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**9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EPAS Governing Board**  
**(joint meeting with the EPAS Consultative Committee)**

Council of Europe, Strasbourg  
Palais de l'Europe, Room 10

20-21 May 2015

**List of Decisions**

**Wednesday 20 May: First part of the meeting (with the Consultative Committee)**

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**1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting was opened by Mrs Wendela Kuper (Netherlands), Chair of the EPAS Governing Board, during which she welcomed Lithuania for the first time as the 36<sup>th</sup> member state of EPAS.

She referred to the sad news of the deaths during the last year of Predrag Manoljovic (former Chair of the Consultative Committee), George Walker (former Head of Sports sector at the Council of Europe, and Jo Vanhecke (Chairman of the Standing Committee of the European Convention on Spectator Violence).

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

The committees adopted the agenda without any amendments, as it appears in Appendix I to the present List of decisions.

### **3. Discussion and debate with Guest speaker**

#### **3.1 The role of the CEB and funding opportunities related to sports facilities and infrastructure**

The committees took note of the presentation by Ms Giusi Pajardi, Head of Secretariat at the Partial Agreement of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB). Her presentation focused on financial opportunities, via loans at favourable rates, from the CEB to member states in order to fund the construction or renovation of sports infrastructures and leisure facilities at national, urban and rural level. Delegations had the opportunity to ask Ms Pajardi questions at the end of the presentation. Following a question from the Moroccan delegation, she confirmed that projects were selected for funding by the Bank on a case-by-case basis.

The secretariat added that a seminar on this topic could be organised at local authority level in any member state which is interested.

### **4. Reports and Activities**

#### **4.1 Lists of decisions from previous statutory meetings**

The committees took note of the reports from the 8<sup>th</sup> Joint plenary meeting of the EPAS Governing Board and Consultative Committee (21-22 May 2014), and the EPAS Governing Board Bureau (13 November 2014 and 16 March 2015).

Concerning the decision made during the 8th meeting under item 4.1.b (Co-operation with third-party organisations), the delegate from Finland asked what follow-up had been given to this. The secretariat explained that no formal agreement had been made with either FIFA or the IOC, but follow-up had been given in the form of high-level meetings by Secretary General Jagland with Thomas Bach and with Sepp Blatter – both organisations fully support the convention and are ready to pass on the message to non-European countries regarding signature and ratification of the new convention.

#### **4.2 Network of national regulators of the sports betting market**

The committees took note of the outcomes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the network, the Hague (11 December 2014) and the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the network, Oslo (18 March 2015).

The secretariat informed the Committees that in the course of 2014, the Ministers' Deputies renewed the mandate of the network for a further two years, until the end of 2016. It is expected to continue working until then under the aegis of EPAS. Should the convention enter into force in 2017, the new Follow-up Committee of the convention could then establish, if needed, a specialised working group composed of the national regulatory authorities. Nick Tofiluk (UK) has been re-elected as Chair of the network until 2016. The network is currently working on updating a study carried out on monitoring fraud detection, by collecting information on methodology and best practices. The network now also has a restricted website (currently in test phase) where they can use a secure platform to exchange ideas and documentation.

The Chair invited states to check the appointment of their national delegates to this network, in order to increase the numbers and credibility of the network.

### **4.3 Activities of the Conventional Committees**

The Committees took note of the oral report on the latest developments in the Conventions sector by Mr Sergey Khrychikov.

He mentioned in particular the two new recommendations being prepared within the Monitoring Group on establishing independent hearing panels (fair trial for athletes) in compliance with the European Convention on Human Rights, and on information-sharing between governmental agencies and national anti-doping organisations (NADO). He added that monitoring visits took place last year in Montenegro, Moldova and Albania. In 2015, visits to Belarus and Malta had already taken place, and two more were planned (Georgia and United Kingdom). He invited states to encourage their NADO legal officers to attend a seminar on independent hearings on doping cases which is being co-organised with Anti-Doping Norway from 31 August to 1 September 2015 in Holmenkollen, just outside of Oslo.

Concerning spectator violence, Mr Khrychikov highlighted the important international conference being organised in co-operation with the Belgian authorities to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the convention in 2015. The conference will take place on 17 June in Brussels where governmental representatives, football governing bodies and players from Liverpool FC and Juventus will meet together; the day will include a special moment of remembrance at the King Baudouin stadium in commemoration of the Heysel disaster. He encouraged states to reply to the invitations sent to them for this event. Mr Khrychikov also gave an update on the process of revising the convention, expecting an adoption by the Committee of Ministers in March 2016. As far as monitoring visits were concerned, one had already taken place in France in preparation of the Euro 2016 tournament, and another could be planned in spring 2016 in Russia.

