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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

17th meeting of the EPAS Statutory Committee

26 November 2021

**Committee of Ministers room
Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg**

Decisions

The Statutory Committee, under the terms of Article 5 of the Statute of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), composed of the representatives to the Committee of Ministers of the member states of the Agreement,¹ chaired by Mr Rémi Mortier, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Monaco, held its 17th meeting in Strasbourg on 26 November 2021. The list of participants is featured in **Appendix I** of this document.

The Statutory Committee:

- I. Adopted the agenda as it appears in the **Appendix II** to this document;
- II. Noted the verbal report presented by the Secretariat concerning membership and observer requests to EPAS by new countries, international sports federations and sport NGOs;
- III. Noted the verbal report presented by Mr Andrea Carletti, Vice-Chair of the EPAS Governing Board, concerning the present priorities and ongoing activities of EPAS;

¹ Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and Belarus, Israel and Morocco as non-member States of the Council of Europe

- IV. - Approved the Programme 2022-2025 for this Enlarged Partial Agreement;
- Determine the total amount of compulsory contributions by EPAS members and the contribution scales for 2022;
- Approved the budget for 2022;
- Approved the budget for 2023 on a provisional basis;
- Adopted Resolution EPAS/Res(2021)2 as it appears in **Appendix III** to this document.
- V. Noted that the decisions related to salary adjustments will be approved on the basis of a general decision taken by the Committee of Ministers in the framework of the Ordinary budget.
- VI. Agreed that the next meeting of the Statutory Committee will take place in Autumn 2022, the exact date to be communicated in due course by the Secretariat.

Appendix I

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Invited guests / Invités spéciaux

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Former Olympic gymnast who represents people with lived experience of abuse in sport and who is now working in FIFA as Senior Event Safeguarding Manager / *ancienne gymnaste olympique qui représente les personnes ayant subi des abus dans le sport et qui travaille actuellement à la FIFA en tant que Chargée de la protection lors des événements*

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Appendix II

Agenda

- I. Opening of the meeting**

- II. Adoption of the agenda**

- III. Update on accessions and requests for observer status to the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)**

- IV. Ongoing work of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)**

- V. Scale of contributions to the budget of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) and draft Budget for 2022**

- VI. Draft decisions**

- VII. Miscellaneous**

Appendix III**Resolution EPAS/Res(2021)2
concerning the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport****Programme and Budget 2022-2025**

(adopted by the Statutory Committee on 26 November 2021)

The Statutory Committee, under the terms of Article 5 of the Statute of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), composed of the representatives on the Committee of Ministers of the member states of the agreement,

Having regard to Resolution CM/Res(2007)8 of 11 May 2007 authorising the establishment of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport,

Having regard to Articles 19, 21 et 28 of the Financial Regulations,

Having regard to the Secretary General's proposal concerning the Programme and Budget 2022-2025 CM(2021)130 and CM(2021)130-corr2,

Having regard to the report of the Budget Committee (document CM(2021)135),

Resolves as follows:

1. The programme of the Enlarged Partial Agreement for 2022-2025 is approved;
2. The budget of expenditure and receipts for 2022 totaling €1 101 900 according to Table A appended to the present Resolution is approved;
3. The budget of expenditure and receipts for 2023 totaling €1 118 400 according to Table A appended to the present Resolution is approved provisionally;
4. The apportionment, among the States members of the Enlarged Partial Agreement, of the contributions for 2022 according to Table B appended hereto is approved;
5. The total of the budget of receipts shall be a function of the total of actual receipts. The budget of expenditure and receipts shall be adjusted accordingly in the course of the financial year.

Table A: Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

€K	2022 budget	2023 budget
Total Expenditure	1 101.9	1 118.4
Obligatory contributions	1 101.9	1 118.4
Total Receipts	1 101.9	1 118.4

Table B - Contributions to the budget of the Enlarged Partial agreement on Sport (EPAS) for the financial year 2022

MEMBER STATES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE	% contribution	Amount payable in €
ALBANIA	0.6892	7 594.29
ANDORRA	0.6892	7 594.29
ARMENIA	0.6892	7 594.29
AUSTRIA	2.8428	31 324.82
AZERBAIJAN	0.6892	7 594.29
BELGIUM	3.4120	37 596.84
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	0.6892	7 594.29
BULGARIA	0.6892	7 594.29
CROATIA	0.6892	7 594.29
CYPRUS	0.6892	7 594.29
ESTONIA	0.6892	7 594.29
FINLAND	1.7266	19 025.41
FRANCE	14.7650	162 695.54
GEORGIA	0.6892	7 594.29
GREECE	1.5096	16 634.29
HUNGARY	1.1551	12 728.05
ICELAND	0.6892	7 594.29
ITALY	14.7650	162 695.54
LATVIA	0.6892	7 594.29
LIECHTENSTEIN	0.6892	7 594.29
LITHUANIA	0.6892	7 594.29
LUXEMBOURG	0.6892	7 594.29
MALTA	0.6892	7 594.29
MONACO	0.6892	7 594.29
MONTENEGRO	0.6892	7 594.29
NETHERLANDS	5.7034	62 845.77
NORTH MACEDONIA	0.6892	7 594.29
NORWAY	2.5970	28 616.35
POLAND	4.3277	47 686.93
PORTUGAL	1.5948	17 573.11
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	14.7650	162 695.54
SAN MARINO	0.6892	7 594.29
SERBIA	0.6892	7 594.29
SLOVENIA	0.6892	7 594.29
SWITZERLAND	4.4269	48 780.02
TURKEY	6.7483	74 359.53
UKRAINE	1.8618	20 515.18
NON-MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE		
BELARUS	0.6892	7 594.29
ISRAEL	1.1849	13 056.42
MOROCCO	0.7625	8 401.99
TOTAL	100.0000	1 101 900.00

