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**Report by the
ENGSO Secretary General**

The 19th General Assembly and its content shows that much has been done in the past with good many activities taken on board by all members of the ExCom, ENGSO Youth, Working Groups and representatives of ENGSO members.

ENGSO has established some new standards, which seem to have shown great results in visibility of ENGSO's activities and in fulfilling the priority activity areas.

With improved professionalization, ENGSO has high ambitions concerning its work and development purposed to prove it on the European sport policy scene.

This has been a very active year on all levels, including the activities in EPAS, where ENGSO has a special position.

ENGSO and EPAS

On 13 October 2010, after three years of existence, the Committee of Ministers established the Enlarged partial Agreement on a permanent basis. Following the accession of Morocco as the first extra-European state, it now counts 34 member states since it was set up on 11 May 2007; eight new sports organizations joined its Consultative Committee. EPAS activities focused on standard development (draft recommendations on the fight against manipulation of sports results, as well as on migration in sport and the protection of minors). Another priority theme was the promotion of diversity and the fight against discrimination in sport. The EPAS organized the 18th Informal Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport in Baku (Azerbaijan), which had its major theme the promotion of sport's integrity against manipulation of results; the Conference also supported a stronger co-operation between the Council of Europe and the European Union in the sport sphere.

Most European sport is organised across a geographical area, which virtually matches that of the 49 Parties to the European Cultural Convention. The states concerned share not only a cultural and political heritage, but also a pattern of sporting activity. Hence it is unsurprising that they feel the need to co-operate at pan-European level within EPAS, so that they can pool their ideas about sport policy.

Following the 11th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, organised by EPAS from 10 to 12 December 2008, the Partial Agreement was asked to publish its study of the autonomy of sport, and to disseminate the findings.

EPAS continues to promote the ethics of sport by updating the Code of Sports Ethics and identifies new international standards in areas where new challenges arise to sports ethics, especially with regard to the trafficking of young players and corruption.

2009 saw the launch of a number of events and projects. The Consultative Committee facilitated exchanges between states and sports organisations, and offered support and advice for a number of intergovernmental initiatives.

With its special position within the Consultative Committee, ENGSO continues to contribute greatly to the work of EPAS through exchange of information and important documents for both organisations.

ENGSO ExCom ACTIVITY REPORT 2010 / 2011

Among the numerous activities of the ENGSO ExCom between the two General Assemblies, its sessions in 2010/2011 were held in Belgrade (prior to and following the 18th General Assembly), in Brussels, Dubrovnik, London, Tallinn and Espalion.

Belgrade

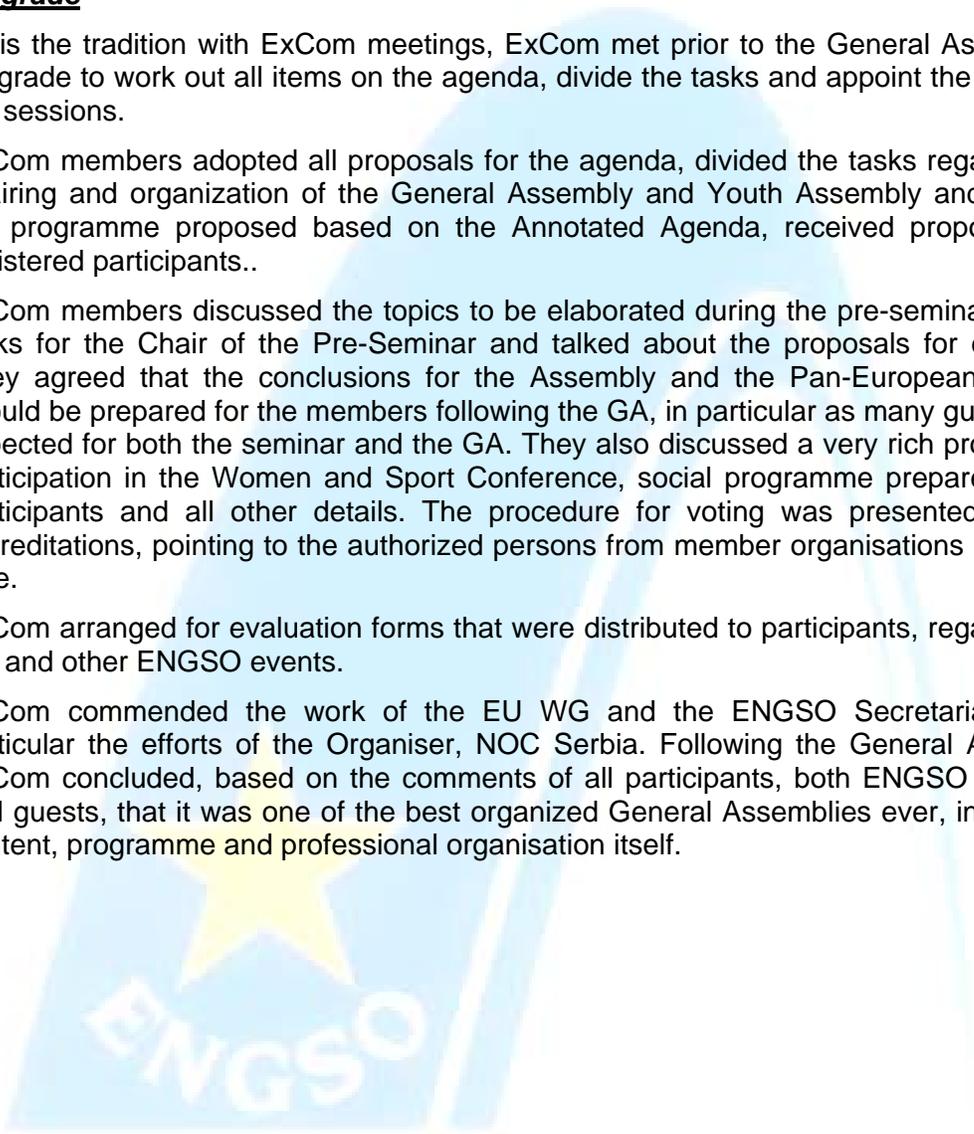
As is the tradition with ExCom meetings, ExCom met prior to the General Assembly in Belgrade to work out all items on the agenda, divide the tasks and appoint the chairs for the sessions.