The EPAS secretariat reiterated the close co-operation between the conventions sector and EPAS staff on a regular basis.

The delegate from Azerbaijan announced that with the help of the national parliament, a new article has been adopted on spectator violence for inclusion in the Sports law of Azerbaijan (which was previously only mentioned in its criminal law).

### **4.4 News from the Council of Europe**

#### Committee of Ministers

The secretariat gave an update of Committee of Ministers' news, including the recent handover of the Chairmanship to Bosnia and Herzegovina, and ongoing discussions on the Organisation's 2016-2017 budget which includes possible extra staffing for the new convention.

#### Parliamentary Assembly

After hearing a presentation by Mr Michael Connarty on the recent PACE Resolution 2053 (2015) on "the reform of football governance", the committees held an exchange of views on corruption in sport with Mr Connarty and in particular on how good governance should be applied universally, using existing tools and dialogue, while bearing in mind the notion of autonomy of the sports movement. The reputation of Switzerland towards FIFA's governance was raised, in reply to which the delegate from Switzerland confirmed that his authorities were fully conscious of their responsibilities in this regard.

The secretariat added that two further reports from PACE were in the pipeline: one on anti-doping and another on sport for all.

#### **4.5 Progress of current EPAS activities**

The Committees took note of the update given by the secretariat on the current status of activities in the 2015 programme. The secretariat added that it intended to organise, on behalf of EPAS, two side events – one at within the Play the Game conference in Aarhus from 26-28 October, and another within the UNESCO Conference of Parties in Paris, on 29 October.

### **5. Standard-setting and follow-up**

#### **5.1 Progress review on the status of signatures and ratifications to the Convention on the manipulation of sports competitions and further promotion activities**

##### **5.1.a Summary of Break-out groups from the International Conference on the Promotion and Implementation of the Convention, Oslo, 17-18 March 2015**

The committees took note of the summary report of this conference and the secretariat's outline of the main outcomes, in particular regarding the different national approaches to setting up the platforms.

The delegate from Norway thanked the EPAS secretariat for its fruitful co-operation during the organisation of the conference with the Norwegian Ministry. He also thanked the participants who made the conference a success. He felt it important that states were nevertheless continuing to put plans into place regarding national platforms, despite not having yet completed the ratification process. He looked forward to seeing the developments in place once the convention entered into force. He suggested the EPAS Governing Board could start to prepare and give input to the agenda of the first meeting of the follow up committee, as the latter may not be attended by many states.

The delegate from Latvia reminded the committees of the discussions held in the EU's recent Working Party on sport, of which Latvia has the chairmanship, and the legal issues raised therein.

##### **5.1.b Co-operation with third-party organisations**

The committees took note of the brief update presented by the secretariat on ongoing contacts with partner organisations to raise awareness of the convention within non-European countries, notably with the UNODC, the IOC, FIFA, the Organisation of American States, and European Lotteries.

##### **5.1.c Financial contributions by non-CoE member states to the cost of the convention in particular when combined with EPAS membership**

The committees took note of the update presented by the secretariat and the state of play regarding the discussion of this topic within the Ministers' Deputies. The secretariat would not put this back on the agenda of the GR-PBA without having the full backing of the EPAS states and the Permanent Representations. With this in mind, the Chair asked states having any comments or doubts on this document, to come forward and make them known to the Chair or the secretariat in the coming days, so that the process can continue.

##### **5.1.d Signing of the convention by non-European states**

The committees took note of the update presented by the Secretariat on the holding of a second signature event, with a possible occasion being during the UNESCO Conference of Parties in Paris on 29-30 October 2015. The best opportunity in 2016 could be during the Summer Olympic Games, where Ministers and Ambassadors will be present.

#### **5.2 Recommendation on Gender mainstreaming in Sport**

The participants discussed how to better promote and implement this recommendation within member states.

The delegate from Finland informed the committees that, following last year's International Working Group (IWG) conference on women and sport held in Helsinki, the national sports federation has already implemented some follow-up activities which go hand-in-hand with the recommendation, including sending the recommendation to sports organisations. She also added that it would be translated into Finnish and maybe Swedish to give better visibility. For EPAS activities, she suggested giving priority to sending out a questionnaire and collecting good practices as a starting point.