Appendix IV (in English only)

Speech by Mr Andrea Carletti, Vice-Chair of the EPAS Governing Board

The Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), which now counts 40 member states in its Governing Board and 29 Consultative Committee organisations as well as the 40 delegations representing the Statutory Committee gathered here this morning, is proud to continue to uphold the values of the Council of Europe: the rule of law, democracy and human rights.

Despite the pandemic and ensuing restrictions in place throughout 2021, EPAS continued to stride ahead in its key priority working areas promoting safe sport, ethical sport and more inclusive sport. One of the key drivers of 2021 was the final conference meetings to close the 16th Ministerial Conference; these took place online on Friday 15 January and on Thursday 11 February. Owing to the pandemic the physical meetings programmed to take place in Athens in 2020, ended up being replaced by a series of 5 shorter online events, spread over a longer period of time from 5 November 2020 until 11 February 2021. This ability to change tack and format is a reflection of how EPAS has been able to adapt its working methods quickly to ensure that there was no hold up in the carrying out either of the work programme or the EPAS Priority Areas of Activity.

Two key Resolutions were adopted at the 16th Ministerial Conference and these have impacted on EPAS' work going forwards throughout 2021. These are:

1. Resolution No. 1 - A European approach to Sport policies: the revision of the European Sports Charter
2. Resolution No. 2 – Human Rights in Sport

The first Resolution confirmed that EPAS should progress with the revision of the European Sports Charter. I am delighted to announce that one of the EPAS highlights of 2021 was that under the careful steering of the EPAS Secretariat, in particular the Executive Secretary, Mr Stanislas Frossard, and with wise and active input from the Governing Board and in consultation with the Consultative Committee, the revised European Sports Charter was adopted on 13 October 2021.

This revised 2021 Charter promotes values-based sport, most particularly in the areas of: integrity; ethics; human rights and sustainability. It also promotes: the protection of human rights; good governance; the right to sport for all individuals; social and economic benefits of doing sport; and dual careers. Furthermore, it encourages the involvement of a wide range of stakeholders; including public authorities (local and regional) and transversal co-operation.

As with previous incarnations of the Charter, at its heart, it promotes “sport for all”. The Charter also maintains a broad definition of sport, namely: “all forms of physical activity, which help to maintain or improve physical fitness or mental well-being which help to form social relationships or to obtain results in competitions at all different levels.”

So not just elite sport competitions.

From 2022 onwards this revised European Sports Charter will be implemented and it is designed to be an active tool to guide European sports policy. In early 2022, an informal Session of the Committee of Ministers will be held to launch this revised Charter alongside the presentation of the Council of Europe's Strategic Priorities for the next four years in sport (2022-2025).

In light of the Second Resolution on Human Rights and Sport, which encouraged EPAS to promote human rights in sport in its ongoing work, EPAS organised a human rights forum on 1 June 2021. This forum focused on the following discussion areas:

- Right to a fair trial;
- Data protection;
- Media Freedom in Sport;
- Young migrant athletes and human trafficking;
- Economic and social rights of athletes;
- Combating racism and hate speech in sport; and
- Gender equality in sport;

In each of the areas EPAS invited Council of Europe colleagues with expertise in the particular area to present their work and to share ideas about how to move the debate forwards. Two areas: Combating hate speech in sport and Gender equality in sport, will now become the focus of joint

Council of Europe-European Union projects, both of which will start in 2022. The 2022 Gender Equality initiative will draw on EPAS work in the earlier All IN joint Council of Europe/European Union project and further develop the indicators established and extend their implementation. It will also take into consideration other ways in which that initiative can be expanded.

In the context of the aforementioned standards EPAS defines its work around 3 pillars: ethical sport, inclusive sport and safe sport.

Ethical sport

EPAS continues to be involved with the International Partnership against Corruption in Sport (IPACS) consisting of amongst other stakeholders – OECD, UNODC and the IOC. EPAS coordinates Task Force 3, and has developed common benchmarks with good governance indicators to support sport organisations and public authorities to address risks of corruption. EPAS continues to maintain a database of alleged corruption cases (DACCS).

