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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

28th meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau

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

Tuesday 27 March 2018, 9.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.
(meeting in English only)

List of Decisions

1 Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by Zoran Verovnik (Slovenia), Chair of the EPAS Governing Board who thanked the secretariat for having received the documents of the meeting beforehand and wishes that it could be always the case.

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 written report from the 27th meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau, Vienna, 25-26 January 2018.

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **adopted** the report of the 27th meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau, Vienna, 25-26 January 2018.

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. As Russia announced in 2017 to withhold all payments to the Council of Europe until further notice, its dues for EPAS in 2018 are still outstanding.

The Secretariat said that the budgetary crisis was temporarily solved, as the reserve funds of the Council of Europe will be mobilised to provide interim financing for activities up to May 2019. If, by May 2019, no solution for the budgetary situation has been found, activities may be reduced/phased out.

Concerning possible new members, the Bureau took note of the ongoing contacts through the Secretariat with Germany, Italy and Turkey.

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **asked** the Secretariat to continuously update the Bureau on the latest developments regarding the budgetary situation.

4.2 Partner organisations

The Secretariat said that FISU will not renew its membership of the CC in 2018. This paves the way for its continental organisation, the European University Sports Association (EUSA), which already applied for CC membership in 2017. EUSA's application still has to be approved by the relevant entities of the Council of Europe.

The CC Terms of Reference state in point 5.1.2: “(...)there should be only one organisation for a sport discipline; if there are several organisations involved in managing a sport discipline (e.g. players, clubs, etc.), preference should be given to the European branch of the governing body of this sport discipline or to the most representative organisation”.

The Secretariat is currently consulting the Governing Board by written procedure on its opinion of whether or not EUSA should be admitted to the Consultative Committee. This written procedure ends on 15 April 2018.

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **asked** the Secretariat, provided the written procedure turns out favorably for EUSA's application to the CC, to request this item to be discussed by the next, upcoming session of the GR-C .

4.3 Committee of Ministers / Parliamentary Assembly

The Bureau noted that the Committee of Ministers will have to give an answer to the Parliamentary Assembly on the Mogens Jensen report. Both the Jensen and Brasseur reports and resolutions will be presented to the Governing Board of EPAS at its meeting in May 2018.

4.4 Sports Conventions

The Bureau noted that an agreement on an integrated safety, security and services approach at major sport events has been signed by Qatar which is hosting the 2022 Football World Cup. The budget allocated by Qatar to assistance activities is 600k €.

4.5 Other Council of Europe bodies

The Secretariat informed the Bureau that the Council of Europe's Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) published its study on the prosecution of private corruption, including addressing issues in sport. The weblink to this study will be published in English and French.

4.6 Council of Europe Secretariat

The Bureau took note of the recent news regarding staff in EPAS. Clarisse Bonjean may return from her sick leave in May 2018. Her secondment from the French authorities will end in October 2018.

5 Statutory issues

5.1 Clarification regarding the possible change of Chair

The Bureau took note that since Zoran Verovnik confirmed he is ready to continue to the end of the current term of office, there is no need to consider any other scenario.

5.2 Preparation for the Election to the Bureau in Regions 1 and 4

The Bureau discussed various possibilities for the upcoming elections to the Bureau of the Governing Board. Madeleine Delaperrière (France) was not ready to be appointed in time for today's Bureau meeting but she will be ready for the Governing Board in May 2018.

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **asked** the representative of Georgia to contact colleagues representing region 4 and to identify potentially interested candidates.

6 EPAS Programme of Activities: 2018-2019

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

6.1 Possible non-payment of its financial contribution by one member state to the EPAS budget

The Bureau took note of document EPAS(2018)07 containing the Programme of Activities for 2018. Considering the mobilisation of reserve funds to compensate for the funds that are outstanding by one member state, the programme of activities can be carried out as proposed.

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **asked** the Secretariat to carry out the EPAS Programme of Activities as planned for 2018.

6.2 Four new offers for EPAS to be associated in projects organised by other organisations:

- Sport Diplomacy (Edge Hill University)
- National Sports Governance Observer II (Play the Game)
- Prevention of sexual harassment and abuse in grassroots sport organisations (Knowledge Centre for Sport Netherlands)
- Action on Determinants of Physical Activity Behaviors (Laura Capranica and Ciaran MacDonncha)

The Bureau took note of the oral report on the four projects provided by the Secretariat. The four projects discussed all address thematic priorities of EPAS. Although EPAS cannot be a formal project partner or beneficiary, it could support the projects by providing the applicants with a letter of support.

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **asked** the Secretariat to draft and send a letter of support to the four applicants specifying the roles and tasks of the Council of Europe in each of the projects.

7 Conferences of Ministers responsible for Sport

7.1 15th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, Tbilisi, Georgia, 16 October 2018

The Secretariat and the Host country introduced the programme, participants (the Prime Minister of Georgia should open the conference) and the contents of the 2018 ministerial conference. The background documents and the draft resolution on good governance and human rights and sport are currently being prepared.

