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First meeting of the EPAS Consultative Committee Baku, 25 May 2009

List of conclusions

The first meeting of the EPAS Consultative Committee took place in Baku on 25 May 2009. Having deliberated, the Consultative Committee:

1. welcomed the participants and invited each of the members of the Consultative Committee in turn to present their organisation and their activities ;
2. adopted the agenda (EPAS(2009)21) after adding a communication from ENGSO, concerning its last general assembly and co-operation between the EPAS and the European Union, to item 5;
3. took note of the current activities of EPAS :
 - 3.1 exchanged information concerning the follow-up to the Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (Athens, 2008), in particular the implementation of the Resolutions on ethics in sport, autonomy in sport and current political issues concerning pan-European co-operation in sport;
 - 3.2 discussed their points of view on activities in progress and clarified their degree of priority (need to continue taking action against racism and discrimination in sport, the Belgrade Conference, establishment of the Consultative Committee, new members, etc) ;
 - 3.3.drew attention to the need to limit the duration of the status of Observer to 1 or 2 years;
4. took note of the joint meetings with the EPAS Governing Board;
 - 4.1.- appreciated the initiative taken by ENGSO to gather the required supplementary information from NGOs to complete the current surveys on autonomy in sport;
- encouraged the members of the Consultative Committee to identify the expectations of those taking part in the survey with a view to strengthening its impact;
 - 4.2.- took note of the targeted support which EPAS could give to the EURO 2012 project (EPAS(2009)12), given its expertise (spectator violence) and its ability to mobilise networks of experts;

- took note of the Euroschoools 2012 project (APES(2009)13, presented by the the Secretariat, which used football to promote fair-play in connection with sports ethics and thought this would be an opportunity to set up a pan-European programme;
 - welcomed ENGSO's offer to share its expertise and its pedagogical methods in the context of this project ;
 - underlined the importance of introducing and conducting a comparative study on indicators of good governance in sport with a view to improving European co-operation;
- 4.3- thanked the Spanish authorities for facilitating the setting up of the Consultative Committee by holding an informal meeting of the candidate organisations in Barcelona in February 2009;
- took note of the conclusions of the informal meeting of the candidate organisations;
 - proposed to add a criteria specifying that only one organisation per sport would be involved in the work of the Consultative Committee;
 - approved the terms of reference of the Consultative Committee;
5. took note of the results of the ENGSO General Assembly in Paris in April 2009, presented by the ENGSO president
- reaffirmed the need for co-operation between the European Union and EPAS and, with this in mind, stressed the communication work with EPAS could carry out.