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

### **Meeting of the Bureau of the EPAS Governing Board**

Monday 5 July 2021  
9.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

By video-conference

Working language: English

### **Conclusions**

**Participants:** Alexandre Husting (Chair), Andrea Carletti (Vice-Chair), Kolë Gjeloshaj, Tone Jagodic, Alexey Morozov, Viktoria Slavkova, François Tricarico, Mustafa Barış Öztürk

**EPAS Secretariat:** Stanislas Frossard (SF), Francine Raveney (FHR), Caroline Larghi and Françoise Rui

The Chair, Alexandre Husting (AH), welcomed the newly elected Vice-Chair, Andrea Carletti (Italy). The Bureau waited for the arrival of İnanç Özçakmak (Turkey) who was newly elected as well. However, İnanç Özçakmak was not able to take part due to other obligations in his Ministry. Mustafa Barış Öztürk was exceptionally invited to discuss item 2 in his place.

The Chair also congratulated the re-elected members of the Bureau. Andrea Carletti briefly introduced himself. The Chair asked the Secretariat whether or not they had received applications for Region 3. SF replied that no delegate from Region 3 had applied to become a member of the Bureau as of yet. Therefore, SF had organised two online meetings (one in French on 29 June and one in English on 7 July) to describe the role of being a Bureau member and to encourage applications. Morocco and Monaco took part in the meeting on 29 June. Morocco said that they would propose a candidate by 15 July.

The draft agenda for the meeting was approved. Kolë Gjeloshaj (KG, Chair of the EPAS Consultative Committee) asked for more information concerning the next steps regarding the 3 new applications to the CC. SF replied that the GB had been consulted in this respect with a deadline of 1 July. The Secretariat would check the replies received and if there were no objections, the 3 applications would be submitted to the GR-C at its upcoming meeting<sup>1</sup>.

### 1) EPAS support for the UN Women-led initiative “Sport for Generation Equality”

The Bureau was invited to decide whether or not EPAS should support the “[Sport for Generation Equality](#)” initiative.

FHR explained that EPAS had been requested by UN Women to support this initiative through a letter of commitment. FHR explained that “Sport for Generation Equality” had been launched officially on Thursday 1 July in the context of the UN Women’s Generation Equality Forum in Paris. The support they wanted from EPAS would take the form of sharing information, promoting their events and using the EPAS logo. FHR stressed that financial support was not being requested. SF added that EPAS was interested in being part of this initiative in order to share and promote EPAS’ own data collection methodology, developed during the “All In” initiative, and to avoid any duplication of work taking place with other similar gender equality data collection projects in the future. In light of the information provided the Bureau agreed to support the initiative.

There were no objections to this proposal and the Bureau agreed that EPAS would be associated with this initiative and would express this via a letter of commitment.
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<sup>1</sup> Note from the secretariat: the date of the upcoming meeting had changed (from September to October) since the Bureau meeting took place.

## 2) Calendar issues

### **Date of the upcoming GB annual meeting. Approval of the proposed dates (14-15 June 2022 or 15-16 June 2021 tbc)**

The Bureau members agreed with both of the dates proposed. The Secretariat will now check the availability of meeting rooms and confirm one of the two suggested dates.

The next GB-CC joint meeting is scheduled to take place on 14 and 15 June 2022.

### **Date of the 17th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers Responsible for Sport**

Mustafa Barış Öztürk informed the Secretariat about the willingness of the Turkish authorities to organise MSL17 in November 2022. The Bureau members mentioned that considering that the EU Council meeting is likely to take place in November, and that it is difficult to bring together Ministers in December, it would be preferable to identify dates for the conference between 20 September and 20 October 2022.

The Secretariat would make a proposal for the MSL17 conference to take place between 20 September 2022 and 20 October 2022, in consultation with the Turkish authorities. This proposal would then be submitted to the Bureau, with possible proposals as regards the topics of the conference.

## 3) Follow-up to the “Sport and Human Rights Forum” - see EPAS(2021)29rev2

The Bureau members were invited to comment, and express their opinions, on the relevance and priorities within the follow-up proposal that was set out on pages 11 and 12 of the Forum report. The Chair in particular stressed the relevance of point 6 “Racism, hate speech and other discriminations in sport” and point 7 “Gender Equality in sport”. Data protection was also flagged up.

As regards individual follow-up actions, SF proposed to assess their feasibility and to identify which ones could be easily included in the programme of activities and which ones would require resources that had not yet been confirmed.

The Bureau will continue discussions in this area and identify those follow-up activities whose implementation would require more time/resources.

## 4) Diversity Conference – see EPAS(2021)22

FHR presented an update on the programme. She mentioned that everything is progressing well and stressed that the subject was very sensitive and should be handled with a great deal of care. She mentioned that most of the speakers had confirmed their attendance. She also mentioned that as the topic was controversial, she hoped that the debates would be lively and interesting.

AH was invited to moderate Roundtable 2.

FHR also mentioned that it was envisaged that there would be a lunchtime press conference to which some athletes would be invited to attend, to increase the visibility of the event.

The Bureau approved the draft programme and suggested that FHR reach out to Jean Gracia (European Athletics) and/or a specialist from the Court of Arbitration (in particular someone who had been involved in the Caster Semenya case, provided it would not generate a conflict of interest due to the case pending at the European Court of Human Rights) in Roundtable 2.

**5) Any other business**

- Feedback from the GB meeting: SF requested meeting feedback. The Bureau members expressed their satisfaction about the running of and participation in the GB meeting.
- SF mentioned that there would be a presentation of the Bureau on the EPAS website (video, picture): the idea being to have a page presenting new members in order to increase visibility on the role and activities of the Bureau. The Secretariat would make a proposal once the new member from Region 3 had been elected.
- Webinar on checking criminal records as a tool to protect children in sport, 3 June: FHR mentioned that as per the GB Bureau request at the previous meeting a summary [report](#) of the webinar is now available on the EPAS webinar page in FR and EN. KG thanked all those who helped to organise the event. KG also announced that a hybrid meeting would be held for the CC Bureau on the afternoon of 20 September 2021 (Paris and via BlueJeans).
- SF welcomed a new member of the Secretariat, Françoise Rui, who would be replacing Heather Stewart's position (communication, website, Bureau & GB meeting agendas, etc).