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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

27th meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau

EU Agency for Fundamental Rights
Schwarzenbergplatz 11
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(Conference Room, 1st floor)

Thursday 25 January 2018, 9.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.
Friday 26 January 2018, 9.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

List of Decisions

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by Zoran Verovnik (Slovenia), Vice-Chair of the EPAS Governing Board. He noted the apology from the Chair, Mr Frédéric Sanaur, who was unable to attend this meeting due to him taking up his new duties as Director General of the French Athletics Federation, having left his post at the Ministry. Mr Sanaur's replacement as member and Chair of the Governing Board is discussed under item 8.

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

The Bureau took note of the oral report given by the Chair of the Consultative Committee on the previous day's meeting of its Bureau, where discussions focused on giving consideration to a revision of the European Sport Charter, bearing in mind its now out-dated and unspecific content.

The Bureau took note of the written reports from the:

- 26th meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau, Paris, 29 September 2017
- 14th meeting of the EPAS Statutory Committee, Strasbourg, 10 November 2017, and the collection of decisions taken by Written Procedure in 2017 by the EPAS Statutory Committee
- Round Table on the national mapping of sports facilities, Paris, 2 October 2017
- Workshop on Combating Hate Speech in Sport, Sarajevo, 21-22 November 2017

The Bureau also took note of the oral reports by the Secretariat regarding the success of the Play the Game Conference (Eindhoven, 26-30 November 2017) and the Closing Event of the PSS+ joint project (Leicester, 19 November 2017) and made the following decisions concerning the above-mentioned reports:

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **approved** the survey presented by the Secretariat following the Round Table on the national mapping of sports facilities and **asked** the Secretariat to disseminate it to member states;
2. **agreed** that continued co-operation with Play the Game would be welcomed by EPAS, as long as EPAS continued to give priority to good governance and integrity issues in its activities.

4. Recent news

4.1 Member states – 2018 budgetary issues

The Bureau took note of the explanations given by the Secretariat on the critical situation the Council of Europe finds itself in, due to the decrease in the financial contribution by Turkey as from 1 January 2018, as well as to the 2017 unpaid contribution owed by the Russian Federation since May 2017 and the uncertainty surrounding its payments due in 2018. The Bureau noted that, as a member state of EPAS, should the Russian Federation not pay its contribution to the EPAS budget in 2018, the Bureau would need to make difficult decisions concerning cuts in EPAS activities and personnel. The picture should be clearer at the end of February, when states are expected to have paid the first installment of their annual contributions.

Concerning possible new members, the Bureau took note of the ongoing contacts through the Secretariat with Germany, Italy and Ukraine. It congratulated the initiative by the Georgian Ministry to arrange meetings with national Ambassadors in Tbilisi, so as to inform them of the Ministerial Conference and to encourage them to join EPAS if not already members.

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **asked** the Secretariat to help the Georgian delegate prepare the messages to be conveyed regarding EPAS during these meetings with Ambassadors;
2. **asked** the Secretariat to refrain from taking financial commitments on activities that are not yet confirmed and that may have to be frozen by the Bureau during its next meeting in March.

4.2 Partner organisations

The Bureau took note of the positive feedback from the Consultative Committee regarding the application by the [European Network of Sport Education](#) (ENSE) to become a new member.

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **decided** that the Governing Board should be consulted by written procedure on its opinion of whether or not ENSE should be admitted to the Consultative Committee;
2. **asked** the Secretariat to contact FISU and issue a deadline regarding its intention to request renewal as member, bearing in mind the new membership application submitted by EUSA.

4.3 Committee of Ministers / Parliamentary Assembly

The Bureau noted the updates given by the Secretariat regarding two recent reports on sport adopted by PACE (rapporteurs Jensen and Brasseur), the visit by the President of FIFA to the Committee of Ministers on 11 January, and the GR-C's forthcoming exchange of views with the Director-General of Sport for Germany (22 February). The Bureau discussed the impact these events would have on the recommendation on good governance currently being drafted by EPAS, noting that they should be followed up at the joint plenary meeting in May 2018.

