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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

25th meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau

Council of Europe
55 Avenue Kléber, 75116 Paris
(1st floor, Meeting room n° 2)

Monday 20 March 2017, 9.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

List of Decisions

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by Wendela Kuper (Netherlands), Chair of the EPAS Governing Board. She noted the apology from the delegate from Slovenia announcing his late arrival.
The full list of participants appears in Appendix I to this document.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Bureau adopted the agenda with no amendments, as it appears in Appendix II to this document.

3. Reports on recent meetings

3.1 List of decisions - 24th meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau, Paris, 19 January 2017

The Bureau adopted the List of decisions without any comments. The Chair thanked the Secretariat for the quality of this report.

4. Recent news

4.1 Member states

The Secretariat confirmed that Austria will join EPAS as a new member State as from 1 April 2017. The official letter had been sent to the Secretary General via the Permanent Representation, and was expected to be confirmed by the Treaty Office soon.

The Bureau took note of the oral update regarding the state of play concerning contact made on potential accession by states such as Romania, Moldova and Kazakhstan, with whom contacts had re-surfaced. The Bureau also noted the lack of progress concerning Italy, despite a new Minister of Sport being appointed. The Chair suggested the Secretariat contact the new Director General of Sport for Italy, who she had met in Malta during the EU Forum the previous week.

4.2 Partner organisations

The Bureau took note of the interest shown by the European Federation for Company Sport (EFCS) and the European University Sport Association (EUSA) in joining the Consultative Committee. The Bureau noted that the EUSA interest may be a point of discussion, given that FISU (which presents similar activities) is already a member.

Safe Sport International (an international platform on promoting a safe and healthy sport environment), has also stated its interest in joining the Consultative Committee. An official letter of request is expected from them shortly.

4.3 Sports Conventions

The Bureau took note of the update by the Secretariat on activities linked to the Macolin Convention, and that the annual conference regarding the convention will be held at the end of 2017 (date to be confirmed). The convention's Secretariat was finalising the last activities of the 18-month KCOOS project which ends 30 June 2017, and is actively seeking external resources in order to launch a follow-up project. The work on the convention roadmap is continuing, and constant networking is being maintained on which the partners have given positive feedback.

Regarding the safety and security in stadiums, the convention's Secretariat is promoting signatures and ratifications of the new convention. There are currently over 20 signatures and 2 ratifications for now (France and Monaco), requiring only one more to enter into force.

The Bureau also noted on-going activities in relating to anti-doping, in particular the call for applications as part of the process to appoint the new European representative of WADA (so far, the only candidature has come from the Polish Minister, but the deadline was not yet over).

4.4 Council of Europe Secretariat

The Bureau took note of a re-structuration of the Sport sector secretariat which, since 1 February, was no longer acting as one division under the supervision of Stanislas Frossard, but was now split into two divisions (EPAS and Sport Conventions). Mr Frossard remains Executive Secretary of EPAS, and Sergey Khrychikov is Head of Sport Conventions. Both divisions are part of a newly-created "Children's Rights and Sport Values Department" headed by Mrs Elda Moreno. The Bureau was pleased to note that, nevertheless, EPAS and the Sport Conventions will continue to work towards a common strategy and co-

ordinate their activities. The Secretariat will present the new organisational chart at the next joint meeting of the Governing Board and Consultative Committee on 9-10 May.

5. Programme of Activities

5.1 Programme and budget 2016

The Bureau took note that a part of the leftover budget from 2016 (€14,000) had been transferred to the special account by decision of the Governing Board at its last meeting in May 2016. This sum is reserved for special EPAS activities. There is still a leftover budget of €16,000 that cannot be banked and will therefore be refunded to its member states. Compared to previous years, this is an improvement on the leftover budget.

5.2 Programme and budget 2017

The Bureau took note of the oral presentation made by the Secretariat on each of the points mentioned on page 4 of document EPAS(2017) 7rev, regarding the performance indicators and the expected results.

In particular, the evaluation visits was an item requiring attention, as in 2016 no visits took place despite Belarus, Cyprus and Morocco expressing an interest. The Secretariat insisted that such visits were not only for countries from the Balkan regions (so far Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia and Albania had hosted such visits). The expert from Morocco said that her country was interested in planning a visit, but she could not confirm for definite at this stage.

One proposal from the Bureau was to combine an EPAS evaluation visit with “convention” monitoring visit. The Secretariat said this was difficult to arrange because the experts involved and the hosting ministries were not necessarily the same ones required by EPAS and the conventions. However, it may be possible to organise an EPAS evaluation visit the day before or after a convention-related visit. The task was to reflect on how these evaluation visits could be made more attractive to potential host states.

The Bureau took note of the updates presented by the Secretariat regarding the list of activities in 2017 funded by the EPAS ordinary budget, as well as the 2017 Calendar of Activities.

5.3 Future Programme and budget: 2018-2019

The Bureau took note that the Secretariat was currently preparing the expected results and indicators for the 2018-2019 programme and budget.

