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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

9th meeting of the Plenary of the EPAS Consultative Committee

Grand Resort Hotel, Limassol, Cyprus
(Hall B)

9 May 2017

9.00 a.m. - 12.00 a.m.

Report

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by the Chair of the Consultative Committee, Jens Sejer Andersen (Play the Game), who welcomed the CC members to the 9th plenary meeting. The list of participants appears in Appendix I.

The participants introduced themselves.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as prepared under document EPAS (2017) 21 and was adopted as it appears in Appendix II.

3. Information on accession of new members to EPAS

The Secretariat informed that as of 1 April 2017 Austria joined EPAS. With Austria's accession, EPAS currently counts 38 Member states.

4. EPAS statute and regulations

4.1 Issues concerning membership of the Consultative Committee:

a. Renewals of membership

The Secretariat informed that the following organisations had to submit their application to renew their membership to the CC in 2017:

- EWS
- FIAS
- EUPEA
- Sport & Citizenship
- Tennis Europe
- SROC

- EU Athletes and
- ISF

The following organisations submitted their applications for renewal:

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- EUPEA
- Sport & Citizenship
- SROC
- EU Athletes and
- ISF

The application letters of these organisations can be consulted in document EPAS (2017) INF09.

Two organisations, EWS and Tennis Europe, did not apply to renew their CC membership.

In an email of 9 May 2017, EWS informed, that it changed its organisational structure in 2016. It was decided that EWS will be integrated as a committee in ENGSO – similar to ENGSO Youth. Thus, EWS is not an own, independent organisation anymore, but a committee of ENGSO. ENGSO will represent EWS interests within the CC.

Tennis Europe elected a new president at the end of March 2017. The first board meeting after the elections took place mid May 2017 – after the EPAS GB meeting – and was not able to take a decision to renew the CC application ahead of the EPAS GB meeting.

b. New members

The Secretariat informed that an application letter (EPAS (2017) INF10) was received by the European Sports University Association (EUSA) to join the CC.

As the CC member FISU has the same membership base as EUSA, the CC discussed this application in greater detail as the Term of Reference of the EPAS Consultative Committee, as adopted by the Governing Board on 18 May 2016, state:

5.1.2 *Eligible organisations*

(...)

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.

Decision:

The CC proposes to the GB to postpone the decision on EUSA's application to have more in-depth discussions. The issue will have to be raised once again, when FISU will have to renew its application in 2018.

5. Report on the work of the Consultative Committee Bureau of 29 March 2017

The Chair gave a short oral report on the meeting and invited CC members to consult the meeting report EPAS (2017) 20 for additional information.

6. Report on the ongoing EPAS programme of activities

The Secretariat informed the Consultative Committee members on the ongoing call for proposals and joint projects:

Currently, there are two current calls for proposals of the Secretariat:

- to analyse the data collected in the framework of the “Balance in Sport” data collection campaign, and
- on the collection of information on corruption cases in sport.

Regarding the joint projects of the Council of Europe:

I. ProS4

The objective of this project is to promote the new Council of Europe Convention on an integrated safety, security and service approach at football matches and other sports events. A massive open online course (MOOC) will be developed in the framework of this project. The project runs from 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2018.

II. PSS+

The objective of this project is to put an end to sexualised violence against children in sport. The development of an online resource centre on sexualised violence against children is one major aim of this project. The project runs from 1 April to 31 December 2017.

III. KCOOS

The objective of this project is to promote the Council of Europe Convention on the manipulation of sport competitions. The project will officially finish on 30 June 2017.

7. European Sport and the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals

The chair informed that the CC Bureau reflected on a more strategic approach to discuss sport matters during the last CC Bureau meeting on 29 March 2017. FIAS proposed to base the discussions of the CC on the themes of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). This proposal was welcomed by the Bureau.

Therefore, it was decided to invite an expert on the SDGs Ms González Morcillo, former Programme Officer, Policy Support at the UNOSDP in Geneva.

The CC chair informed about the recent shutting down of the UNOSDP office in April 2017.

