



## **“Impact of COVID-19 on sport: how to address new challenges in Europe”**

Public Webinar organised by EPAS

Wednesday, 7 October 2020  
11:30 – 13:00

Venue:  
Online via Kudo

### **Speakers’ biographies**



**Mr Alexandre Husting (MODERATOR)**, Chair of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport, Attaché for Education, Youth, Culture and Sport at the Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the European Union.



**Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković** has been the Director General of Democracy at the Council of Europe since 2012. Under her responsibility, the Directorate General works to help member states in creating a favorable environment for sustainable democracy and democratic security in Europe. Previously, Ms Samardžić-Marković held numerous positions in the Serbian Government including that of Minister of Youth and Sports (2007-2012), member of the Foundation Board of WADA and President of the Fund for Young Talents.



**Mr Hoss Rafaty** has been president of a large distribution company in the USA with over 500 employees for the last 35 years. He started to work with World Taekwondo in 2007 as advisor to the President, then as chairman of the expansion committee, and since 2015, as Secretary General. He has developed a global membership system to facilitate the management of membership, tournaments, events, ranking, education, certification/grading and mass communications for MNAs, CUs, and world Taekwondo. The system's success has created interest from many international sport federations.



**Mr Stewart Harris** has been Chief Executive of **sportscotland** (National Agency for Sport) since late 2005 following an earlier career in education and basketball. Stewart has led the transition and development of **sportscotland** from a funding agency to much more of an added-value development agency that invests in partners. The current *Sport For Life* strategy seeks to engage as many people as possible in sport and physical activity at whatever level is appropriate for the individual and the organisation adopts a system-based approach with partners to achieve these outcomes.



**Ms Wanda Wendel-Vos**, is senior researcher in the field of Sport, Physical Activity and Health from the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) in the Netherlands. She co-ordinates a broad set of key indicators describing sport and physical activity for the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, and is actively involved in monitoring the National Sports Agreement in the Netherlands. She represents the Netherlands at EU-level as HEPA Focal Point and is the current chair of WHO's HEPA Europe Network.



**Mr Detlef Dumon** fills a strategic key position within the global network of the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE). As Executive Director since 2007, he facilitates contact between academic experts and their findings in various sport science disciplines and areas such as physical activity, sport and development, and physical education, with policy makers in governments, public administration and organised sports. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 crisis, ICSSPE has gathered useful data to reflect on current and future challenges for sport.