The key activities for EPAS over these two years were outlined by the Secretariat into three pillars, as follows:

- A. Ethical
 - Promotion of good governance at national level;
 - International Sport Integrity Partnership (ISIP);
 - Sport Governance Observer (SGO).
- B. Inclusive
 - BIS 2 project (Balance in Sport 2);
 - Activities on diversity (how to promote diversity in and through sport);
 - ASPIRE project (related to inclusion of migrants in sport).
- C. Safe
 - Activities on the safety of those taking part in sport; protection of children
 - Drafting of a recommendation on combat sport.

The Bureau decided that governance in sport should also remain one of the main topics in 2018-2019, as it continued to be a key subject for the Ministers.

6. Voluntary Contribution Projects and Joint Projects

6.1 EU (DG Home): Keep Crime out of Sport (KCOOS) (2016-2017)

The Bureau took note of the update on the KCOOS project which will end on 30 June 2017. The Bureau stressed the need to maintain this type of technical assistance activity, but noted that DG Home will not support the project beyond its current end date. The Secretariat is seeking external resources such as voluntary contributions and other potential co-funding options in order to continue this technical assistance to states.

6.2 EU (Direct grant agreements):

The Bureau took note of the following updates by the Secretariat regarding the different joint projects:

- ***Balance in Sport (2016)***

Since the end of this project and successful collection campaigns on gender equality indicators in Spain, Finland, Romania and France, the final report is now being prepared by the Secretariat for submission to the EU by 30 June 2017.

- ***ProS4+ (2017-2018)***

This is the follow-up to the ProS4 project originally launched in 2016, and it started on 1 January 2017, running for 18 months until 30 June 2018. The objectives focus on collecting good practice examples, analysing the new strengths regarding safety and security at major sport events, and promoting the CETS 218 convention. Its Secretariat is part of the Conventions Division.

- ***Pro Safe Sport+ : put an end to sexual harassment and abuse against children in sport (PSS+) (2017)***

This is an important topic for both the EC and the CoE. The project will last for 9 months (1 April - 31 December 2017) and will follow on from the original PSS project which EPAS implemented in 2014-2015. Its objectives will focus on collecting and sharing good practices to prevent sexual abuse in sport and setting up a comprehensive on-line resource centre. Partners include the Safe Sport International platform, the IOC and other partners from the PSS project. Its Secretariat is part of the EPAS Division.

6.3 Proposals for Voluntary Contributions:

The Bureau took note of the update by the Secretariat regarding the project launched by Play the Game in which EPAS is a partner:

- ***Sport Governance Observer (SGO)***

The aim of this project is to assess the implementation of good governance principles in the sports organisations at national level in 6 or 7 countries. The role expected from EPAS is to try to attract more countries (including non-EU member states). A call was made to CoE member states asking for their interest in either being part of the study or making voluntary contributions to allow other countries to be covered by the study. The Secretariat had already held informal talks with Georgia and Ukraine who are interested in participating but do not have the resources to cover the costs. Switzerland is also ready to be covered by this study.

Mr Andersen (Play the Game, SGO project) added that 9 countries are now part of this SGO project with interest from Brazil and Colombia. He added that the role of EPAS should be also to motivate state representatives to identify researchers/qualified experts in their own country.

6.4 Future projects:

- *Balance in Sport 2 (BIS2) (2018)*

The Bureau took note of this follow-up project which will extend the data collection campaign to other countries and invite other sport organisations to participate.

7. Conferences of Ministers responsible for Sport

7.1 14th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, Budapest, 29 November 2016

The Bureau took note of the update by the Secretariat regarding the follow-up actions to the Resolutions and the progress made so far in setting up an international sports integrity partnership (ISIP).

In addition, the Secretariat updated the Bureau on events regarding the topic of corruption in sport in general, including the declaration adopted in Lausanne during the Second International Forum for Sports Integrity (IFSI) during which the CoE was represented in two panels, and the ongoing call by EPAS to seek a consultant to complete the review of cases of corruption in sport.

8. Elections - preparation

The Bureau took note of the Secretariat's oral presentation regarding the eligibility of current Bureau members for re-election during the upcoming elections in May.

The Bureau members summarised their individual situations and discussed simulations for the role of Chair and Vice-Chair, given that France has recently appointed a new Head of International Affairs in Sport, and that the Russian Federation expert has already completed the allowed mandate as Vice-Chair.

Decision: the Chair will contact the expert from France to ascertain his position and will report back to the Secretariat. She asked the other Bureau members to check their position with experts from their own region before May.

9. Annotated Agenda of the 11th joint meeting of the of the Governing Board and Consultative Committee

The Bureau took note of the oral presentations made by the Chair and Secretariat regarding the different items on the annotated agenda of the 11th joint meeting.

It understood the principle proposed by the Secretariat to involve the experts more in the running of the agenda items, but felt the agenda was too full with time-consuming presentations.

The Bureau discussed the organisational questions raised by the Secretariat regarding the Ministerial Conference and the Senior Officials meetings, and agreed to discuss in full at the plenary meeting.

