

Ongoing EPAS
activities
2014

ENGSO FORUM
On a boat somewhere
between Stockholm and
Helsinki



1. Introduction to EPAS

What is the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) ?

body set up in 2007 the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) of the Council of Europe **aims** to promote sport and emphasise its positive values, to establish international standards and develop a framework for a **pan European platform of intergovernmental sports co-operation** while at the same time helping the public authorities of member States of the EPAS, sports federations and NGOs to promote sport and make it healthier, fairer and better governed.





The Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport
(EPAS)
A New Platform for Modern Sport
Today in Europe

 Why a **partial agreement**?

-  activities in which some but **not all CoE member states** participate

 Why an **enlarged agreement**?

-  **Open to non-member states** of the Council of Europe



EPAS has 36 states and 29 international and European sport federations as members

- 🏛️ **Thirty-six countries are currently members:** Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, **Belarus**, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Latvia, Liechtenstein, **Lithuania**, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, **Morocco**, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovenia, Switzerland and “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”.

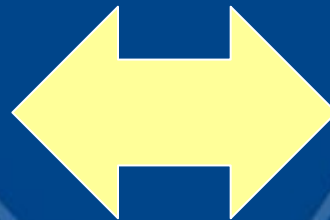
Lithuania has become the 36th member state of EPAS as from 18 September 2014

- 🏛️ **One observer state:** New Zealand.

Structure : towards an Efficient GO/NGO Consultation

The Governing Board

- ▣ **One representative appointed by our 36 EPAS member states**
- ▣ **Responsible for:** the general implementation of the tasks conferred upon EPAS (draft, implementation, budget, monitoring)



The Consultative Committee

- ▣ **One representative appointed by our 29 international sports organisations**
- ▣ **gives opinions** on the programme of activities and **provides advice** for the decisions of the Governing Board

**There is a very constructive exchange between
these two structures**

Structure :

Consultative Committee

➔ **ENGSO is part of our 29 sports organisations**

New member of the Consultative Committee

On 17 September 2014 The Ministers' Deputies decided to accept a new member of the EPAS Consultative Committee: **the International School Sports Federation (ISF)** which organizes and co-ordinates international school sport events, Their mission is to educate and to transmit important values through sport

EPAS is delighted to have them on board !!!

→ Activities


- 🏛️ Standard Setting (Conventions, Recommendations)
- 🏛️ Monitoring
- 🏛️ Conferences

EPAS develops **policies and standards**, **monitors** them and helps with capacity-building and **the exchange of good practices**.

→ Basis for drawing up strategies

EPAS uses **Council of Europe sports standards** such as the **European Sports Charter**, the **Code of Sports Ethics**, the **European Convention on Spectator Violence**, the **Anti-Doping Convention** and the new **Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions** as the basis for drawing up its own strategies.

Activities






 **Since 2007**, EPAS has carried out a range of different activities, organising political conferences, training events and awareness-raising activities on various issues relating to human rights, anti-discrimination, gender mainstreaming, youth and on specific grounds of discrimination identified in the human rights treaties.

The following thematic priorities have been addressed so far:

-  Combating racism and discrimination in sport (2008)
-  Racism and violence in sport (2009)
-  Sport as a promoting tool for social inclusion of people with disabilities (2010)
-  Women and sport (2011)
-  Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender sport (2012)
-  Youth and children in sport (2013)
-  Prisons and sport (2014)

In 2015, it has been agreed that the thematic priority will be **tolerance, fair play and the educational role of sport.**

Ongoing activities

-  **“EPAS-PESTALOZZI” project**
-  **Conference “Sport in prisons”**
-  **Recommendation on Gender mainstreaming**
-  **EU Preparatory Actions – Pro Safe Sport for Young Athletes (PSS)**
-  **Convention on the manipulation of sports competitions**

Ongoing activities

EPAS-PESTALOZZI PROJECT

Pestalozzi – the Council of Europe’s training and capacity building programme for education professionals – **want to implement together a project** on how values of the Council of Europe such as **tolerance, intercultural understanding, diversity etc. can be promoted in school sport** (Physical Education lessons and extra-curricula school sport)

first brainstorming meeting was held on 9-10 September 2013 gathered experts from the sport’s and from the educational sector (EPAS experts – GB Iceland/Croatia and CC EGLSF and EUPEA); First steps was to collect data and analyse (curricula from member states, official texts);

In early 2014 the creation of an interactive online platform – collect more data, create awareness – exchange ideas and practices; trainer training course in Sept. 2014 - June 2015 in the framework of the Pestalozzi Programme for PE teachers and coaches (workshops, e-training, summer schools etc). Next immediate steps Pestalozzi Programme will propose the topic for next year’s trainer training course then project plan presented by both partners to their respective steering committees.

Ongoing activities


Sport in prisons

2014 theme – sport in prisons – to prepare the ground we held an expert seminar in march 2013 to discuss possible content of the 2014 conference programme – experts from PCCP (council for penological cooperation) and EPAS together with european NGOs involved in prison reform/administration. **Launched a questionnaire** to member state prison administrations to evaluate use of sport in prisons. **Results have been analysed and were presented during our annual conference in June 2014**, organised in co-operation with CNOSF (French nat olympic committee) and French ministries of justice and sport.