4.4 Sports Conventions

The Bureau noted that the new convention on integrated safety, security and services approach at football events had entered into force on 1 November 2017, due to three ratifications. However, the committee was not due to be set up until the 10th ratification had been made. Work was currently underway to prepare the shift in activities from the T-RV to the new T-S4.

The Bureau noted that a joint venture with DG1-Legal Affairs had been started under the HELP programme (Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals) to create a training course on human rights in sport for the Russian Federation. The course was currently being developed with input from colleagues and experts from the three sport conventions and from EPAS.

The Bureau took note of the lack of movement regarding the EU situation and the Macolin Convention, and that non-EU states were making fast progress with their ratification procedures. The theme of the Informal Ministerial Networking event foreseen in Moscow (see item 7.3) would focus on the promotion of this convention.

4.5 Other Council of Europe bodies

The Secretariat informed the Bureau that the Council of Europe's Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) was preparing its study on the prosecution of private corruption, including addressing issues in sport.

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **agreed** that the Secretariat should invite an expert from GRECO to present the study at the EPAS plenary meeting in May 2018, and that Mr Jensen and Mrs Brasseur (PACE rapporteurs) would also be invited for an exchange of views.

4.6 Council of Europe Secretariat

The Bureau took note of the recent news regarding the likely prolonged absence of Clarisse Bonjean from the EPAS secretariat, and wished her a speedy recovery.

5. EPAS Programme of Activities: 2017

5.1 Closure of the 2017 Programme of Activities and unspent balance of the budget

The Bureau took note of the round-up given by the Secretariat concerning 2017 activities that were not completed according to EPAS expected results (e.g. evaluation visits).

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **noted that** the sum of €14,000 was transferred from the 2017 EPAS ordinary budget to the special account, in accordance with the decision taken by the Governing Board at its 11th meeting in May 2017.

5.2 Using the Special Account

The Bureau took note of the proposal by the Secretariat to commit €15,800 from the Special Account in order to ensure that an assistant's position is maintained in the secretariat for January to March 2018 (prior agreement on the sum had already been obtained from the outgoing Chair of the Governing Board). The Bureau noted that two-thirds of this sum would be re-allocated to the KCOOS+ and ALL IN projects for two of those months where the assistant in question would be working, before returning to the EPAS secretariat in March to work full time on the ALL IN project.

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **approved** the transfer of €5000 from the budgetary line 9000 to 2291, in order to handle urgent secretarial needs or to enhance the liquidity of EPAS, after prior consultation with the outgoing Chair of the Governing Board.

6. EPAS Programme of Activities: 2018-2019

[\(Calendar of activities 2018\)](#)

The Bureau took note of document EPAS(2018)07 containing the Programme of Activities for 2018, acknowledging that it may need to update it in March, depending on the situation regarding the Russian Federation. The following activities - according to the three pillars (ethical, inclusive and safe sport) - were presented by the Secretariat.

6.1 ETHICAL SPORT

a) Tackling corruption / Promoting good governance

i. IPACS partnership

The Bureau took note that EPAS would co-ordinate Task Force 3, but that there would be little budgetary implications, given that most meetings will be held by video-conference due to the time differences across the world. As far as composition of the Task Force was concerned, the Bureau supported the inclusion of France or Switzerland from Europe and, should a country from Oceania be included, Fiji should be considered as a smaller country making good progress in governance issues.