As part of Action 3 of the Kazan Action Plan, which was adopted on 15 July 2017 at Unesco's 6th International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VI), EPAS has prepared detailed integrity guidelines to improve sport integrity and has identified 5 policy areas in this respect:

1. Preserving the rights, safety and security of athletes, spectators, workers and other groups involved;
2. Preventing and addressing harassment and abuse in sport;
3. Fostering good governance of sport organisations;
4. Strengthening measures against the manipulation of sports competitions; and
5. Ensuring an adequate anti-doping policy framework, its implementation and effective compliance measures.

Now that the guidelines have been drafted their implementation is their next step and to kick this off an Integrity Conference jointly organised with the Italian Department for Sports, in the framework of the Italian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers will take place on 6-7 December in Rome and in hybrid version. I look forward to warmly welcoming speakers in Rome, but also invite all of you to join the conference remotely. It will provide the opportunity for experts to consolidate EPAS' work in this area and plan the next steps.

Inclusive sport

On 20 September EPAS hosted its biennial Diversity Conference. This year the topic was on the promotion of the human rights of intersex and transgender athletes in sports competitions. Proceedings were opened by Ms Roxana Mărăcineanu, the French Minister responsible for Sport, and speakers were wide-ranging including representatives from the IOC, from Human Rights Watch, athletes, and other experts in this area. A study in this area is being prepared by EPAS to be published next year.

EPAS is also preparing its 2022-2024 All In joint project with the European Union as well as its participation at the 2022 IWG meeting, and is looking forward to continuing to protect the rights of women in sport on an ongoing basis.

Safe sport

In March 2021, the Council of Europe Recommendation on Extreme Martial Arts and Combat Activities was adopted. A number of EPAS member states are Consultative Committee bodies are studying the issue of concussion in sporting activities in this area.

Throughout 2021, EPAS continued its work in the area of child safeguarding in sport. EPAS has two concurrent running initiatives: the ongoing "Start to Talk" project and Child Safeguarding in Sport (CSiS).

1. Start to Talk was launched in April 2018 and is designed by the Council of Europe as a call for action to public authorities and the sport movement to stop child sexual abuse. By joining this call, governments, sports clubs, associations and federations, as well as athletes and coaches, pledge to take concrete measures to prevent and respond to abuse. It is about adults breaking the silence and lending children a voice.

2. The Child Safeguarding in Sport project is a joint initiative with the European Union which will run until early 2022. It has focused on 6 member states (Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Israel, Norway and Portugal) and its main aims are to guide and accompany countries in the development of more effective child safeguarding in sport policies, to ensure safe, positive and empowering sport environments for children. Each of the countries have prepared or are finalising their tailor-made roadmaps.

At the end of this Statutory Meeting we will hear more about Child Safeguarding in Sport from the Portuguese national co-ordinator Ms Cristina Matos Almeida.

Communication

In 2021 EPAS reinforced its communication work and from June brought in two consecutive communication colleagues: Ms Hawa Diallo and Ms Emma Zanichelli to assist our new colleague Ms Françoise Rui, who replaced Ms Heather Stewart in the summer. This reinforcement has meant that EPAS was able to continue to develop its dedicated webpages, and ensure that strong resource material in the different areas of activity of our work was uploaded.

Ms Francine Hetherington Raveney was also recruited as the Deputy Executive Secretary in May this year and has focused on working with the Consultative Committee, overseeing Communication and helping to organise the Diversity and Integrity conferences amongst other areas.

Co-operation with the sports movement

EPAS continues to co-operate with the sports movement, most particularly through its Consultative Committee, which gathers a diverse group of sports organisations from across Europe and beyond and which now numbers 29 bodies. The Consultative Committee has held two webinars in 2021 and this will continue into 2022.

The Memoranda of Understanding between the Council of Europe and FIFA and UEFA continue to ensure collaboration between our organisations. We will have the pleasure to hear from two FIFA colleagues at the end of this meeting in the area of safeguarding in sport, namely, Ms Gloria Viseras, who some of you will have heard speaking here 3 years ago, and her colleague Ms Marie-Laure Lemineur.

Other events

To conclude I would like to refer to the successful online plenary meeting of EPAS which, as usual, brought together the EPAS Governing Board and the Consultative Committee in June this year. EPAS also hosted a first round table on the complex issue of e-sports earlier this week, which was attended by a number of our Governing Board representatives. Work will continue in this area. Furthermore, an online meeting on the mapping of sports facilities will take place before the end of the year in collaboration with the Mulier Instituut.

So as you have heard in 2021 the work of EPAS was certainly not slowed down because of the pandemic even if we look forward to more in-person meetings and conferences from 2022 onwards. EPAS has continued to build a bridge between grassroots sports and national policy makers.

I would also like to close by paying tribute to the hard work carried out by Mr Stanislas Frossard, who has been the Executive Secretary of EPAS since 2007. He is leaving us to serve a two-year term as Chair of the Staff Committee and I would like to thank him for his contribution to EPAS over the years.