With the results of the evaluation, a policy study is currently under preparation and will be published in 2015.

All information regarding this event are available in our website (report, list of participants, presentations...)

Recommendation on Gender Mainstreaming in Sport: Content






-  With this recommendation on GM EPAS will hopefully convince states that, in order to achieve de facto equality between women and men in sport and via sport, the structural character of gender inequality must be addressed by adopting the strategy of gender mainstreaming and involving all the relevant institutions and actors in its implementation.

Recommendation on Gender Mainstreaming in Sport: Content

 Gender mainstreaming aims to **boost** the legitimacy of gender equality values by addressing known gender disparities and gaps in such areas as :

- ***the division of labour between men and women;***
- ***access to and control over resources;***
- ***access to services;***
- ***information and opportunities;***
- ***distribution of power and decision-making in all sectors of society.***

Recommendation on Gender Mainstreaming in Sport: Process

-  Work on the draft Recommendation started already back in 2011
-  Process: 3 drafting group meetings
-  Involvement of experts from various CoE member states and European Commission
-  Finalisation of draft Recommendation in December 2013 (Vilnius)
-  Approval by EPAS Governing Board (April 2014)

Next Steps

Send to the Rapporteur Group on Education,
Culture, Sport, Youth and Environment (GR-C)


20 November 2014

Possible adoption by the Committee of Ministers

**Before the end of the
year !!!**

Next Steps : Toolbox



 **In the framework of ERASMUS +** we have submitted a project in order to **Develop a toolbox with relevant stakeholders** (European Commission, Ministries, NGO,...)

Expected results will be (deliverables)

-  Tools to increase participation of women in sport
-  Catalogue on models of good practices
-  Mapping of gender mainstreaming policies

Ongoing activities

EU Preparatory Actions – Pro Safe Sport for Young Athletes (PSS)

Pro Safe Sport for Young Athletes (PSS) is an initiative funded by the EU and implemented by the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) on the quest for practice examples which promote a safe and healthy sport environment for young athletes




First co-operation with EU in sport !!!!!

Started in January 2014 --- funded for **18 months** ---

As of 1 January 2014, the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport **implements** the EU funded initiative **with its 14 partners from all over Europe.**

EU Preparatory Actions – Pro Safe Sport for Young Athletes (PSS)

 The **general objective** of the PSS project **is to promote the physical and mental wellbeing of young athletes by**

-  **raising awareness among the athletes entourage** on the importance of the protection and promotion of the physical and moral wellbeing of young athletes
-  **create relevant mechanisms** (self-evaluation and training programmes) to introduce and maintain highest levels of safety
-  **explore synergies of existing structures**

EU Preparatory Actions – Pro Safe Sport for Young Athletes (PSS)

What has been achieved so far?

-  Successful kick off event in **Vienna**, 28-29 January 2014
-  **Online survey to collect good practices**
-  Workshop on „the physical wellbeing of young athletes“ from 6-7 May 2014, **Budapest**
-  Workshop on „mental wellbeing and fair play“: from 14-16 July 2014, **Leeds, UK**
-  Workshop on „legal framework, inclusion, anti-discrimination“, from 31 August-2 September 2014, **Berlin**
-  Workshop on „lifestyle, dual careers, sexual health and match fixing“, from 13-15 October 2014, **Paris**

The presentations of the Berlin workshop can be retrieved from the following website: <http://pjp-eu.coe.int/web/pss/workshop-berlin>

EU Preparatory Actions – Pro Safe Sport for Young Athletes (PSS)

 **All information regarding this project are available on :**
<http://pjp-eu.coe.int/web/pss>

Currently, the website only offers basic information but will be continuously updated and improved over the project life cycle which ends in June 2015.

I invite you to visit this website and to keep informed of the project and its products. PSS team looks forward to receiving your comments. You can also follow us on **twitter :@ProSafeSport**

Convention on the manipulation of sports competitions

Biggest milestone of this year for EPAS !!!

- The adoption by the Committee of Ministers of the **Convention on the manipulation of sports competitions**.
- After 2 years of work, the text was adopted in July 2014 and **opened for signature on 18 September 2014** during the 13th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, in Macolin/Magglingen, Switzerland.
- As of today, already **16 states have signed the Convention**.

For its entry into force the Convention will need **to be ratified by five parties**, of which **at least three must** be Member States of the Council of Europe.

Convention on the manipulation of sports competitions

Biggest milestone of this year for EPAS !!!

This is **the first legally binding international tool** to fight match-fixing.

Its purpose is **to prevent, detect and punish the manipulation of sports competitions**, as well as to enhance the exchange of information and national and international co-operation between the public authorities concerned and with sports organisations and sports betting operators.

EPAS will continue to promote its signature and ratification until it enters into force.

Thank you for
your attention!

