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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

Mandate

of the Pool of International Experts on Safe Sport

Membership of the Pool of International Experts on Safe Sport

Membership of the Pool of International Experts on Safe Sport (the Pool) is voluntary. Members are free to relinquish their membership at any point in time. The Pool shall be composed of up to forty members. The Pool will be updated every three years, with the first update taking place start 2026. Those members who wish to continue to take part in the Pool must apply for membership and submit their latest information.

Experts are nominated in their personal capacity and cannot be replaced in the meetings and during other Pool activities.

In case of vacancies, the EPAS Secretariat will screen the applications and nominate members by decision of the Secretariat upon consultation with the Pool. The EPAS Secretariat shall try to ensure gender balance among members of the Pool and will prioritise candidates from under-represented categories.

Members will be asked to provide a short annual summary (max. 1 page) on their activities in relation to safe sport and, in particular, the themes covered by the Pool of experts, as a way of expressing their commitment to the Pool and their interest in membership. These reports will also provide an insight into the activities being carried out in different countries and organisations, as well as priorities, trends and concerns in this field.

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Members of the Pool of International Experts on Safe Sport are invited to contribute to the work of the Council of Europe in the field of safe sport and to:

- participate as speakers in relevant events, conferences, seminars etc. to share knowledge and experience on safe sport;
- take part in the meetings of the Pool of experts and actively contribute to the development of topical issues and outputs;
- provide advice and support to the EPAS Secretariat, member states and partner organisations when developing their strategies, projects or activities on safe sport;
- disseminate information and expertise on safe sport.

The Council of Europe allows members to:

- take part in the annual meeting, network, share their experiences and learn from their peers;

- increase the visibility of their profiles and promote their work at European and international level;

- participate in and be informed about the work of relevant departments of the Council of Europe and of its partner organisations;

- be invited to take part in restricted calls for tenders.

Activities of the Pool of International Experts on Safe Sport

- An annual meeting to set out a working programme. Additional ad hoc meetings (online or physical) may be organised throughout the year to follow up on the decisions taken during the annual meeting.

- Use of an online collaborative platform to share resources with the group.

- Ongoing communication between members of the Pool showcasing their activities, as well as relevant Council of Europe activities that could be of interest to them. Some external communication to draw attention to the work of the Pool: e.g. news pieces on the EPAS website, tweets, etc.