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8th Governing Board Bureau Meeting
Council of Europe Office, Paris, 3 February 2010

List of decisions

1. Opening of the meeting

The 8th Bureau meeting of the EPAS Governing Board was held in the Council of Europe Paris Office on 3 February 2010 with Jean-Luc Janiszewski as Chair. The Bureau welcomed new EPAS Secretariat members, Sonia Parayre, who took up her duties on 1st August 2009 and Odile Bruyelle, who will replace Ms Danielle Schmitt, retired on 1st March 2010. The Secretariat and the participants wish to express their thanks to the Ministry of Health, Youth and Sport for its kind invitation for an evening dinner and show in Paris.

The Bureau:

2. Adoption of the agenda

- adopted with additional topics under Item 5 on the 18th Council of Europe Informal Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, which will be organised in Baku, Azerbaijan on 22 September 2010 (date to be confirmed), under Item 9 on initiatives concerning voluntary contributions and the evaluation of EPAS under the Item 11. The agenda appears in Appendix,

3. Recent news of interest

- took note of the latest developments in member states provided by the Secretariat concerning, in particular, the accession of the Russian Federation as the 32nd member state, the accession of possible new member states (Belgium, Germany, Turkey and Ukraine), the intentions of non European countries (Canada, Israel, Kazakhstan and Morocco) and two new observers (Lithuania and Ukraine),
- agreed to inform the Secretariat on their possible contacts with countries to strengthen relevant accession process,
- took note of the report made by the Secretariat on the promising meeting which took place on 29 January between the administrations of the Directorates of Youth and Sport of the Commission and the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe, on co-operation with the EU in the field of Sport after the entry into force of the Lisbon

Treaty,

- welcomed the wish of the EU to co-operate with EPAS for political and practical reasons; they underlined the need for the Secretariat to clarify the respective roles of both organisations in the field of sport to avoid overlapping activities,
- took note of the detailed information provided by the Secretariat on the recent changes in the EPAS Secretariat staff.

4. Reports from recent meetings

- held an exchange of views on the documents listed under the Item 4, underlined the need to receive all meetings documents from the Secretariat at least two weeks before a meeting and agreed that the participants would send their comments, if any, within 10 days by electronic mail to the Secretariat.

5. 11th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport: report and follow-up

- held an exchange of views on the document EPAS (2009) INF02rev concerning the follow-up to the Athens Ministerial Conference, and took note that the follow-up of the Ministerial meeting had been included in the programme of activity in 2010,
- decided however to invite the Secretariat to prepare a summary of the “achieved results”, in order to be able to report on the impact of the actions initiated by the Resolutions,

6. Programme and budget

- underlined that the document “2010 Calendar of activities” EPAS (2010)1 was useful and interesting; it should be updated regularly by the Secretariat, and a revised version would be sent to the Bureau in due time,
- agreed that the participation in other meetings should be mentioned in the document and that comment like “Bureau representations requested” should be added to draw the attention of the Bureau members on the events where they may be involved,
- confirmed the new dates of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau and Consultative Committee Bureau: 25 March 2010: Consultative Bureau meeting; 26 March 2010 Governing Board Bureau meeting (instead of 26, 27 March as circulated in a previous version),
- took note that the date of the 18th CoE informal Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (IM18) (expected to take place on 22 September 2010, Baku, Azerbaijan) should be confirmed by the Governing Board, which is ultimately responsible for the preparation of the Conference,
- specified that the Governing Board would be invited to confirm whether the information meeting on 28 June should be opened to non EPAS members,

- took stock of the introduction made by the Secretariat on the programme of activities and budget 2010 EPAS (2010)7, which is linked to the priorities of the programme of activities and the 2010 budget; they noted that the document would be updated before each Bureau meeting in accordance with the developments of the activities carried out,
- after the examination of the different sections of the document, agreed that the Secretariat should revise the document taking into account all the comments made during the meeting for the various sections of the document regarding the structure, , some activities mentioned in section 4. List of activities in 2010 and page 10 “Other activities in 2010”,
- decided that the participants could send their comments to the Secretariat by 22.02.2010 ; the Secretariat would revise the French version of the document in conformity with the English version and introduce all relevant comments made by the Bureau,
- took note of the document prepared by the Secretariat on the planning activities in 2010 (EPAS(2010) INF 1,
- took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the publications to finalise in 2010 (EPAS (2010)11),