The ENGSO delegate reminded state representatives that their political support was crucial in changing gender equality in sport. She wondered if EPAS should sign the 2014 Brighton Plus Helsinki Declaration, given that many of the delegates within EPAS had changed recently. She also recommended co-operating further on this topic with the Consultative Committee member, EWS (European Women in Sport).

**Decision:** the Governing Board entrusted the secretariat with the task of launching a questionnaire on the measures mentioned in CM/Rec(2015)2, and to collect good practices and tools from the member states. The Governing Board asked its Bureau to follow up on this activity.

### **5.3 Recommendation on the protection of child and young athletes from dangers associated with migration**

The participants discussed how to better promote and implement this recommendation within member states.

The delegate from Finland recommended including UNICEF in the loop, if the decision to organise joint activities with the African Union, the sports movement (UEFA, CAF) and the International Organisation of Migrations was taken.

The delegate from France suggested approaching the Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sport of the Francophonie (CONFESJES) to see if they would be interested in this topic.

The delegate from Azerbaijan said that his country had taken some administrative measures with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to better protect young athletes by improving the processes of granting visas to young athletes.

Other suggested potential vectors of awareness raising were the Convention on the manipulation of sports competitions (especially the migration of young footballers for match-fixing purposes), the Foot Solidaire Association, and the "Children Win" campaign organised by Terre des Hommes.

**Decision:** the Governing Board entrusted the Bureau with the task of making a plan to set up co-operation opportunities.

### **5.4 Recommendation on the prohibition of free fighting contests, such as cage fighting**

The committees took note of the summary report of the Round Table held in Paris on 12 November 2014, and to discussed future actions regarding this recommendation.

The delegates from Iceland, Latvia and Montenegro considered more information was required on the recognition of combat sports, existing good practices and on the health aspects of MMA.

**Decision:** as a starting point, the Governing Board asked the secretariat to gather more information in order to supply governments with more tools to work correctly on this issue.

### **5.5 Compliance with commitments - Harmonisation of procedures**

The Governing Board took note of the presentation by the delegate of Finland on the current status of the project to revise the procedural guidelines for monitoring visits.

The next step is for EPAS to draft an Appendix which includes the specificities of visits organised on the European Sports Charter or the Code of Sports Ethics. The secretariat suggested including, for example, a reference to the type of persons likely to be visited. It would not be a checklist, but would act as a guideline to help the host country organise the agenda.

**Decision:** the Governing Board asked the secretariat to prepare a draft Appendix in time for discussion at the next Bureau meeting.

### **5.6 Consultative Visit – Georgia (13-15 October 2014)**

The secretariat apologised for the delay in delivering the draft report of the visit in time for the meeting. It has just been sent to the Georgian authorities for initial checking of facts, and to the members of the consultative team for their feedback.

The secretariat gave a brief summary of the draft recommendations within the report, highlighting the concerns regarding sports facilities management and the training of coaches.

The delegate from Georgia recognised the challenges as outlined in the report, and confirmed the strong political commitment from the Georgian government to align with European standards. He believed the consultative visits were of extreme added value for member states of EPAS, which allow the real sharing of experiences from proficient experts on sports policy development at national level.

With reference to past consultative visits, in particular to Albania, the delegate of Slovenia asked if EPAS could offer more help to such countries which still need assistance in the transformation process, for example by offering them our experience on redrafting laws on sport.

The delegate from ENGSO confirmed its full support for EPAS on any assistance given to Albania, as did the delegate from Montenegro.

The secretariat mentioned the national action plans currently being developed within the Council of Europe which are frameworks for co-operation activities. A proposal for Albania was submitted by the EPAS secretariat and it was awaiting feedback from ODG Prog which coordinates such plans. It intends to do the same for national action plans for other states which have recently hosted compliance with commitments visits.

## **6. Information on accession of new members to EPAS**

### **6.1 Governing Board:** new member states and observer states

The committees took note of the oral presentation by the secretariat regarding the state of play with Turkey, Italy and Belgium.

## 6.2 Consultative Committee: renewals of membership

**Decision:** the Governing Board approved the renewals of 8 organisations whose memberships will expire in 2015 (ENGSO, UEFA, TAFISA Europe, EGLSF, Peace and Sport, European Rugby Association, European Athlete Student Network, and the International University Sports Federation).

One other organisation whose membership is expiring (European Judo Union), did not request a renewal of its membership prior to this 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, and therefore it was not considered for renewal by the Governing Board.

The Chair asked the Consultative Committee to bear in mind the element of active contribution when discussing the revision of its Terms of Reference.