ExCom members adopted all proposals for the agenda, divided the tasks regarding the chairing and organization of the General Assembly and Youth Assembly and adopted the programme proposed based on the Annotated Agenda, received proposals and registered participants..

ExCom members discussed the topics to be elaborated during the pre-seminar, set the tasks for the Chair of the Pre-Seminar and talked about the proposals for decisions. They agreed that the conclusions for the Assembly and the Pan-European Seminar should be prepared for the members following the GA, in particular as many guests were expected for both the seminar and the GA. They also discussed a very rich programme, participation in the Women and Sport Conference, social programme prepared for the participants and all other details. The procedure for voting was presented and the accreditations, pointing to the authorized persons from member organisations entitled to vote.

ExCom arranged for evaluation forms that were distributed to participants, regarding the GA and other ENGSO events.

ExCom commended the work of the EU WG and the ENGSO Secretariat, but in particular the efforts of the Organiser, NOC Serbia. Following the General Assembly, ExCom concluded, based on the comments of all participants, both ENGSO members and guests, that it was one of the best organized General Assemblies ever, in sense of content, programme and professional organisation itself.



Brussels

Brussels and the EOC EU Office hosted the session of ExCom for the first time, especially because 2010 was considered important as the sports movement is waiting for the communication of the Commission.

Folker Hellmund, Head of the EOC EU Office welcomed the ExCom and briefed them on the recent developments.

In the follow-up of the GA in Belgrade, the ExCom concluded the following:

- feedback was very positive;
- interaction with MOs was sharper and clearer and presentations short;
- well organised with young volunteers involved, experience from Paris helped with preparations;
- the EU pre-seminar was appreciated by the Eastern European countries;
- very satisfied with documents, presentations etc;
- better structured than previous meeting;
- good signs in view of the implementation of the strategic plan;
- different activities (EU seminar, youth conference, women's sport conference) involved also national actors, including cooperation with the ministry.

Members discussed the main topics and the programme for the Forum in Dubrovnik. Even though it was planned to organise another Sport for All Round Table meeting during the Forum, Caput-Jogunica informed members that not many SfA organisations confirmed their participation.

ExCom members and the employee gave detailed reports on their activities in the previous period, from their participation in various meetings and conferences to the documents made and representation in the EYV2011 Alliance and set the tasks for the forthcoming period

Dubrovnik

The ExCom prior to the Forum in Dubrovnik was organized by the NOC Croatia in a most beautiful environment.

In discussion regarding the final preparations for the Forum, involving the tasks and responsibilities of ENGSO ExCom members and EU WG members in particular, members were informed that participation was expected by representatives from various member countries, as well as the guests from EC Sport Unit, CoE - EPAS, EL, and EAS Network and EUPEA. ENGSO ExCom members verified the programme, agenda and the material for all the events of the Forum.

