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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

Meeting of the Bureau of the EPAS Governing Board

Wednesday 13 October 2021
9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.

By video-conference

Working language: English

Conclusions

Participants: Alexandre Husting (Chair), Andrea Carletti (Vice-Chair), Andrew Decelis, Kolë Gjeloshaj, Tone Jagodic, Alexey Morozov, İnanç Özçakmak, Salsabila Afekhar, François Tricarico.

EPAS Secretariat: Stanislas Frossard, Francine H. Raveney, Michael Trinker, Françoise Rui

The Chair Alexandre Husting (AH) welcomed everyone.

1. Conference on Sport Integrity 6 and 7 December 2021 (61 Outline Programme Conference)

The Italian Department of Sport has kindly agreed to provide support for the preparation of the upcoming Integrity Conference and in particular the consultant Paolo Bertaccini will assist the Secretariat of EPAS with the organisation of the conference; travel to Rome will be provided for speakers only and other participants will be able to follow the event remotely. The date of the conference is 6 December afternoon and 7 December morning.

The items on the agenda are as follow:

- Sports integrity;
- Manipulation of sports competitions;
- Good governance in sport.

The question was raised about the target audience for the event and these are listed below:

- Governmental authorities from:
 - sports ministries;
 - anti-corruption authorities;
 - foreign affairs departments;
 - law enforcement;
 - the justice sector.
- Partner organisations from the sports movement and other NGOs involved in sport. (This would include representatives from the CC.)

There is a limited number of people who can attend remotely, and this is one of the factors being checked with the technical service provider in Rome.

2. Revised European Sports Charter – Implementation

The revised European Sport Charter which was recently adopted will now be implemented. This will include a new monitoring approach which was outlined by Michael Trinker.

AH pointed out that some formulation should be adapted such as “evaluation visit” to avoid any confusion of terminology. A first draft of the implementation guidelines for policy makers should be available by the end of October.

3. Feedback on the Diversity Conference

Francine H. Raveney provided a succinct summary of how the EPAS Diversity Conference went, which was held on 20 September. She explained that additional information about the conference is available on the website [Diversity Conference, 20 September 2021 \(coe.int\)](https://www.coe.int/t/e/sports/epas/2021/09/20210920_Diversity_Conference.aspx) and that this can be considered a resource centre already for those wishing to find out more about this sensitive subject area. The next steps to be carried out will include the organising of a follow-on human rights meeting in 2022 on the same topic, and the preparation of a training pack for use in sports academies etc.

4. Follow-up previous meeting on:

- Date of the Ministerial Conference MSL17
The dates should be confirmed shortly (25-26-27 October 2022). Meeting discussions flagged up that the themes of the conference should be limited, if possible, to two maximum (e.g. theme on the implementation/promotion of the revised ESC, or theme on a topic of relevance to the Sport Conventions, or theme on human rights issues).
- Evaluation visits
MT gave an overview of the current situation about:
 - North Macedonia which will host an implementation visit to conduct an evaluation;
 - Albania.
- Start to Talk (51 STT Factsheet)
The promotion of its implementation is going ahead. The toolkit is now ready in several languages which will help this very interesting tool to be promoted widely.

5. Any other business:

- A Consultative Committee bureau meeting was held on 11 October (hybrid): KG provided a summary of the meeting. The report should be available shortly. One decision included that an induction session would be delivered to new CC members on 22 February 2022, preceded by a webinar on sport and physical activity on the afternoon of 21 February 2022 and a CC bureau meeting on the afternoon of 22 February.
- A roundtable jointly organised with the Mulier Instituut and EPAS would be held on the morning of 14 December online: three meetings in total will be organised on the theme of the “mapping of sports facilities”. The subject for the first meeting will be: “Insights into changing patterns in facility use during the COVID pandemic”. The bureau agreed that the GB members would be contacted to designate a policy maker to represent their country.

- Bulgaria's representative in the Governing Board (+ Bureau): a letter has been sent to EPAS informing the Secretariat that Viktoria Racheva-Slavkova was no longer working at the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Bulgaria. EPAS will have to organise a new election (for Region 4) taking into account that the gender balance in the composition of the bureau should be respected.
- Transparency and decisions following meetings: the report should be circulated with GB members even if they are available on the EPAS website: [Meeting reports of the EPAS Governing Board and EPAS Governing Board Bureau \(coe.int\)](#)
- Roundtable on e-sports: the best preferred date has been pencilled for this event – 22 November. An invitation to GB members would be sent out.