Ms González Morcillo introduced the UN SDGs. Her presentation was based on the UNOSDP’s website:

UNOSDP: <https://www.un.org/sport/>

UN SDGs: <https://www.un.org/sport/content/why-sport/sport-and-sustainable-development-goals>

Based on this presentation, the Consultative Committee discussed how European sport can best relate to a wider global policy context, including the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the UNESCO International Charter on Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport.

The UN advocates that sport should aim at contributing to all SDGs, although some of the goals are more directly and others are more indirectly relevant for sport.

The expert identified SDGs with close links to sport:

- Good health and well-being (3)
- Quality education (4)
- Gender equality (5)
- Economic growth and employment (8)
- Inclusive settlements (accessibility) (11)
- Inclusive society and peace (16)
- Partnerships for the goals (17)

Particularly, goal 17 is relevant/ interesting, as sport could be very useful in implementing the various goals. Sport is popular, values-based and has a global reach as well as a cross-sectoral approach.

The discussions on the presentation can be summarized as follows:

- Considering the recent shutting down of the UNOSDP office, it is not clear, which effect this will have on the SDG and sport.
- It was agreed, that sport can be a vehicle/ catalyst for many things such as education, gender equality, integrity, ethics, match-fixing, economic growth etc.
- The economic dimension and importance of sport was underlined in the discussions.
- The important and valuable work of UNOSDP was very much recognized and appreciated.
- Several CC members stressed that laws and regulations are too little to change the life at grassroots level. Concrete action/ work on the ground is necessary to bring real change. Organisations shall deliver what they promised.
- An action oriented approach is recommended to deliver tangible results on the UN SDG goals.
- Several priority topics were mentioned such as sharing of good practices, exchange of information, good governance, democratic empowerment, inclusion, gender equality, education, racism, disability and evidence-based policy making.

The aim of the work of the CC should be to inspire, show examples and highlight challenges.

Decision:

- On behalf of the CC, a group of CC members (Play the Game, EUPEA ICSS, Peace & Sport, EU Athletes) will draft a statement to express concern on the closure of the UNOSDP office.
- The statement shall be posted on the EPAS website.
- A working group is proposed on the evidence-base/ UN SDGs. ICSSPE, TAFISA, EAS, EUPEA are members of the ad-hoc working group.

8. Roundtable summary on good governance initiatives/ plans of the Consultative Committee members

The Chair invited Consultative Committee members to give a short summary (2 minutes) on the current good governance initiatives/ plans.

ICSS informed that it has recently changed its organizational structure. At the top, there is a holding and below two companies with a board of directors and managing boards. ICSS diversified its income resources and developed a transparent business plan.

ISF reported that it grew rapidly since 2014 and good governance is an important topic. There is a code of conduct for the evaluation teams to assess the bids of the bidding cities. A good governance code for the federation is currently being developed and should be available in 2017.

SROC is of the view that there is a wealth of information and advice on good governance existing.

TAFISA reported that the code of ethics was approved by its members, which entailed changes on its rules on transparency and procedures. TAFISA signed the good governance pledge board with the EC.

UEFA informed that the programme of its new president focuses on good governance. There is now a term limit for the president and executive committee members. It is ensured that venues for UEFA competitions are selected in a fully objective manner through a transparent bidding process.

EGLSF reported that good governance has been a thematic priority since 2014. The organisation was evaluated and its statutes have been made more transparent consequently.

EUEPA informed about their participation in a good governance project in the field of communication. A toolkit is produced to train the leadership on political communication in the field of good governance.

FISU reported that there is a limitation of terms and an age limit of 70 years to hold a position.

ICCSPE reported that good governance is a topical issue. They limited the terms of office. Gender equality is considered crucial for the promotion of good governance in sport.

9. Any other business

CC members underlined the importance that documents for the meetings should be sent out in due time, so the CC can fulfil its role and consult the Governing Board.

ICSS informed about the sport integrity global conference to take place in Lisbon, Portugal, in the second half of 2017.

10. Date and place of the next meeting

A CC plenary meeting is proposed during the Play the Game Conference from 26-30 November 2017 in Eindhoven, the Netherlands.

The next joint Governing Board Meeting and the Consultative Committee will take place in May 2018 in Strasbourg, France.