## 7. Overview of current issues in international co-operation on sport

**Presentations by Mr Kevin Carpenter, Consultant, LawInSport:**

**7.1 from the governmental side**

**7.2 from the non-governmental side**

The committees welcomed and took note of the presentation by Mr Kevin Carpenter on the situation of international co-operation on sports policies, both from the perspective of the governments and from the perspective of the sports movement in 2014, and a look forward to trends in 2015. The documents have been made available in the “Studies and Reports” section of the EPAS website.

## 8. Priorities of the 2016 programme of activities

The committees took note of the presentation by the secretariat and discussed the priorities for the EPAS programme of activities in 2016. It was suggested by several delegations to emphasise stronger focus on core activities such as good governance and human rights (follow up to Macolin resolutions) or on properly following up existing recommendations, rather than opening up and adding new ideas. In the light of the earlier discussions on consultative visits, possible activities in those countries concerned could be added to the list.

In light of the agreed priorities and initial comments, the Chair asked the Secretariat to update the draft list of activities for approval during the next day of the meeting.

## Thursday 21 May: Governing Board and Consultative Committee

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### 9. Ministerial meetings

**9.1 Follow-up to the 13th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (MSL13)**

The committees took note of the progress made so far in following up the resolutions from the Conference.

**9.2 14<sup>th</sup> Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (MSL14) - 2016**

The committees took note of the statements made by the delegates from the candidate countries, Georgia and Hungary.

The Governing Board proceeded to vote for the host country of the next Ministerial Conference by secret ballot. With an overall majority, Hungary gained the most votes and will therefore host the next MSL in 2016.

The committees discussed the different potential themes for the conference, including good governance, sustainability of major sports events, and combat sports. There seemed to be a majority of states favouring good governance, but if this broad subject was chosen a new angle on which to focus would need to be found.

**Decision:** the Governing Board asked the secretariat to prepare a proposal in time for the next Bureau meeting on the theme of the next Ministerial Conference.

### **9.3 Informal Ministerial Networking Event – Baku, 13 June 2015**

The committees took note of the information provided by the delegate from Azerbaijan and, based on the background document “Social sustainability of major sports events”, held a discussion on how EPAS could possibly follow up on this subject. The secretariat suggested creating an interface between the Global Reporting Initiative and actions which states could undertake to strengthen social sustainability of major events and which cover the core values of the Council of Europe.

**Decision:** the Governing Board entrusted its Bureau with the follow up to this subject.

## **10. EPAS activities on promoting diversity and combating discrimination in and through sport**

### Conference on Sport and Prisons (Paris, 16-17 June 2014)

The committees took note of the report and outcomes from the 2014 political conference. They also noted the update by the secretariat on the follow-up to this conference which is an EPAS publication currently underway, based on the analysis of the questionnaire sent to prison administrations across Europe regarding the use of sport in such establishments.

### Conference on Tolerance and Diversity through physical education teaching (Autumn 2015)

The secretariat confirmed that the annual political conference this year would take place in Slovenia, with possible dates in November currently being discussed. The conference will combine the results of the ongoing Pestalozzi Project training modules and using the power of sport to prevent peer bullying and violence in schools.

**Decision:** the Governing Board asked the secretariat, in co-operation with the Slovenian delegation, to further elaborate the factsheet for this event and to distribute it to the Governing Board and Consultative Committee members, along with the confirmed dates, as soon as possible.

### Discussion on 2016 activities on “Involving newly-arrived migrants in sport”

Following a presentation by the secretariat on this theme, the delegations discussed the need to define the term “migrants” in this sense, as it could have several meanings. One delegate suggested addressing, as a separate sub-topic, the challenges facing European cities with regard to refugees.

**Decision:** the Governing Board asked the secretariat to elaborate the factsheet on this topic for further discussion at the next Bureau meeting.

#### Decision on specific target groups/themes for 2017

The committees took note of the information provided by the secretariat on the three suggestions it made for a diversity theme for 2017. The secretariat also welcomed other suggestions from the delegations, should they have any ideas.

The delegations favoured the third suggestion of “Working together to build and consolidate democracy, tolerance and inclusion” which would be a way of highlighting the themes dealt with so far and reflecting the achievements of EPAS in what will be its 10<sup>th</sup> year of existence.

**Decision:** the Governing Board decided that the diversity theme for 2017 would be “Working together to build and consolidate democracy, tolerance and inclusion”.