Regarding the sports movement, the one expert suggested GAISF should be involved more, although understood it was not the governments' role to interfere in this respect.

ii. Kazan Action Plan (KAP)

The Bureau took note that EPAS would co-ordinate the Working Group on Action 3 of the KAP, and of the draft agenda for the first meeting which would most likely take place on 25 April 2018 prior to the CIGEPS meeting in Paris (26-27 April 2018).

iii. Draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers on the promotion of good governance in sport

A written procedure was underway to collect proposed changes to the draft recommendation. States had until 9 February 2018 to submit these in writing to the secretariat. It was hoped to process the draft recommendation through the GR-C and the Ministers' Deputies before the Ministerial Conference in October 2018.

iv. Sports Governance Observer

The Bureau took note of the update to this project given by the expert from Play the Game. He informed the Bureau that since the PtG conference at the end of November 2017, twenty more states had expressed a serious interest in being part of the SGO, many of which were CoE member states. The Bureau also noted that the closing event of the project would be in Leuven (Belgium) on 13 November 2018. The Secretariat added that €4000 had been earmarked in the EPAS budget for this project, to give financial support to any EPAS states (priority to non-EU) wishing to participate.

v. Database on alleged cases of corruption in sport (DACCS)

The Bureau noted the progress being made by the Secretariat on improving the research methodology of cases, and that 133 cases had now been identified for 2016 compared to 67 last year.

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **agreed** to send its ideas or comments by e-mail to the secretariat on the proposed draft agenda for item ii. (EPAS(2018)03);
2. **asked** the Secretariat to make its presentation on DACCS available for download under the Bureau meeting documents on the restricted website.

6.2 INCLUSIVE SPORT

a) Promoting diversity and fighting against discrimination

i. Priority theme for 2019

The Bureau took note of the outcomes of the report of the Limassol conference (May 2017) and after some discussion, identified:

- i) gender mainstreaming (with focus on the sexual violence dimension as an abstract to gender equality and linked to the #metoo campaign), and
- ii) the protection of persons in underprivileged areas,

as two possible subjects for the 2019 diversity theme.

b) Migrants and their integration through sport

The Bureau took note of the update regarding the [interactive platform](#) set up by the Secretariat and encouraged the submission of more projects in order to add to the 41 already on-line.

c) Gender equality in sport

i. New EU/CoE joint project: "ALL IN – towards gender balance in sport"

The Bureau took note of the document EPAS(2018)02 outlining the joint project due to start on 1 March 2018 for a period of 20 months. So far 15 countries were eager to play their part but the Secretariat hoped more would join in. The expert from Croatia mentioned that this project would tie in well with the seminar being organised on gender issues during Croatia's forthcoming Committee of Ministers' chairmanship.

d) Football Friends Cup

i. Proposal for collaboration

The Bureau took note of the proposal but decided the context of the project (grassroots sport) was not such a priority subject for EPAS, especially given the uncertainty surrounding the 2018 budget.

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **asked** the Secretariat to prepare an impact assessment paper on the two topics suggested under 6.2.a)i. in time for a final decision to be taken in the plenary meeting of May 2018;
2. **decided** not to offer financial support to the Football Friends Cup proposal.

6.3 SAFE SPORT

a) Martial Arts and Combat Activities

i. Draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers

The Bureau discussed the scope of the current version of the draft recommendation, in particular that it should maintain its risk-based approach rather than focusing on complex recognition issues.

b) Inclusion of children and their protection in sport

i. Follow-up to PSS+ project and the “Start to talk” initiative

The Bureau took note of the deliverables produced during the PSS+ project and congratulated all those involved in the high-quality products (video clip and training kit). The Bureau also noted that €28,000 had been earmarked in the 2018 budget to help the network of experts assist member states in implementing measures to fight child abuse in sport, and to make the PSS and PSS+ projects sustainable. As an option, the Vice-Chair of the Consultative Committee suggested that a slot could be found in the SportAccord Convention programme (AIMS General Assembly) to present the video and reach a wider audience.

