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**Seminar on EU Sport Diplomacy:
Perspectives of Cooperation with International Organisations**

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European Youth Centre, Strasbourg

Room 0.1

Conclusions by Stanislas Frossard,
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The actions that could be taken by EPAS and proposed to the EPAS Governing Board

Many speakers advocated using sport diplomacy to promote grassroots activities, and projects with good practices that serve public health, social inclusion, education and peace. It is clear that public authorities from all over the world are interested in such good practices and in the expertise coming from the European continent. To take up this challenge, we should break away from the mould of sport ministries and sport organisations and be able to address the ministries in charge of health, education, and social inclusion. Considering the potential that sport has in these areas, EPAS should address the relevant authorities, as well as Ministries of Foreign Affairs and share European countries' know-how in order to allow people to gain these benefits through sport. EPAS should be more present in the representations of Ministries of Foreign Affairs of all member states in the frame of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe in order to advocate the benefits of sport which will in turn help to promote sport diplomacy.

Promotion of the Council of Europe standards

The Council of Europe has the capacity to develop standards on sport which have an impact on sport beyond the European continent. This includes standards on integrity, anti-doping, spectator violence, match-fixing and recently adopted standards on good governance and gender mainstreaming in sport. The Council of Europe could do more to promote these standards to non-European countries and to seek opportunities to involve such countries in projects launched by the European Union, if these projects are open to the participation of non-European states.

I am hopeful that, in the future, there will be more opportunities for non-European countries to take advantage of EU projects. The Council of Europe, which is committed to involving non-European countries as state parties, signatories to its conventions and agreements, could channel them towards co-operation activities supported by the EU. And the EU projects could refer to the European standards of the Council of Europe. While doing so, one should keep in mind that the European standards do not always fit the agenda of every country. The relevance of European standards should be advocated but taking into account the specific situation of the partners. If one could, for instance, explain how the standards contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations, then we refer to something that people have ownership over, and they recognise it. This is what EPAS is doing within the Working Group on Action 3 of the Kazan Action Plan: developing guidelines on sport integrity, which are not a "copy-paste" of our conventions, but which are meant to fit every country around the world, even those which are less advanced in sport policies.



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Steps that the Council of Europe and the European Union could take together

It is important to continue implementing joint projects between the EU and the Council of Europe in other topics, in particular on human rights. The projects implemented by the Council of Europe and the EU are always open to the Council of Europe member states. The Council of Europe seeks to make its initiatives inclusive and open to non-EU member states by increasing its financial contributions in the projects.

Regarding to the promotion of gender equality, we could disseminate Europe's expertise through the results of the recently finished "All In" project. The project's methodology, indicators and tools could also be promoted through the Global Observatory on Women and Sport conducted by UNESCO. It would be an asset for both organisations, since EPAS could commit to continuing its data collection on gender equality from European countries as well as disseminating and promoting European know-how and expertise on the topic. I invite the European Commission to keep working with us on these issues.



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Appendix I

Programme

13:00 – 14:00	Registration
14:00 – 14:30	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Welcome on behalf of the Council of Europe by Marija Crnković, Member of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau</p> <p>Welcome on behalf of the EUSD Project by Albrecht Sonntag, Professor, ESSCA School of Management</p> <p>Introductory exposé “Sport Diplomacy on the European Agenda” by Laurent Thieule, President, Sport and Citizenship Think-Tank</p>
14:30 – 15:45	<p>Round table 1: How are European institutions perceived by other actors of sport diplomacy?</p> <p>Oriol Freixa Matalonga, Policy Officer, UNESCO</p> <p>Pere Miro, Deputy Director General, International Olympic Committee (IOC)</p> <p>Laurence Fischer, Sport Ambassador, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, France</p> <p>Zeina Mina, Director, International Francophone Games Committee (CIJF)</p> <p>Moderator: Carole Gomez, Researcher, French Institute for International and Strategic Relations (IRIS)</p> <p>Discussion</p>
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee and networking break
16:15 – 17:30	<p>Round table 2: Perspective for enhanced synergies between the European Union and the Council of Europe in sport diplomacy</p> <p>Snežana Samardžić-Markovic, Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe</p> <p>Albrecht Sonntag, Professor, ESSCA School of Management</p> <p>Agata Dziarnowska, Policy Officer, Sport Unit, European Commission</p> <p>Moderator: Satu Heikkinen, Senior Ministerial Adviser, Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture</p> <p>Discussion</p>
17:30 – 18:15	<p>Conclusion</p> <p>Wrap-up of the round tables by William Gasparini, Professor, University of Strasbourg</p> <p>Conclusion and outlook by Stanislas Frossard, Executive Secretary, Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), Council of Europe</p>



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Appendix II

Seminar on EU Sport Diplomacy: Perspectives of Cooperation with International Organisations

26 November 2019, Strasbourg

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