## **11. Sport projects using extra-budgetary funding**

### **11.1 Introduction by the Secretariat**

The committees took note of the presentation given by the secretariat on the logframes, funding processes within the Council of Europe and on the use of Voluntary Contributions. The secretariat highlighted the ongoing discussions with the EU on the possibility of setting up a direct grant agreement in 2016 for projects on topics unique to the Council of Europe, such as gender mainstreaming, spectator violence or match-fixing.

### **11.2 Joint projects with the European Union**

#### **a) Pro Safe Sport for young athletes (PSS)**

The committees took note of the information provided by the Project Partner representatives regarding the background on the project (objectives, normative framework, partners, etc.) and the presentation of the final toolkit.

The Chair encouraged the Governing Board and the Consultative Committee members to consider suggestions to follow up this important project and to promote the PSS toolkit within their own activities.

#### **b) Possible future joint projects in 2016**

##### **i) “Keep Crime out of Sport”**

The committees noted the state of play regarding the Council of Europe’s submission for funding to the EU (DG Home) to co-finance a project which would bring together the most important, international stakeholders in the fight against match-fixing. The secretariat explained the types of activities and the budget foreseen for the project, with the hope of using the Council’s reserve fund to finance its part of the budget.

##### **ii) Co-operation on Erasmus+**

The secretariat referred to the decision taken during the previous day’s discussions that the Governing Board wished to launch a questionnaire on the measures mentioned in CM/Rec(2015)2, and to collect good practices and tools from the member states. It suggested inviting the EU to co-operate with EPAS

on this activity. The Governing Board encouraged the secretariat to continue its efforts in co-ordinating with the EU.

### **11.3 Possible future projects with Voluntary Contributions**

#### **a) Good Governance**

The committees took note of the presentation by Mr Michaël Mrkonjic, Scientific Collaborator, and the possible lines of approach he suggested for developing research into the effects of good governance and the relation between the difference dimensions of autonomy (political, economic, etc.).

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## **Second part of the meeting (*in camera*)**

## **12. EPAS statute and regulations**

### **12.1 Statutory and political issues concerning the EPAS**

The Governing Board took note of the information presented by the Secretariat regarding the decision adopted by the Ministers' Deputies to update the EPAS statute.

The Governing Board discussed the ongoing project to update the Terms of Reference of the Consultative Committee and understood that the Consultative Committee had wished to make proposals for some time. However, given that the proposals had not yet been agreed by consensus within the Consultative Committee, the Governing Board decided to renew the Terms of Reference as they currently stand, for one year only. The Governing Board expects the Consultative Committee to provide some modification proposals in time for the 10<sup>th</sup> joint meeting next year.

**Decision:** the Governing Board decided to renew the Terms of Reference of the Consultative Committee for a period of one year, until 31 August 2016.

## **13. Elections**

The Governing Board proceeded with the following elections by acclamation:

#### Chair and Vice-Chair:

- Wendela Kuper (Netherlands) was re-elected as Chair for 2 years;
- Alexandre Marguerite (France) was elected as Vice-Chair for 2 years.

#### Bureau of the Governing Board:

- Alexey Morozov (Russian Federation) was elected as Bureau member for 2 years;
- Óskar Þór Ármannsson (Iceland) was elected as Bureau member for 2 years;
- Zoran Verovnik (Slovenia) was re-elected as Bureau member for 2 years;
- Marko Begović (Montenegro) was re-elected as Bureau member for 2 years;
- Samira Hemama (Morocco) was elected as Bureau member for 2 years;
- Krisztina Göntér (Hungary) was elected as Bureau member for 2 years (as host country of the next Conference of Ministers).

Gender Equality Rapporteur:

- Marko Begović (Montenegro) was re-elected as Gender Equality Rapporteur for 2 years.

**14. Finalisation of the 2016 programme of activities**

The Governing Board took note of the draft list of activities which had been updated by the secretariat in line with the previous day's proposals.

In reply to a question from the delegate from Finland regarding the expected result n° 2 (Research on new theme to be defined), the secretariat said that the procedure to select a researcher was not yet defined. Once a definite terms of reference was established, the secretariat could make a competitive call for offers. This should be further discussed in the Bureau.

The delegate from France suggested leaving in the reference to granting visas, as it will clearly be a subject linked to the activities on the diversity topic of 2016 on migrants in sport.

The Board agreed to re-appropriate 10,000 euros to activity n° 2 under Co-operation with other organisations, rather than leave it *pro memoria*.