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **decided** that the procedure to update the draft recommendation (item 6.3. a) i.) should continue according to the schedule and that an updated version, taking into account the comments received from the ongoing written procedure, be discussed in the plenary meeting of May 2018.
2. **decided** that the scope should be restricted to “extreme” combat activities, and that a definition for this would need to be added to the recommendation; **asked** the Secretariat to conduct consultations with the GAISF recognised combat sport federations on this and **proposed** meeting them at the SportAccord Convention;
3. **asked** the Secretariat to inform it when the PSS+ products had been officially launched (March 2018) so that it could use its own networks to help spread the word.

6.4 STATUTORY ACTIVITIES

a) Evaluation visits

i. Norway: the Bureau noted this visit was confirmed for week 12 (w/c 19 March 2018) although the national report had not yet been received by the Secretariat.

ii. Georgia: dates for the visit were confirmed as 28 February to 2 March 2018; the national report had been received and the Secretariat was starting to put together the evaluation team. From the Bureau, Marija Crnkovic (Croatia) would let the Secretariat know if she was available; other members of the team would be suggested by the Secretariat and then approved by the Chair.

iii. Iceland: the national report had not yet been received by the Secretariat, but the visit was foreseen in May 2018.

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **decided** that for the Georgia visit, the Secretariat should offer representatives from the three Consultative Committee members primarily promoting sport for all (ie. ISCA, TAFISA Europe and ENGSO) to be part of the evaluation team, and select one on a “first come, first served” basis).

b) Statutory meetings

- i. Governing Board: joint plenary meeting scheduled on 14-15 May 2018 in Strasbourg, with an option for experts to participate in the Strasbourg road races on 13 May.
- ii. Consultative Committee: will hold its own plenary meeting on the morning of 14 May, while the Governing Board is holding its *in camera* meeting.
- iii. Statutory Committee: no date yet fixed, but annual meeting would be held in September 2018.

c) Partnershipsi. Memorandums of Understanding

The Bureau noted that the MoU between the Council of Europe and UEFA was ready for signature but that finding a date convenient for the two signatories had proved difficult; an agreement had nevertheless been reached to sign this MoU during the Ministerial Conference on 16 October 2018.

The potential MoU with FIFA mentioned during Mr Infantino's visit to the Committee of Ministers in January 2018 would be signed at a later date, towards the end of 2018.

ii. MESGO project

The Bureau took note of the document (EPAS(2018)INF07rev) prepared by the Secretariat containing the proposal to negotiate a partnership with MESGO on providing input into a Masters qualification for sports officials. The Bureau agreed it would be a good means of raising the profile of EPAS and making it more visible, but was unsure if it was an affordable option for some experts to participate, even if EPAS negotiated preferential course fees.

iii. European Union

The Bureau took note that the Secretariat had sent the Commission an official letter requesting guest status within the EU Expert Group on integrity in sport, but that no formal reply had yet been received.

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **decided** that the Secretariat should start negotiations with the MESGO representatives on the terms of a possible partnership, and invite them to the joint plenary meeting in May 2018 to present the Masters programme; it recommended that a trial period of two years (ie. one edition) could be negotiated so that EPAS could evaluate before fully committing to a long-term partnership.

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 updated actions on implementation of the Budapest resolutions as highlighted in document EPAS(2016)56rev3.

7.2 15th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, Tbilisi, Georgia, 16 October 2018

- a) Programme of the 3-days of meetings
- b) Content overview

The Bureau took note of the presentation by the Secretariat on the schedule of meetings for the three-days in Tbilisi (15, 16 and 17 October 2018), and that the Conference of Ministers itself would take place on 16 October. The Bureau discussed possible options for a meeting on 17 October (either a co-operation meeting between the bodies of the Council of Europe and the European Union, or an inter-parliamentarian meeting with the Parliamentary Assembly), bearing in mind the distance most participants will have to travel as well as the flight schedules from Tbilisi. The Bureau also took note of

the overview presented by the Secretariat and made comments and proposals for high-level speakers to be invited for each theme. To incite Ministers to travel to the event, the Secretariat wished to promote to delegations that it would be possible to hold bilateral talks during the event. The Georgian expert confirmed the contacts planned with Ambassadors in Tbilisi could be used to communicate on this.