Decision: the Bureau asked the Secretariat to propose relevant experts for the different items, but not for them to give presentations but rather short introductory statements only, limited to three minutes.

Decision: the Bureau decided that although a new Chair would be elected at the beginning of the meeting on 9 May, Wendela Kuper shall continue to chair the two full days of meeting.

10. Promotion of diversity and fight against discrimination

10.1 Priorities (2017)

- **Tolerance and diversity through PE teaching**, Summer School, Olympia, 2017

The Bureau noted that although the good practice handbook on physical education teaching had been prepared, the opportunity to promote it during a Summer School was no longer an option due to lack of external funding.

Decision: the Bureau decided to delete the Summer School activity from the 2017 Programme, due to lack of external resources.

- **Working together to build and consolidate democracy, tolerance and inclusion**, Annual conference, Cyprus, 11 May 2017

The Bureau took note of the presentation made by the Secretariat regarding the draft programme and discussed its content.

Decision: the Bureau suggested that the Secretariat look for two contributions from athletes under the item “My story”, rather than just one.

11. Any other business

- **MESGO/ Council of Europe Partnership**

The Bureau took note of the Secretariat’s oral presentation regarding document EPAS (2017)INF07 which contained a request from MESGO to set up a partnership with the Council of Europe. It discussed the merits of co-operating with this Masters programme in particular, and noted its very good reputation.

Decision: the Bureau asked the Secretariat to obtain more information regarding the structure of MESGO in time for an updated proposal to be made at the plenary meeting in May.

- **Results of evaluation / SPIN presentation**

The Bureau took note of the short presentation made by the Secretariat on the results of the evaluation made on EPAS diversity activities, which will be discussed fully at the annual conference on 11 May in Limassol, Cyprus.

12. Date and place of the next meeting

The Bureau agreed that the date and place of the next meeting should be decided during the 11th joint meeting of the Governing Board and Consultative Committee (9-10 May), following the elections.

The Bureau also agreed that March to November was a too long a period to wait between the two bureau meetings.

Appendix I

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Appendix II

Annotated Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by Wendela Kuper (Netherlands), Chair of the EPAS Governing Board.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Bureau is invited to adopt the agenda and its possible amendments.

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Action: adopt agenda EPAS (2017) 16

3. Reports on recent meetings

3.1 List of decisions – 24th meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau, Paris, 19 January 2017

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Action: The Bureau is invited to adopt this report.

4. Recent news

- 4.1 Member states
- 4.2 Partner organisations
- 4.3 Sports Conventions
- 4.4 Council of Europe Secretariat

Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of the oral update provided by the Secretariat.

5. Programme of Activities

5.1 Programme and budget 2016

Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of the oral presentation made by the Secretariat on the leftover budget from 2016

5.2 Programme and budget 2017

Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of the updates to the 2017 calendar, make proposals where necessary, and designate Bureau representatives for activities where EPAS representation would be advisable.

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5.3 Future Programme and budget 2018-2019

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Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of the presentation made by the Secretariat on the updated structure and to comment where appropriate.

6. Voluntary Contribution Projects and Joint Projects

6.1 EU (DG Home): Keep Crime out of Sport ([KCOOS](#)) (2016-2017)

6.2 EU (Direct grant agreements):

- [Balance in Sport](#) (2016)
- [ProS4+](#) (2017)
- [Sexual violence in sport](#) (PSS+) (2017)

6.3 Proposals for Voluntary Contributions:

- Sports Governance Observer (SGO)
- KCOOS+

6.4 Future projects:

- Balance in Sport 2 (BIS2) (2018)

Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of the state of play of these projects and the updates given by the Secretariat regarding their follow up.

7. Conferences of Ministers responsible for Sport

7.1 14th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, Budapest, 29 November 2016

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Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of the [Report of the Secretary General](#) and of the updated actions on implementation of the resolutions.

8. Elections – preparation

Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of the working document outlining the current situation regarding the mandates of all members, and to decide how to proceed to prepare the elections for each position and region.

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9. Annotated Agenda of the 11th joint meeting of the Governing Board and Consultative Committee

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Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of the draft agenda for the plenary

meeting (9-10 May, Limassol) and to suggest modifications where necessary, with the aim of maximising the input of the Board members in the discussions.

10. Promotion of diversity and fight against discrimination

10.1 Priorities (2017)

- **Tolerance and diversity through PE teaching**, Summer School, Olympia, 2017
- **Working together to build and consolidate democracy, tolerance and inclusion**, Annual conference, Cyprus, 11 May 2017

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Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of the update presented orally by the Secretariat regarding the Summer School, and to comment on the draft conference programme

11. Any other business

- **MESGO / Council of Europe partnership**

EPAS (2017) INF07

Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of the proposal for a partnership and to give its opinion on the proposal

12. Date and place of the next meeting

Action: agree to hold the next Bureau meeting in November 2017, with the exact date to be defined in consultation with the newly-elected Bureau members following the elections in May.