11. Closing

The chair closed the meeting by thanking the Secretariat for the organisation of the meeting and the participants for their participation and constructive input.

Appendix I**Final list of participants****CHAIR**

Mr Jens Sejer Andersen
President
Play the Game

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr Peter BARENDSE
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TAFISA

Ms Laura CAPRANICA
President
European Athlete as Student (EAS)

Mr Jan COOLEN
Secretary General
International School Sport Federation

Mr Mariusz DAMENTKO
Sports Director
Special Olympics Europe

Mr Detlef DUMON
Executive Director
International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE)

Mr Valerio GIOVANNINI
Public Affairs & Eu Projects Coordinator
UEFA

Mr Kole GJELOSHAJ
Director Educational Services
Protocol Co-ordinator
International University Sports Federation (FISU)

Mr Diogo GUIA
Director - Sports Public Policy
International Center for Sport Security (ICSS EUROPE)

Mr Martin HOLZWEG
Executive Committee Member (Scientific Advisor)
European Physical Education Association (EUPEA)

Ms Pauline JOHANET
Public Relations Officer
Peace and Sport

Mr Mark LICHTENHEIN
Chairman
Sports Rights Owners Coalition (SROC)

Mr Charalambos LOTTAS
General Secretary
National Olympic Committee of Cyprus
European Fair Play Movement

Mr Emanuel MACEDO DE MEDEIROS
CEO
International Center for Sport Security (ICSS EUROPE)

Annette WACHTER
Co-President
EGLSF

Paulina TOMCZYK
Policy Officer
EU Athletes

GUEST SPEAKER
Silvia Gonzalez Morcillo
Consultant

EPAS SECRETARIAT / SECRETARIAT DE L'APES
Mr Michael TRINKER
EPAS Deputy Executive Secretary
Directorate of Human Dignity and Equality

Appendix II

Annotated Agenda

1.	<p>Opening of the meeting <i>The meeting will be opened by Mr Jens Sejer Andersen, Chair of the Governing Board.</i></p>	
2.	<p>Adoption of the agenda <i>The CC Plenary is invited to <u>adopt</u> the agenda and any possible amendments.</i></p>	EPAS (2017) 21
3.	<p>Information on accession of new members to EPAS - Governing Board - Consultative Committee <i>The Governing Board is invited to <u>take note</u> of the update provided by the secretariat.</i></p>	
4.	<p>EPAS statute and regulations 4.1 Issues concerning membership of the Consultative Committee: a. <u>Renewals of membership</u> <i>The Consultative Committee is invited to recommend to the GB the requests for renewal by eight organisations whose memberships will expire in 2017 (EWS, FIAS, EUPEA, Sport & Citizenship, Tennis Europe, SROC, EU Athletes, and ISF) where appropriate.</i> b. <u>New members</u> <i>The Consultative Committee is invited to give an opinion to the GB on the application of the European Sports University Association (EUSA) to join the CC</i></p>	EPAS (2017) INF09 EPAS (2017) INF09
5.	<p>Report on the work of the Consultative Committee Bureau of 29 March 2017 <i>The Consultative Committee members are invited to take note of the meeting report.</i></p>	EPAS (2017) 20
6.	<p>Report on the ongoing EPAS programme of activities - Call for Proposals (BIS analysis, corruption in sport) - Joint Projects of the Council of Europe - ProS4 - PSS+ - Keep Crime out of Sport <i>The Consultative Committee is invited to take note of the oral update by the Secretariat.</i></p>	
7.	<p>European Sport and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals</p>	

	<p>Introduction by Silvia González Morcillo, Programme Officer, Policy Support UNOSDP /Geneva</p> <p><i>As a first step in the series of thematic debates, the Consultative Committee is invited to discuss how European sport can best relate to a wider global policy context, including the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the UNESCO International Charter on Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport.</i></p>	
8.	<p>Roundtable summary on good governance initiatives/ plans of the Consultative Committee members</p> <p><i>As to warm up to the joint meeting with the Governing Board of EPAS (Agenda item 11), the Consultative Committee members are invited to give a short summary (2 minutes) on current good governance initiatives/ plans.</i></p>	
9.	Any other business	
10.	Date and place of the next meeting	
11.	Closing	