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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

Forum on Sport and Human Rights

Tuesday, 1 June 2021
9:00 – 12:30 (CEST)

Video-conference (by invitation)

KUDO technology

Simultaneous interpretation in English and French

Factsheet

As in society in general, all rights enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights may, in one way or another, be at stake in the context of sport. The examples of human rights issues in sport are numerous, whether related to doping and manipulation of sports competitions, to the training and working conditions of athletes, to interference with people's private life as well as violations linked to inter-personal violence, or to discrimination and abuse within the practice of sport.

The question of sport and human rights is at its peak on the international sports policy agenda, including that of the sports movement. This increased interest reflects the universal nature of human rights, and the major role that sport plays in the lives of a large part of the world's population.

Since sport is mostly organised in an autonomous way by private organisations enjoying the freedom of association, national and international jurisdictions rarely intervene in sport cases. This does not mean, however, that there are not questions to be asked, particularly when it comes to human rights issues in sport, from racism and discrimination, to economic and social rights, to the right to fair trial, among many others.

These rights are enacted in international standards and their protection is, in most cases, ensured by Council of Europe monitoring mechanisms. However, the specific situation of sport is often overlooked by these monitoring systems or seems to be "off the radar".

The topic of human rights in sport has been at the centre of the last two Council of Europe Conferences of Ministers responsible for Sport, organised by the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) in 2018 and 2020-21, respectively.

Particularly, in 2021, the 16th Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport adopted a [Resolution](#) on human rights in sport, inviting EPAS to:

- make the protection of human rights a priority, stimulate and regularly review and report progress in this field;
- hold regular exchanges with relevant Council of Europe intergovernmental and monitoring bodies to share information on human rights in sport.

The Conference of Ministers identified twelve topical human rights issues to be considered by EPAS in its work, several of which will be covered by this seminar. Among those which were set aside, the rights of transgender and intersex people in sports competitions and the protection of children against abuse will be extensively covered by other events organised by EPAS in the course of 2021.

Objectives

This forum aims to create an exchange between human rights monitoring bodies and the sport world. By presenting sport-related issues to the human rights monitoring bodies, and introducing the existing monitoring mechanisms and remedies to the world of sport, a stronger cooperation could be established to further promote the integration of human rights in sport issues into the existing human rights monitoring mechanisms.

Methodology

The forum will be structured around two roundtable discussions, each covering a specific focus, as indicated in the programme. Invited representatives from the Council of Europe's monitoring bodies will be asked to present the actions and systems in place in their respective areas of competence, as well as discuss the specific issues in sport, also providing examples of best practices, cases or reports.

To enhance two-way communication between all participants in the forum, active participation and interaction will be encouraged. Participants will be asked to propose questions, offer solutions and interact through question & answer sessions.

Target groups

EPAS Governing Board members

EPAS Consultative Committee members

Bureaus of T-DO, T-RV, T-S4

State parties to the Macolin Convention

Representatives of the Council of Europe's human rights monitoring bodies

Other organisations: FIFA, Centre for Sport and Human Rights, News Media Coalition

Registration

Participants are invited to fill in the registration form by clicking the link below, **by Monday 31st May at 12:00 noon** at the latest:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/sport/forum-on-sport-and-human-rights>

Participation is by invitation only.

Documents

Documents for the workshop will be available here:

<https://mycloud.coe.int/s/qgQHStZXRbbwWza>

Technical set-up

The Forum will be streamed via the Kudo platform (link will be sent to registered participants only).

Please find [here](#) the list of training sessions for the use of the Kudo platform organised by the Council of Europe Multimedia department. Please connect to one of the proposed training sessions for "**Participants**" and test your connection before the forum starts.

These trainings are very important as they not only clarify how the Kudo platform works, but also ensure that the participants are seen and heard properly during the meeting as they can test their audio and video equipment, record a test video and test the internet connections. This is essential to ensure a continuous interpreting session.

Kudo user guides in several languages (EN, FR, DE, IT, TK, RU) are available on the [page](#) dedicated to the Forum on the EPAS website.

Instructions regarding Remote Simultaneous Interpretation (RSI)

During meetings, the Multimedia technicians and the interpreters of the Council of Europe do their utmost to ensure that the statements made by the participants are perfectly audible and interpreted with the utmost accuracy. However, remote interpreting depends on a number of specific technical prerequisites.

Technical requirements for all participants

- **A recent computer with a built-in camera**
 - ⇒ Use a USB webcam if your device does not have a built-in camera
 - ⇒ If you use a laptop, use make sure it is connected to power mains.

- **The latest version of the most commonly used browsers** (Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Edge, Safari, etc...)
 - ⇒ Use **Chrome** preferably

- **A wired headset with a built-in microphone**
 - ⇒ Do **not** use Bluetooth earphones or earbuds as they may cause interference with the remote system.
 - ⇒ Make sure your headset (both earphones AND microphone) is recognised by your computer before using it with an interpretation system

- **A good internet connection**
 - ⇒ A **wired connection** (ethernet cable between your computer and your internet box) is the preferred option.
 - ⇒ If you have to use a wireless connection, keep as close as possible to your internet box.
 - ⇒ During the meeting, **do not** connect more than one device to your internet box. Please ensure that no-one is using your network for gaming or streaming during the meeting;
 - ⇒ Please switch off any other applications, Outlook, notifications etc.

- **Good acoustic conditions**
 - ⇒ Join the remote meeting from a quiet, echo-free room. Close all doors and windows. Turn off the ventilation/air conditioning.
 - ⇒ Beware of apparently insignificant noise next to your microphone. Any kind of noise pollution may make your message impossible to understand for your listeners and the interpreters.

- ⇒ Disable all sound notifications ('pings') as they can be highly disruptive for listeners.
- ⇒ Put your telephone on silent mode.

When connecting to KUDO, please complete the field "Display Name" as follows:

- **Your country** or **your Organisation**, followed by **your first name** and **surname**.

If the screen freezes during the session, press F5 to refresh the page or leave the session and return again.

Your microphone and camera can only be activated when your request to speak is accepted by the moderator. First you have to send a request by clicking on the button "Request to speak". When your request is accepted you can activate your microphone and your camera, but not before.