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Porto, Portugal
8-10 October 2024

DRAFT PROGRAMME

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Tuesday 8 October 2024

Venue: Alfândega Congress Centre, R. Nova da Alfândega, Porto, Portugal

- 9.00am - 12.30pm** **10th Anniversary of the Macolin Convention**
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- 10.30am - 10.40am *Coffee break*
- 12.45pm - 1.00pm *Presentation of the Exhibition - Women in Sports: Pioneering, Challenges, Inspiration, Equality*
- 1.00pm - 2.00pm *Lunch/Buffer offered by the Portuguese authorities*
- 2.00pm - 4.00pm**
Infante room **Meeting of Senior Officials**
Agenda to follow (MSL18(2024)7)
- Participants:** Representatives of the 46 Council of Europe member States, EPAS non-Council of Europe member States (Israel, Morocco), Holy See and Kazakhstan, who are Advisers to their Ministers or Heads of Delegation (one representative per delegation)
- 2.30pm - 4.00pm**
Dom Luis room **Meeting of the EPAS Consultative Committee**
- 3.00pm - 3.15pm *Coffee break*
- Venue: The Lodge Hotel, Magnum room
- 5.30pm - 6.30pm** **Restricted ministerial gathering of EPAS member States**
Update on EPAS' working priorities
Welcoming addresses by:
Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe
Pedro Duarte, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs responsible for Sport, Portugal
Alexandre Husting, Chair of the EPAS Governing Board
- Participants:** Ministers/Heads of delegations from EPAS member States only
- 7.30pm - 10.00pm** *Dinner - Porto Leixões Cruise Terminal, Matosinhos*

Wednesday 9 October 2024

Venue: Alfândega

- 9.00am - 9.30am** **OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**
Welcoming addresses by:
Pedro Duarte, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs responsible for Sport, Portugal
Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe
Linda Hofstad Helleland, Chairperson of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media of the Parliamentary Assembly, Council of Europe
- 9.30am - 10.00am** **SPOTLIGHT ON THE EUROPEAN SPORTS CHARTER**
Video address by Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee, Olympic Champion in Fencing
Panel on the European Sports Charter

Pedro Duarte, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs responsible for Sport, Portugal
Raymon Blondel, President, European Paralympic Committee
Benny Bonsu, Director of Daily Content at Olympic Channel Services (OCS)
Morten Schmidt, Director of Programmes, Laureus Sport4Good Foundation
Video on the European Sports Charter

10.00am - 10.20am

Coffee break

10.00am - 10.20am

Press point

10.20am - 10.30am

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

10.30am - 12.30pm

**SESSION 1 – COLLABORATIVE GOVERNING:
TIME TO ADAPT THE RULES OF THE GAME?**

10.30am - 10:45am

Introductions by:
Gil Avérous, Minister for Sport, Youth and the Voluntary Sector, France
Stephanie Peacock, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Minister for Sport, Media, Civil Society and Youth, United Kingdom (tbc)
Maja Włoszczowska, WADA Athlete Council
Cécile Chaussard, Specialist in sports law and senior lecturer in law, University of Bourgogne, France

10.45am - 12.30pm

Discussion

12.30pm - 12.45pm

Family photo of the Ministers and Heads of Delegations

12.45pm - 2.15pm

Lunch for the Ministers and Heads of Delegation hosted by the Council of Europe – Speeches by Bjørn Berge, Council of Europe’s Deputy Secretary General, and Witold Bańka, President of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)

Lunch/Bufferet for delegations offered by the Portuguese authorities

2.15pm - 4.15pm

**SESSION 2 – GOOD GOVERNANCE:
MOVING THE GOAL POST FORWARDS?**

2.15pm - 2:30pm

Introductions by:
Dominique Hasler, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Education and Sport, Liechtenstein
James Carr, Deputy Executive Director, ASOIF
Marko Begović, Associate Professor, Molde University College, Norway

2.30pm - 4.15pm

Discussion

4.15pm - 4.30pm

SIGNING CEREMONY OF SPORT CONVENTIONS
(all delegations present)

4.30pm - 4.45pm

Press point

4.30pm - 4.45pm

Coffee break

4.45pm - 5.30pm

**YOUTH INITIATIVE – ROUNDTABLE:
“CHAMPIONS FOR YOUTH IN SPORTS”**

5.30pm - 6.30pm

CLOSING SESSION

5.30pm - 5.45pm

Adoption of the resolution

5.45pm - 6.30pm Closing speeches by:
Gianluca Esposito, Director General for Human Rights and the Rule of Law, Council of Europe
Aisté Zedelyté-Kaminské, Deputy Minister of Education, Science and Sport, Lithuania, representing the Chair of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
Alexandre Husting, Chair of the EPAS Governing Board
Charlotte Girard Fabre, Chair of the EPAS Consultative Committee
Pedro Duarte, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs responsible for Sport, Portugal

8.00pm - 10.30pm **Gala Dinner hosted by the Portuguese authorities** (São Bento da Vitória Monastery)

Thursday 10 October 2024 (morning only)

Venue: Alfândega

Focus sessions on leadership through gender equality in sport & dual career: effective strategies and future directions

9.00am - 9.30am **Welcome/Registration**

9.30am – 9.40am *Opening words*
Gianluca Esposito, Director General for Human Rights and the Rule of Law, Council of Europe
Pedro Dias, Secretary of State for Sport, Portugal

Focus session on gender equality

9.40am – 9.50am Keynote presentation
Don McPherson, former professional American football player NFL (National Football League) and CFL (Canadian Football League)

9.50am – 10.00am Questions and answers

10.00am – 10.45am Solutions to greater leadership for women in sport: overcoming barriers and building bridges
Moderated by *Francine Hetherington Raveney*, Deputy Executive Secretary of EPAS

Paoline Ekambi, President and Co-founder of Sportail Community and Ex Captain of the French Basketball team

Don McPherson, former professional American football player NFL (National Football League) and CFL (Canadian Football League)

Annamarie Phelps, Chair of the UK Secretariat, Co-Chair of the Global Executive, International Working Group on Women & Sport (IWG)

Ticha Penicheiro, former professional player, Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA)

André Seabra, Director of the Portugal Football School

10.45am – 11.00am Questions and answers

11.00am - 11.20am Press point

11.00am - 11.20am

Coffee break

Exhibition - New Leaders Programme - Portugal: "For a More Equal Sport"

Focus session on dual career

11.20am – 11.35am

Keynote presentation
Vitor Pardal, National Coordinator of the High-Performance Sports Units in School, Portugal

11.35am – 12.40pm

Navigating dual career in sport: Proven Strategies and Future Pathways
Moderated by *Laura Capranica*, European Athlete Student (EAS)

Duarte Nuno Fernandes Lopes, Expert on dual career, Chief of Staff, Secretary of State for Sport, Portugal

Gévrise Emame, Lifestyle Athletes Manager, National Institute for Sport, Expertise and Performance (INSEP), France

Sofia Ramalho, SLBenfica Basketball Female Team Manager, Time Out 2.0 project Manager, International Basketball Federation (FIBA)

Andrej Pisl, Communications & Project Manager, European University Sports Association (EUSA)

Andy Criere Martin, Professional Surfer, Spain

12.40pm – 12.50pm

Questions and answers

12.50pm – 1.00pm

Closing words
Sophie Kwasny, Head of the Council of Europe's Sport Division, Executive Secretary of EPAS