6.1 Standard-setting

- took note of the information provided on the Consolidated revised Code of Sports Ethics EPAS (2009) 19rev4 and pointed out that the document should circulate for final approval by the Governing Board,
- pointed out that the consultation with sports organisations on the draft recommendation on autonomy would be dealt with by the Consultative Committee at its meeting on 4th February in CoE Paris office. Members of the Bureau have the possibility to send relevant comments on the document EPAS (2009)39 to the Secretariat by 22 February 2010; the final approval by the Governing Board is foreseen for the 4 May 2010,
- agreed to launch the process of consultations on the draft recommendations on migrations and on the fight against the manipulation of sport; these consultations will include discussions through the Consultative Committee at its meeting on 4th February in CoE Paris office; EPAS member states will be invited to send relevant comments on these issues to the Secretariat,

6.2 Follow-up of existing standards

- noted that the invitation of Bosnia and Herzegovina for a consultative visit on the European Sport Charter is still pending, as the report is being finalised by the responsible authorities,
- took note of the report made by the Secretariat on the seminar on short-stay visas for sportspersons in Europe held in Paris and of the good feed-back received from France in particular,
- noted that a follow-up questionnaire on visa issues would be prepared by the Secretariat

and would be sent to the member states in due course,

- welcomed the results of the seminar, underlined that its minutes should better reflect how fruitful the meeting was,
- took note that France is interested in promoting an international agreement to better facilitate the granting of visas to athletes attending international competitions,
- agreed to send their comments to the Secretariat by 22 February 2010,
- agreed to follow-up the conference held in Belgrade in October 2009, in particular to launch a study on fighting racism in sport (complementary to the ongoing study drafted by the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)),

6.3 Promotion of diversity and fight against discrimination

- took stock of the reports on the Belgrade conference “Fight against racism and violence through diversity in sport” and the regional seminar on “Promoting intercultural dialogue: the role of sport and education in the Balkan region” with FARE,
- agreed on the follow-up to these events (cf. studies under the Item 6.2 and on women in sports and the conference on discrimination against disabled persons in sports),
- underlined the need to explain the added value of the EPAS concerning the above mentioned activities and studies,
- was informed by the Secretariat that the programme on discrimination currently developed by the EPAS covers different target groups and seeks to strengthen co-operation between several actors working in various other fields (ministries of education, justice, sport, NGOs, sport organisations, etc.),

7. Development in EPAS

- examined the offer of co-operation with the Association “Sport & Citizenship”, welcomed the continuation of the current co-operation on an ad hoc basis and to possibly publish a link to its website on the EPAS website as “Other partner” and suggested inviting the Association to become a member of the Consultative Committee,

8. Consultative Committee

- agreed on the draft agenda of the Consultative Committee meeting on 4 February 2010 in the CoE Paris Office,
- welcomed the proposal of the Chair, Jean-Luc Janiszewski, who will be unable to take part in the Consultative Committee meeting, to be replaced by Krisztina GONTER as Chair,

9. Voluntary Contribution projects

- took note that the consultation on EuroSchools gave positive replies from Azerbaijan, Cyprus and Monaco, Greece, Hungary and Portugal expressed an interest in the project,

and Norway and Finland sent negative replies. The next step will be the consultation of the Steering Committee for Education (CDED) (24 to 26 February 2010) and the final decision should be taken by the Governing Board at its meeting on 4th May 2010, which should examine the funding of this project,

- following the information given by the Secretariat on the project on good governance, shared the view that this was closely linked with the EPAS activities,
- agreed on the proposal of the Secretariat that a PH D doctoral thesis would carry out the study on good governance,
- took note of the total cost of 90.000€ through an allocation by EPAS to finance the research project (budget over 3 years),
- allowed the Secretariat to launch consultations on possible funding by the end of May 2010 for submission to the Governing Board to continuing the project,

10. Planning of the programme of activities 2011

- took stock of the information provided by the Secretariat concerning the proposals made by countries on the future themes (document EPAS (2010) INF2): strong statement from Nordic countries in favour of standard settings, policy making and monitoring, some statement in favour of sort ethics from Finland, Denmark; anti-doping (Greece), match fixing, co-operation with the EU, sports laws, management and sport, good governance in terms of evaluation (France) were also mentioned as possible themes for 2011,
- underlined that this issue would be discussed at the Consultative Committee and should be presented to the Governing Board on 4th May 2010,
- expressed the wish that the Secretariat would remind those member states who did not respond to this questionnaire.

11. Preliminary discussions related to the definitive launching of the EPAS in 2010

- proposed to postpone the item on the questionnaires to member states to its next meeting of 25 March and took note to review the questionnaire before its meeting,

12. Miscellaneous

- took note that the country profiles should be sent duly completed to the Secretariat by 15 February 2010,
- expressed its thanks to the Secretariat for the production and regular update of the list of sports ministers and officials, which is useful (document EPAS (2009)50),

13. Date and place of the next Bureau meeting:

- took note of the next Bureau meeting which will take place on 25 March 2010 in Strasbourg.

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