**Decision:** the Governing Board adopted the priorities, the list of activities and the draft 2016 budget with the amendments noted above. It also delegated responsibility of following up their implementation and update to the Bureau.

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**Third part of the meeting (with the Consultative Committee)****15. Visibility**

The committees took note of the update by the secretariat concerning the new publication projects currently under way, as well as the status regarding the creation of the new Sport website. The Governing Board delegated responsibility for the follow-up and update of the publications list to its Bureau.

**16. Any other business**

The secretariat thanked the delegations for their participation at this meeting, which meant that the quorum had been reached, thus enabling smooth voting procedures to have taken place. He nevertheless invited states to suggest to the secretariat any ways in which the running of the meetings could be improved.

The Chair thanked the outgoing members of the Governing Board Bureau (Satu Heikkinen and Pascal Chatelain) for their active contribution.

The delegate from Play the Game expressed his gratitude to EPAS for being willing to co-operate in an event during the PTG conference in October. He invited EPAS states to contact him if they wished to propose panelists or speakers or to play an active role elsewhere in the conference.

**17. Date and place of the next meetings**

The 10th joint meeting of the Governing Board and the Consultative Committee will be held on 17-18 May 2016 (to be confirmed, according to room availability and non-conflict with parliamentary sessions in Strasbourg).

## Appendix I

### Annotated Agenda

#### Wednesday 20 May: First part of the meeting (with the Consultative Committee)

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#### 1. Opening of the meeting

##### Addresses by:

- Ms Wendela Kuper, Chair of the Governing Board
- Ms Sarah Lacarrière, Chair of the Consultative Committee

#### 2. Adoption of the agenda

*The Committees are invited to adopt the agenda and its possible amendments.*

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#### 3. Discussion and debate with Guest speaker

##### **3.1 The role of the CEB and funding opportunities related to sports facilities and infrastructure**

Presentation by Ms Giusi Pajardi, Head of Secretariat, Partial Agreement of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB)

#### 4. Reports and Activities

##### **4.1 Lists of decisions from the following meetings:**

- Joint plenary meeting of the EPAS Governing Board and Consultative Committee, 21-22 May 2014
- EPAS Governing Board Bureau, 13 November 2014
- EPAS Governing Board Bureau, 16 March 2015

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*The Committees are invited to take note of the reports.*

##### **4.2 Network of national regulators of the sports betting market**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the network, the Hague, 11 December 2014
- 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the network, Oslo, 18 March 2015

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*The Committees are invited to take note of the network's meeting reports.*

##### **4.3 Activities of the Conventional Committees**

- Mr Sergey Khrychikov – Head of the Sports Conventions

*The Committees are invited to take note of the oral report on the latest developments in the Conventions sector.*

#### 4.4 News from the Council of Europe

- Committee of Ministers
- Parliamentary Assembly:
  - Exchange of views with Mr Michael Connarty on PACE Resolution 2053 (2015): “the reform of football governance”. Resolution 2053

#### 4.5 Progress of current EPAS activities

- On-going 2015 Programme and Budget of EPAS: EPAS (2015) 7rev  
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- Updated programme of 2015 activities and budget
  - 2015 Calendar of activities

*The Committees are invited to take note of the status of the 2015 programme of activities as implemented under the supervision of the Governing Board Bureau. The Governing Board is invited to decide upon modifications where necessary.*

## 5. Standard-setting and follow-up

### 5.1 Progress review on the status of signatures and ratifications to the Convention on the manipulation of sports competitions and further promotion activities

- 5.1.a Summary of Break-out groups from the International Conference on the Promotion and Implementation of the Convention, Oslo, 17-18 March 2015 EPAS (2015) 28
- The Committees are invited to take note of the summary.*

- 5.1.b Co-operation with third-party organisations
- The Committees are invited to take note of the update presented by the Secretariat.*

- 5.1.c Financial contributions by non-CoE member states to the cost of the convention in particular when combined with EPAS membership EPAS (2015) 17rev
- The Committees are invited to take note of the update presented by the Secretariat and discuss further action.*

- 5.1.d Signing of the convention by non-European states
- The Committees are invited to take note of the update presented by the Secretariat on the holding of a second signature event.*

### 5.2 Recommendation on Gender mainstreaming in Sport

#### Discussion points:

- What have states done? Which steps have you taken to implement Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)2?
- What do you need in order to better promote and implement this recommendation?
- What do you expect from EPAS? What could EPAS do to help?

#### Possible ideas:

- Develop a toolkit (similar to PSS) to implement the recommendation at national level
- Prepare communication tools to present the recommendation, e.g.

