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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

Meeting of the Bureau of the EPAS Governing Board

Monday 15 November 2021
9.00 a.m. – 10.30 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.

EPAS Secretariat: Stanislas Frossard, Francine H. Raveney, Françoise Rui, Caroline Larghi

The Chair Alexandre Husting (AH) welcomed everyone.

1) Ministerial Conference in Turkey on 25-27 October 2022 – discussion on topics



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AH listed the five topics set out in the document sent by İnanç Özçakmak (IO).

- 1 - *Impact of Major Sports Events and Sports Tourism on Regional Socio-Economic Development*
- 2 - *Role of Sport in Social Integration*
- 3 - *Rethinking Sports in the Post-Pandemic Period*
- 4 - *Good Governance in Sport by strengthening relations between public authorities, the sport movement and other stakeholders*
- 5 - *Concepts of “Sport for all”*

IO explained the topics and proposed that a common approach be adopted. AH thanked IO for these interesting suggestions. AH proposed a *tour de table* and gave his initial views about **topic 5**, which could also cover topics 2 and 3. He was more sceptical about topic 4, which in his view would not give rise to a very high level of debate or a concrete outcome.

KG was in favour of **topic 5**.

SF suggested identifying two topics chosen from among EPAS’s activities, for example the ESC and its promotion, which could fall under topic 5. Topic 2 could relate to human rights in sport or focus on something more specific (gender equality or hate speech). Topic 4 could focus on IPACS governance. SF was not in favour of topic 1, which was more concerned with EU-related issues, but the point could be raised in an informal discussion the evening before the ministerial conference. His choice would be **topics 5 – 3**, relating to challenges for sport policies, and **topic 4**, dedicated to programme activities.

IO mentioned that the topics had been prepared by his team and we should not forget that countries were faced with economic and health issues as a result of the COVID pandemic. The idea was also to discuss major sports events such as the Olympic Games. Topic 2 could be an opportunity for discussion among European countries. A solution would be to merge some topics. Topic 4 was also a good opportunity to talk about current issues and misunderstandings. IO added that the two previous ministerial conferences (MSL 15 and 16) had already included human rights themes and that different subjects could be put forward. In short, he was in favour of **topics 2, 3 and 5** and an alternative topic 4.

TJ sent his preferences in writing: **topics 5, 3 and 2**.

2) Integrity Conference on 6-7 December 2021

FHR gave an update of the organisation of the conference and explained that weekly meetings were being held with the Italian contacts to finalise the programme and other details. All technical issues and the registration form were in preparation, and a luncheon would be organised at the end of the conference.

3) Situation of the EPAS Secretariat

SF informed the Bureau about his personal situation within EPAS. The coming weeks would be a transitional period because he would be leaving after 12 years as Executive Secretary following his election as Chair of the Council of Europe Staff Committee on 28 October. The management were thinking about an interim solution as he was expected to come back after serving a term of 2 years. SF would leave EPAS on 1 December but will participate as much as possible in ongoing activities such as the Integrity Conference in Rome on 6-7 December. SF would now have to focus on his new job but would always be available for EPAS.

This was a good opportunity for EPAS to benefit from new and fresh eyes.

The President congratulated SF on his appointment, on his work capacity and personal commitment, and also on his ability to withstand the various pressures. This appointment was a normal stage in career development.

IO added that SF was his first point of contact in EPAS and hoped that the new Executive Secretary would have sound knowledge and professional background.

4) Any other business

- **Governing Board - Call for new bureau members (Region 4)**
The Bulgaria authorities had confirmed that Ms Viktoria Slavkova was no longer working in the Ministry of Youth and Sports. Therefore, a new delegate representing Region 4 in the Bureau would have to be elected. For gender equality, the Secretariat would welcome an application from a female candidate.
- **Statutory Committee meeting on 26/11**
The Statutory Committee was a recurrent meeting held every year with the aim of approving the accounts and budgets. The activity report was also presented to the representatives of the member states and this task was generally the responsibility of the Chair of the Governing Board. Due to the unavailability of AH this year, it was proposed that the Vice-Chair Mr Andrea Carletti be invited to take on this duty and he would be replying to the Secretariat to confirm whether he could take part.