ExCom was delighted with the prepared Proceedings Book that showed a great effort of the ExCom member Caput-Jogunica and the benefits for all members and ENGSO.

The communication activities were fully covered by the work of Hamalainen in the EOC EU Office and Manuela Sentdjerdj.

ExCom members agreed upon their strategy concerning the ways to improve benefits for its members and decided to make an evaluation form to be filled in by the participants.

This most interesting 13th ENGSO Forum in Dubrovnik, the work of which resulted in a most beneficial "Proceedings Book", had the following outcome

SHORT SUMMARY OF THE 13TH ENGSO FORUM

Dubrovnik, October 6-8, 2010

The 13th ENGSO Forum discussed the theme "Social Inclusion and Education through Sports" on 8th and 9th October in the beautiful city of Dubrovnik, Croatia.

The Forum, hosted by the Croatian Olympic Committee in cooperation with the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, brought together ENGSO members and other experts from national sports associations of 20 European countries with networks and other major organisations working in the fields of social inclusion, education and sport.

Guest speakers from the European Commission, Council of Europe and the European Olympic Committees shared their views on the topics at hand with the participants. Bart Ooijen from the Sport Unit of the European Commission outlined the future developments in EU Sport Policy and the Commission's actions on social inclusion. Ewa Markowicz spoke on behalf of the Council of Europe about the resolutions of the recent Informal Conference of Ministers responsible for sport, and Zlatko Matesa, President of the Croatian Olympic Committee and member of the Executive Board of the European Olympic Committees, welcomed cooperation between ENGSO and EOC.

As one of the main topics of the Forum was education through sport, the Forum also introduced two high-level athletes and students: the top swimmer Španja Michael, studying media, culture and society at the University of Dubrovnik, and the gymnast Mario Možnik, a graduate of Kinesiology at the University of Zagreb.

While during the first day of the Forum both guest speakers and ENGSO members had their presentations on current European sport issues and social inclusion, the second day was reserved for a workshop on education and sport, notably dual careers, in the framework of the Athletes 2 Business project.

Project examples on social inclusion and education through sports implemented by ENGSO members were showcased at the forum and are summarised in the Proceeding Book of the Forum and all presentations posted on the website.

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STATEMENT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

ENGSO Forum in Dubrovnik hosted a meeting of Sport for All (SfA) Organisations on October 8, 2010. Participants of this meeting (list attached) agreed on the following statement.

Participants of the meeting acknowledge mutual recognition of all Sport for All movement organizations as the basis work and respect for aspiration towards the better position of sport and physical activities in Europe in general and the need to continue with the tradition of meetings of the Sport for All Organisations Round Table.

They expressed interest to work together on achieving common aims, act together and organise regular joint events to promote the spirit of cooperation between Sport for All Organisations.

Sports for All Organisations agree that this platform could equally serve as support to the major policy makers and capacity to provide basis for future actions in the field of policy making and implementation of current sport policies of the European Commission, like the EU Physical Activity Guidelines.

The present SfA Organisations, representing mostly the education area, pointed out the importance of education and in specific, physical education from the youngest age for the future of sport in Europe. They have agreed to create a joint network for common topics and to use each others networks for promotion of their specific activities and actions.

The Round Table Meeting could be organised by all interested Sport for All organisations. It should be a true platform for exchange of opinion and experiences, cooperation in projects, drafting joint actions and primarily for promotion of common topics and goals before the major policy makers, EU and Council of Europe. Such would safeguard the needs and interests of Sport for All and grassroots sport activities.

Considering the importance of the Lisbon Treaty, the article on sport, and the forthcoming Communication, the SfA Organisations wish to be able to formulate and shape the future policy regarding sport and physical activities in all its aspects.

ENGSO offers to coordinate the agenda for the next meetings, while welcoming all partners to organise the Round Table Meetings in future and the possibility to organise the next Round Table at the forthcoming ENGSO Forum 2011.

London

The last meeting of the ExCom in 2010 took place in London, seat of the CCPR to become the Sport and Recreation organisation with an extensive agenda and many topics, of which the most important was the preparation for the General Assembly in Tallinn.

ExCom members discussed mostly the agenda and programme of the GA, Strategic Plan for the forthcoming period to be adopted at the GA and all that should be done in order to prepare this event in a good quality way.

One of the important items was the cooperation with ENGSO partners and what could be done in order to improve the relations and support joint activities with EOC, EPAS, EL, EC, TAFISA, EFPM, EU Platform, etc.