The conference and meetings will all take place at the Biltmore Hotel in Tbilisi as follow:

- 15 October, afternoon: senior officials meeting and EPAS restricted ministerial meeting
- 16 October, all day: Conference and Signing Ceremony
- 17 October, morning: Inter-institutional meeting CoE/EU

Decision: the Bureau

1. **asked** the Host country if it is possible to have one more meeting room on 15 October afternoon to host the CC extraordinary plenary meeting.
2. **asked** the secretariat to try to cover active Russian and passive German interpretation within the budget of the event, or to come back to the Bureau with another proposal.

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

- a) Organisational aspects - possible venue and dates
- b) Discussion paper on the main theme: promoting the Macolin Convention
- c) Event programme and format

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **confirmed** that the activity can be further prepared according to the adopted programme of activity.
2. **noted** that Croatia would be ready to sign the match-fixing convention in Moscow.

8 Annotated Draft Agenda of the 12th joint meeting of the Governing Board and Consultative Committee

The Secretariat presented the proposed agenda for the 12th joint meeting of the GB and the CC.

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **approved** the proposed draft agenda for the 12th joint meeting of the GB and the CC.
2. **asked** if the documents can be sent 3 weeks before
3. **asked** if a social event can be organised (restaurant) on Monday evening.

9 Ethical Sport - Kazan Action Plan (KAP)

The Secretariat presented the work plan of Working Group 3 of the Kazan Action Plan (KAP) to “unify and further develop international standards supporting sport ministers’ interventions in the field of sport integrity”, which is being co-ordinated by the Council of Europe/ EPAS.

The Bureau had an exchange of views on the KAP with Mr Philipp Müller-Wirth (UNESCO).

Decision: the Bureau:

1. **adopted** the proposed draft agenda of the first meeting of the Working Group (to be held in Paris on 25 April 2018) and the framework and timetable as proposed in document EPAS(2017)46rev1.

10 Any other business

No points were raised.

11 Date and place of the next meeting

The Bureau discussed a possible date and place of the next meeting.

Proposal: the Bureau

1. **proposed** two dates for the next meeting: 4 or 11 September with a preference for the 11th. The meeting could take place in the CoE Offices in Venice if the access is easy for everyone, Paris or Strasbourg.

The Chair closed the meeting.

Appendix I – List of participants / Liste des participants

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Appendix II – Annotated Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

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

2. Adoption of the agenda

Action: The Bureau is invited to adopt agenda EPAS(2018)08

EPAS(2018)08

3. Reports on recent meetings

3.1 List of decisions – 27th meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau, Vienna, 25-26 January 2018

EPAS(2018)05

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

4. Recent news

4.1 Member states – 2018 budgetary issues

4.2 Partner organisations

4.3 Committee of Ministers / Parliamentary Assembly

4.4 Sports Conventions

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. Statutory issues

5.1 Clarification regarding the possible change of Chair

EPAS(2012)31rev1

5.2 Preparation for the Election to the Bureau in Regions 1 and 4

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

6. EPAS Programme of Activities: 2018-2019 ([Calendar of activities 2018](#))

6.1 Possible non-payment of its financial contribution by one member state to the EPAS budget

EPAS(2018)07

Action: The Bureau is invited to discuss the possible impact on the EPAS budget for 2018 (staff and non-staff) and to decide which activities listed in document EPAS(2018)07 could be frozen, should the annual budget be reduced.

6.2 Four new offers for EPAS to be associated in projects organised by other organisations:

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- Action on Determinants of Physical Activity Behaviors (Laura Capranica and Ciaran MacDonncha)

EPAS(2018)INF06
EPAS(2018)INF07
EPAS(2018)INF08
EPAS(2018)INF09

Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of these four offers and to take a decision with regard to EPAS's possible contribution in each case.

7. Conferences of Ministers responsible for Sport

7.1 15th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, Tbilisi, Georgia, 16 October 2018

- Programme
- Content overview
- Elements for the background documents, including draft resolutions
- Preparation schedule
- Organisational aspects, including non-official language interpretation

MSL15(2018)01
MSL15(2018)INF01rev
MSL15(2018)04DRAFT
MSL15(2018)05DRAFT
EPAS(2017)59rev

Action: The Bureau is invited to comment on and propose improvements to the working documents, and to take a decision concerning the interpretation into non-official languages.

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

- Organisational aspects - possible venue and dates
- Discussion paper on the main theme: promoting the Macolin Convention
- Event programme and format

EPAS(2017)60
EPAS(2018)14
EPAS(2018)09

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. Annotated Draft Agenda of the 12th joint meeting of the Governing Board and Consultative Committee

Action: The Bureau is invited to take note of the draft agenda for the plenary meeting (14-15 May, Strasbourg) and to suggest modifications where necessary, with the aim of maximising the input of the Board members in the discussions.

EPAS(2018)15

9. Ethical Sport - Kazan Action Plan (KAP)

- Video-conference with candidates for the roles of Chair and Vice-chair of the Working Group on Action 3 in the presence of Mr Philipp Müller-Wirth (UNESCO)

EPAS(2017)46rev1

Action: The Bureau is invited to hold consultations on the draft agenda of the first meeting of the Working Group (to be held in Paris on 25 April 2018) with the candidates and to subsequently adopt the framework and timetable (document EPAS(2017)46rev1).

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 (beginning of September 2018).