchange of e-mail between the secretariat and the Bureau members.