c) Preparation schedule

The Bureau took note of the schedule and reiterated the importance of keeping to the timetable so that no delays would be incurred.

d) List of invitees

The Bureau took note of the draft list of invitees, and decided that including Congress was not necessary.

e) Organisational aspects

The Bureau took note of the oral update given by the delegate from Georgia on the logistical aspects of the conference, in particular that a venue had been found and 5-star hotel accommodation for participants very close by. She raised the wish of the Georgian authorities to prepare a declaration to be signed by all delegations at the Ministerial, supporting sport issues at a political level. The Bureau discussed possible human rights topics for this declaration. In any case, the Bureau felt it should be focused and narrowed down as much as possible to avoid being too vague, and that it would be better if the sports movement could also sign the declaration.

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **confirmed** the date of the Ministerial Conference as 16 October 2018;
2. **decided** to process the list of bodies to be invited to the Committee of Ministers for information;
3. **updated** the overview document and **asked** the Secretariat to continue working on the programme based on this updated version.

7.3 Informal ministerial network event (on the occasion of the FIFA World Cup, Moscow, 14 June 2018)

- a) Organisational aspects - possible venue and dates
- b) Main theme: promoting the convention CETS no. 215
- c) Event programme and format

The Bureau took note of the oral presentation by the expert from the Russian Federation on this event during which Ministers would be invited to attend the opening ceremony and the first match of the tournament. A visit to the sports museum and a lunch would also be offered by the Russian authorities. The focus of the two-hour meeting prior to the social events would be on the promotion of the match-fixing convention.

One Bureau member asked what the implications would be on this event, should the Russian Federation not fulfil its financial obligations towards EPAS in 2018. The Secretariat said that in this eventuality, the Bureau would have to decide at its next meeting in March which actions in the Programme of Activities should be downsized, bearing in mind that €10,000 had been earmarked in the budget for this particular event, covering the presence of the Council of Europe Secretariat, document production, translations, etc. The expert from the Russian Federation said that the majority of the costs of this event (reception, local transfers, match tickets, etc.) would be covered by his authorities and that travel and accommodation costs would be covered either by the Russian Federation or by the participants themselves.

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **decided** to start preparing the event along the lines outlined in document EPAS(2017)60 but not to confirm the event until after the next Bureau meeting in March.

8. Statutory issues

8.1 Changes within the Bureau

The Bureau regretted the stepping down by Frédéric Sanaur (France) as Chair of the Governing Board due to his change in professional employment. It noted that, according to the EPAS Rules of Procedure:

“If the Chair ceases to be a representative in the EPAS or resigns before the expiry of his or her term of office, the Vice-Chair shall immediately and automatically become Chair for the remainder of that term of office. The Bureau shall, in that case, appoint a new Vice-Chair from among the representatives sitting in the Bureau for the remainder of that term of office.”

“The Chair or Vice-Chair shall be from Group 1 [...], and they shall be from different groups.”

Given that the only EPAS member states in Group 1 were currently France and the Russian Federation, the Vice-Chair would have to be from one of these two states. The Gender Equality rapporteur, Marija Crnkovic, reminded the Bureau on the need to pay attention to gender balance when re-electing new members.

The Bureau also noted the intention of Mila Andreeva (Bulgaria) to consider withdrawing as Bureau member, due to her weaker ties with the Ministry of Sport following her re-location to Berlin.