ENGSO ExCom took decisions concerning the work and activities of the ENGSO Employee within the EOC EU Office in Brussels, important for her work and ENGSO's position within the Office, as well as to assistance in the communication work by Sentdjerdji from the NOC Croatia

ENGSO Youth gave an extensive report on their many actions and projects.

Treasurer also reported on what the current financial situation and it was decided that the ExCom continues with the auditors as before.

The ExCom discussed possibilities of organizing the next ENGSO Forum in Brussels in the European Parliament.

Tallinn

As is the custom, an ExCom meeting was organized in the city hosting the ENGSO General Assembly in May. That was the first meeting in the New Year and it was mostly dedicated to the organisation and preparations for the 19th ENGSO event in Tallinn. With the preparations well under way especially as both the ENGSO General Assembly and ENGSO Youth Assembly are electoral ones, the planned activities for and around the GA, were planned to be quite a few, from the EU Pre-Seminar to workshops, formal part of the Assembly and the social activities programme, ENGSO Youth Assembly, etc. promising the ENGSO members to enjoy active couple of days in Tallinn, cultural capital of Europe in 2011. ENGSO ExCom also reviewed all the proposed documents and discussed the chairmanship during the GA.

ENGSO ExCom were briefed on the current issues with partners and projects initiated, including the activities of ENGSO EDU and ENGSO PROHEALTH.

ExCom discussed the proposed Strategic Plan for the forthcoming period and the report of the Policy Review WG.

Very important matter to be discussed at the General Assembly would be the assessment of the Strategic Plan during the workshop and the Action Plan of ENGSO based on the report of the PR WG and the activities plan of ENGSO, based on all its needs and activities, considering its mission and vision.

Espalion

The final ExCom meeting before the General Assembly in Tallinn was held in the beautiful town of Espalion, France, home town of the Treasurer Angles. The official bookkeeper of ENGSO was also present and clarified all financial issues in detail.

It was agreed, as he would be unable to attend the GA in Tallinn that he prepares all proposals for financial functioning of ENGSO.

Hamalainen presented all the work that was done and the documents prepared by her on behalf of ENGSO.

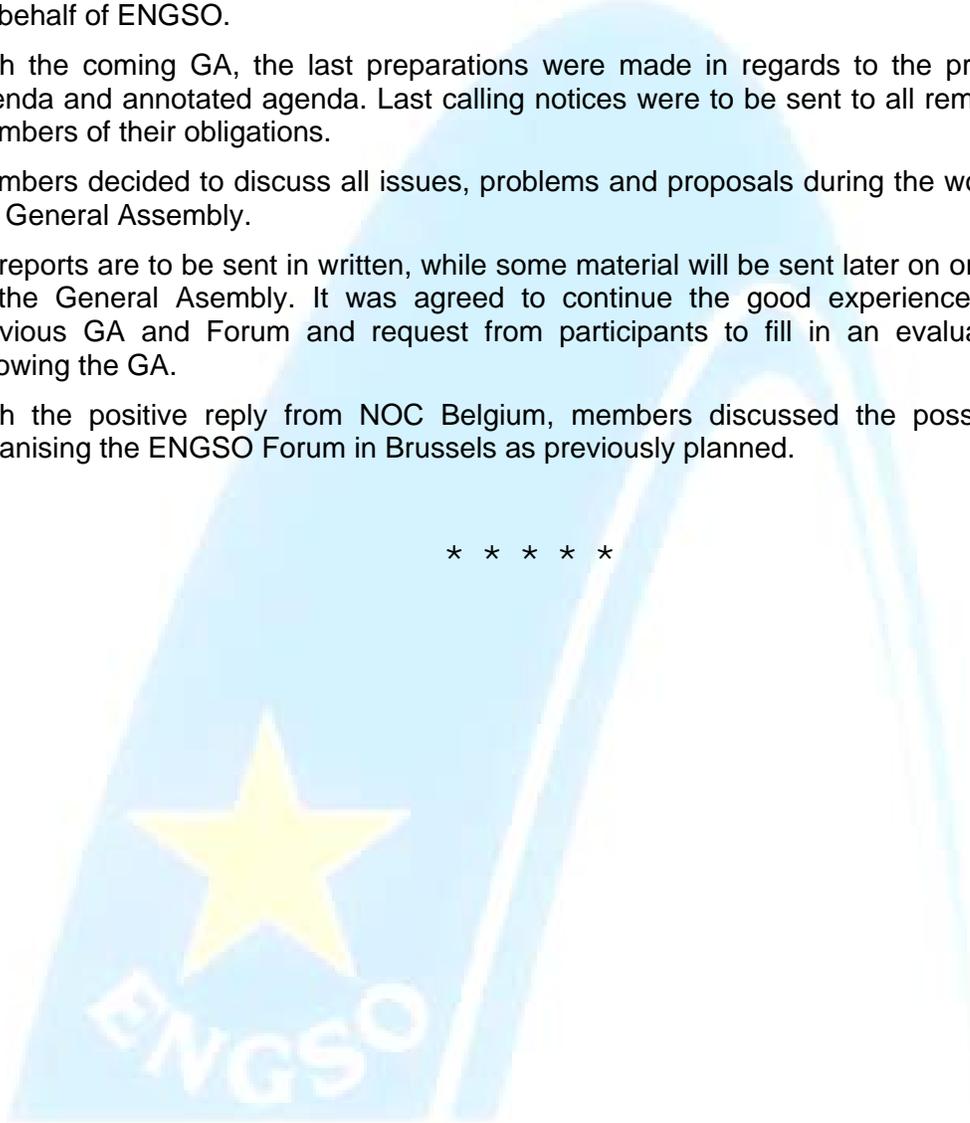
With the coming GA, the last preparations were made in regards to the programme, agenda and annotated agenda. Last calling notices were to be sent to all reminding the members of their obligations.