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PowerPoint presentation, video, translations into other languages of the recommendation and report.

- More simple proposal for a national workshop on Gender Mainstreaming + supporting offer (international speakers, expert that could be proposed with the support of EPAS)
- Set up a network of experts involved in the implementation of gender mainstreaming in sport at national level (both in ministry and in national umbrella sport organisations) and organise an international meeting or a workshop for these experts.
- Elaborate a set of gender equality indicators together with other concerned organisations and networks, to avoid the duplication of questionnaires and indicators.
- Elaborate a follow-up questionnaire on the measures mentioned in CM/Rec(2015)2, to get a picture of the situation at year Y and compare the implementation in the future at year Y+2 or Y+5
- Collect good practices and tools and share them online.

*The Committees are invited to take note of the adopted recommendation and its explanatory memorandum, and to discuss possible activities related to its implementation by member states.*

### **5.3 Recommendation on the protection of child and young athletes from dangers associated with migration**

#### Discussion points:

- Since the adoption of Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)10, did you take any steps to disseminate it or consider its implementation with other ministries or with sports organisations?
- What should be done to refresh memories on the proposed measures?
- Are there any expectations you have from EPAS?

#### Possible ideas:

- Joint Conference with the African Union, with the Sports Movement (UEFA, CAF) and with the International Organisation of Migrations, to take stock of the measures.
- Gather good practices from countries which decided to address the issue (if any) and publish these good practices.
- Order a consultant's report on the development of the situation.
- Update the bibliography and gather updated data.

*The Committees are invited to discuss how the implementation of this Recommendation in member states could be followed up (consultative visits, questionnaires, etc.).*

### **5.4 Recommendation on the prohibition of free fighting contests, such as cage fighting**

#### Discussion points:

- Should governments consider more elaborate measures to encourage a better framework and mitigate the risks (including how authorisation for public events is handled) rather than recommending a straight prohibition which is not respected? If so, how?
- Given the autonomy of the sports movement, should there be consultations or a co-ordinated approach between governments and the sports movement on the recognition of free fighting sports?
- Safety and health of practitioners are important – how can EPAS

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involve other relevant stakeholders on this subject?

- Is there a need for EPAS to collect information on relevant areas of combat sports from more member states? If so, how?

Possible ideas:

- Revise Recommendation (99) 11 or launch work on a new recommendation on combat sports?
- Open this topic to a more public debate and gather specialists, scientists and interested organisations to discuss the issue in more depth.

*The Committees are invited to take note of the summary report of the Round Table held in Paris on 12 November 2014, and to discuss future actions regarding this recommendation.*

### **5.5 Compliance with commitments - Harmonisation of procedures**

*The Governing Board is invited to take note of the presentation on the document outlining guideline procedures for monitoring visits, and to discuss the principles of visits organised by EPAS to be included in the Appendix.*

Sport (2015) 3rev1

### **5.6 Consultative Visit – Georgia (13-15 October 2014)**

*The Governing Board is invited to take note of the report.*

EPAS (2015) 30

## **6. Information on accession of new members to EPAS**

### **6.1 Governing Board:** new member states and observer states

*The Committees are invited to take note of the oral presentation by the secretariat.*

### **6.2 Consultative Committee:** renewals of membership

*The Governing Board is invited to approve renewals of 9 organisations whose memberships will expire in 2015 (ENGSO, UEFA, TAFISA Europe, EGLSF, Peace and Sport, European Judo Union, European Rugby Association, European Athlete Student Network, International University Sports Federation).*

EPAS (2015) 6  
EPAS (2015) INF09

## **7. Overview of current issues in international co-operation on sport**

**Presentations by Mr Kevin Carpenter, Consultant, LawInSport:**

### **7.1 from the governmental side**

### **7.2 from the non-governmental side**

*The two presentations will provide general background information on the situation of international co-operation on sports policies, both from the perspective of the governments and from the perspective of the sports movement. The presentations are based on information collected by Mr Carpenter and provided by respective organisations. No document will be distributed as a meeting document; documents will be made available in the “Studies and Reports” section of the EPAS website. The Committees are invited to react to the presentations and to take note of them.*

## 8. Priorities of the 2016 programme of activities

- 2016 activities
- Discussion regarding transfer of funds to the Special Account

EPAS (2015) 33

*The Committees are invited to discuss the priorities for the EPAS programme of activities in 2016 and to validate and establish the list of activities. In light of the agreed priorities and initial comments, the draft list of activities will be updated for approval during the next day of the meeting.*