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **noted** the immediate and automatic change from Vice-Chair to Chair of Zoran Verovnik (Slovenia);
2. **appointed** Alexey Morozov (Russian Federation) as Vice-Chair from among the Bureau members;
3. **noted** that should there be interest from another delegation to take over as Chair, Zoran Verovnik would agree to withdraw from the role, and extraordinary elections of Chair and Vice-Chair would be organised at the next plenary meeting in May 2018;
4. **asked** the Secretariat to seek quick confirmation from France on who its new Head of Delegation to the Governing Board will be;
5. **asked** the Secretariat to immediately launch the election of a new Bureau member as soon as France identifies a candidate;
6. **noted** that due to a new professional assignment, Mila Andreeva (Bulgaria) is likely to withdraw from the Bureau before the Governing Board plenary meeting in May 2018; **asked** her, if necessary, to consult the other members of Group 4 (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, Greece, Montenegro, Serbia, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia") to propose a replacement candidate in May.

9. Visibility

9.1 Publications

- a) Good practice handbook - sustainability of major sports events

The Bureau took note of the update given by the Secretariat on the recent handbooks published, and approved the next steps in the process of gathering information to compile a handbook on social sustainability of major sports events, as outlined in document EPAS(2017)38rev.

9.2 Sport website

The Bureau congratulated the Secretariat on the layout and content of the new Sport website, and took note of the progress being made in implementing phase 2 of the project (new restricted website).

10. Any other business

None.

11. Date and place of the next meeting

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **decided** to hold its next meeting in Paris on 27 March 2018.

Appendix I – List of participants / Liste des participants**BUREAU MEMBERS / MEMBRES DU BUREAU****BULGARIA / BULGARIE**

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Appendix II – Annotated Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by Zoran Verovnik (Slovenia), Vice-Chair of the EPAS Governing Board.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Action: The Bureau is invited to adopt agenda EPAS(2018)01

EPAS(2018)01

3. Reports on recent meetings

3.1 Oral report – meeting of the Bureau of the EPAS Consultative Committee, Vienna, 24 January 2018

Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of this oral report.

3.2 List of decisions – 26th meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau, Paris, 29 September 2017

[EPAS\(2017\)56](#)

Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of this report.

3.3 Decisions - 14th meeting of the EPAS Statutory Committee, Strasbourg, 10 November 2017

[EPAS-SC\(2017\)3rev1](#)

Collection of decisions taken by Written Procedure in 2017 by the EPAS Statutory Committee

[EPAS-SC\(2017\)INF2](#)

Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of these reports.

3.4 Report – Round Table on the national mapping of sports facilities, Paris, 2 October 2017

[EPAS\(2017\)52](#)

([link](#) to draft survey)

Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of this report and to approve the draft survey proposed.

3.5 Debriefing/Feedback – Play the Game Conference, Eindhoven, Netherlands, 26-30 November 2017

Action: The Bureau is invited to give its opinion on the possibility for EPAS to continue being actively involved in this conference in the future.

3.6 Report – Workshop on Combating Hate Speech in Sport, Sarajevo, 21-22 November 2017

[EPAS\(2017\)61](#)

Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of this report.

3.7 Closing event – [PSS+ Joint Project](#), Leicester, United Kingdom, 19 November 2017

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

4. Recent news

4.1 Member states – 2018 budgetary issues

4.2 Partner organisations

- Proposal regarding the request for Consultative Committee membership by the [European Network of Sport Education \(ENSE\)](#)

[EPAS\(2017\)INF17](#)

4.3 Committee of Ministers / Parliamentary Assembly

[Doc. 14464](#)

[Doc. 14452](#)

4.4 Sports Conventions

[EPAS\(2018\)INF01](#)

4.5 Other Council of Europe bodies

4.6 Council of Europe Secretariat

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

5. EPAS Programme of Activities: 2017

5.1 Closure of the 2017 Programme of Activities and unspent balance of the budget

[EPAS\(2017\)7rev1](#)
[Sport \(2017\) 1](#)

5.2 Using the Special Account

Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of the oral update provided by the Secretariat, in particular regarding:

- a transfer of the 2017 unspent balance of €14k, in accordance with the decision taken by the Governing Board;
- a commitment of €15,800 to ensure a position is maintained, with agreement from the Chair of the Governing Board (two-thirds of this sum shall be re-allocated to the KCOOS+ and ALL-IN projects)

Draft decision: given this temporary lack of funds on the budgetary line 2291, the Bureau approves the transfer of €5000 from the line 9000 to 2291, in order to handle urgent needs or to enhance the liquidity of EPAS, after prior consultation with the Chair of the Governing Board.