Members decided to discuss all issues, problems and proposals during the workshop of the General Assembly.

All reports are to be sent in written, while some material will be sent later on or given out at the General Assembly. It was agreed to continue the good experience from the previous GA and Forum and request from participants to fill in an evaluation form following the GA.

With the positive reply from NOC Belgium, members discussed the possibilities of organising the ENGSO Forum in Brussels as previously planned.

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SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES

As in the previous years, ENGSO Secretariat was charged with the regular communication with all members, EOC EU Office, WGs and partners, drafting of the documents for ENGSO meetings, as well as for communication with over 60 different organisations and numerous individuals by electronic and regular mail.

ENGSO Secretariat, in close cooperation with the ENGSO ExCom and hosts of major ENGSO events dealt with preparations of the events, from drafting of the documents, preparing the hosts, informing the members and working on the final documents of the ENGSO GA 2010, Forum 2010 and ENGSO GA 2011.

Shortly, the Secretariat worked with the ExCom on issues including **REGULAR ACTIVITIES / IMPORTANT TASKS / NEW ACTIVITIES** as follow:

- Preparation for the 81st ExCom in Belgrade; preparation and drafting papers; organization of the meeting; Minutes and Summary Report of the 80th ExCom in Sarajevo
- Preparation for the 82nd ExCom in Brussels; preparation and drafting papers; organization of the meeting; Minutes and Summary Report of the 81st ExCom in Belgrade
- Preparation for the 83rd ExCom in Dubrovnik; preparation and drafting papers for the meeting; organization of the session
- Preparation for the 84th ExCom in London; preparation and drafting papers; organization of the meeting; drafting of the Minutes and Summary Report of the 83rd ExCom in Dubrovnik.
- Preparation for the 85th ExCom in Tallinn; preparation and drafting papers for and organization of the session; Minutes and Summary Report of the ExCom meeting in London
- Preparation for the 86th ExCom in Espalion; preparation and drafting papers for the meeting; organization of the session; Minutes and Summary Report of the ExCom meeting in Tallinn
- 18th ENGSO General Assembly in Belgrade – preparation of papers, calling notices, invitations of ENGSO Members and guests; registration of participants, coordination with the Organizers in NOC Serbia regarding the organization, programme, registration, all social activities, Conference Women and Sport, etc.
- 13th ENGSO Forum in Dubrovnik – preparation of papers, calling notices, registration of participants, coordination with the Organizers in the NOC Croatia regarding the organization, programme, registration, local transportation, etc.
- 19th ENGSO General Assembly in Tallinn – preparation of papers, calling notices, invitations of ENGSO Members and guests; registration of participants, coordination with the Organizers in Olympic Committee of Estonia regarding the organization, programme, registration, etc.
- Preparation of some of the material and articles for the Newsletter
- Request for signal of interest for organization of Fora 2011-2013 and reminders

- Coordination and sending the calls and reminders and inviting ENGSO members to take part in various activities, consultations, delegating members to WGs, etc.
- Preparation of the common platform for joint activity in the Council of Europe
- New X-mas cards and X-mas greetings sent by e-mail and mail
- Annual updating of the IOC, Commission's CONECCS and other database
- Regular sending of the material, report and information to all members by e-mail, fax and regular mail.

In Belgrade, April, 2011