*The Governing Board is invited to decide upon the issue of transferring funds directly to the Special Account, should projects with the EU in 2016 be successful.*

*(end of the day)*

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### **9. Ministerial meetings**

#### **9.1 Follow-up to the 13th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (MSL13)**

MSL13 (2014) 66rev1

*The Committees are invited to take note of the progress of the follow-up, and, if need be, to make comments.*

#### **9.2 14<sup>th</sup> Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (MSL14) - 2016**

EPAS (2014) INF 12

- Update by the Secretariat
- Decision on host country
- Discussion on possible themes

*The Committees are invited to take note of the information provided. The Governing Board is invited to take a decision regarding the host country of the next Ministerial Conference and to reflect upon possible themes for this conference.*

#### **9.3 Informal Ministerial Networking Event – Baku, 13 June 2015**

- Presentation by the Secretariat

EPAS (2015) 16rev1

EPAS (2015) 27rev

*The Committees are invited to take note of the information provided and, based on the background document “Social sustainability of major sports events”, hold a discussion on possible follow-up on this subject.*

### **10. EPAS activities on promoting diversity and combating discrimination in and through sport**

- Conference on Sport and Prisons (Paris, 16-17 June 2014)
- Conference on Tolerance and Diversity through physical education teaching (Autumn 2015)
- Discussion on 2016 activities on “Involving newly-arrived migrants in sport”
- Decision on specific target groups/themes for 2017

EPAS (2014) 51

EPAS (2015) 15

EPAS (2015) 31

*The Committees are invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat and to express their views on the EPAS activities related to diversity.*

*The Governing Board is invited to take a decision on the continuing work by EPAS concerning the promotion of diversity and the fight against discrimination, to prepare the 2016 theme of “involving newly arrived migrants in sport” and to decide upon a theme for 2017.*

## 11. Sport projects using extra-budgetary funding

### 11.1 Introduction by the Secretariat

*The Committees are invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat*

### 11.2 Joint projects with the European Union

#### a) Pro Safe Sport for young athletes (PSS)

- Mid-term evaluation report
- Presentation of the Toolkit
- Follow-up to the project

EPAS (2015) 13

*The Committees are invited to take note of the information provided by the Project Partner representatives.*

#### b) Possible future joint projects in 2016

##### i) “Keep Crime out of Sport”

##### ii) Co-operation on Erasmus+

*The Committees are invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat and to discuss the continued inter-institutional co-operation between the EPAS, the Council of Europe and the European Union.*

### 11.3 Possible future projects with Voluntary Contributions

#### a) Match-fixing

#### b) Good Governance

- Presentation by Mr Michaël Mrkonjic, Scientific Collaborator

#### c) Presentation by the Secretariat on logframes

EPAS (2015) INF07

*The Committees are invited to take note of the information provided and to approve the logframes as presented. The Governing Board is invited to delegate the responsibility of updating these logframes to the Bureau.*

## Second part of the meeting (*in camera*)

## 12. EPAS statute and regulations

### 12.1 Statutory and political issues concerning the EPAS

- Presentation (by the Secretariat) on the update of amendments to the EPAS statute

CM/Res(2015)4  
EPAS (2015) 36

- Renewal of the Consultative Committee’s Terms of Reference

EPAS (2015) 25rev

*The Governing Board is invited to take note of the information presented by the Secretariat.*

*The Governing Board is invited to renew the Terms of Reference of the Consultative Committee for a period of one year.*

## 13. Elections

- Chair and Vice-Chair

EPAS (2012) 31rev

- Bureau of the Governing Board
  - Gender Equality Rapporteur
- The Governing Board is invited to proceed with the elections.*

**14. Finalisation of the 2016 programme of activities**

- List of 2016 activities
- The Governing Board is invited to discuss the updated draft list of activities, to adopt the priorities, the list of activities and the draft 2016 budget and to delegate the responsibility of following up its implementation and update to the Bureau.*

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**Third part of the meeting (with the Consultative Committee)**

**15. Visibility**

**List of publications and publication projects**

- Presentation (by the Secretariat)
- New website

*The Committees are invited to take note of the information presented by the Secretariat and to discuss and decide on possible new publications. The Governing Board is invited to delegate responsibility for the follow-up and update of the publications list to the Bureau.*

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**16. Any other business**

**17. Date and place of the next meetings**

- 10th Joint meeting of the Governing Board and the Consultative Committee (May 2016, date to be confirmed)

## Appendix II

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