6. EPAS Programme of Activities: 2018-2019

[\(Calendar of activities 2018\)](#)

[EPAS\(2018\)07](#)

6.1 ETHICAL SPORT

a) Tackling corruption / Promoting good governance

- IPACS partnership
- Kazan Action Plan
- Draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers
- Sports Governance Observer
- Database on alleged cases of corruption in sport (DACCS)

[EPAS\(2017\)55rev2](#)

[EPAS\(2017\)46rev](#)

[EPAS\(2017\)47rev](#)

[EPAS\(2018\)03](#)

[EPAS\(2017\)26rev](#)

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

6.2 INCLUSIVE SPORT

[EPAS\(2017\)36](#)

a) Promoting diversity and fighting against discrimination

- i. Priority theme for 2019

Action: The Bureau is invited to identify possible themes for proposal.

b) Migrants and their integration through sport

- i. [Interactive platform](#)

[EPAS\(2018\)02](#)

c) Gender equality in sport

- i. New EU/CoE joint project: “ALL IN – towards gender balance in sport”

[EPAS\(2018\)INF02](#)

d) Football Friends Cup

- i. Proposal for collaboration

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

6.3 SAFE SPORT

[EPAS\(2017\)41rev1](#)
[DHDE-sport07/SF/cl](#)

a) Martial Arts and Combat Activities

- i. Draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers

Action: The Bureau is invited to give its opinion on the next stage in the procedure.

b) Inclusion of children and their protection in sport

- i. Follow-up to PSS+ project and the “Start to talk” initiative

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

6.4 STATUTORY ACTIVITIES

[SPORT\(2017\)02](#)

a) Evaluation visits

- i. Norway
- ii. Georgia
- iii. Iceland

b) Statutory meetings

- i. Governing Board
- ii. Consultative Committee
- iii. Statutory Committee

c) Partnerships

- i. Memorandums of Understanding
- ii. MESGO project
- iii. European Union

[EPAS\(2018\)INF03](#)
[EPAS\(2017\)INF07rev](#)

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

7. Conferences of Ministers responsible for Sport

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

[EPAS\(2016\)56rev3](#)

Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of the updated actions on implementation of the resolutions.

7.2 15th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, Tbilisi, Georgia, 16 October 2018

- a) Programme of the 3-days of meetings
- b) Content overview
- c) Preparation schedule
- d) List of invitees
- e) Organisational aspects

[MSL15\(2018\)INF01](#)
[EPAS\(2017\)59](#)
[EPAS\(2018\)INF04](#)

Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of working documents and the oral update provided by the Secretariat and to confirm the options suggested.

7.3 Informal ministerial network event (on the occasion of the FIFA World Cup, Moscow, 14 June 2018)

- a) Organisational aspects - possible venue and dates
- b) Main theme: promoting the convention CETS no. 215
- c) Event programme and format

[EPAS\(2017\)60](#)

Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of working documents and the oral update provided by the Secretariat and to confirm the framework for organising this event.

8. Statutory issues

8.1 Changes within the Bureau

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

9. Visibility

9.1 Publications

- a) Good practice handbook - sustainability of major sports events

Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of the update provided by the Secretariat and to approve the next steps.

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[EPAS\(2018\)38rev](#)

9.2 Sport website

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

10. Any other business

11. Date and place of the next meeting

Action: The Bureau is invited to decide upon the date of its next meeting (Secretariat proposals: 26, 27 or 28 March 2018).