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## **Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)**

### **Closing Conference**

#### **of the project**

### **Pro Safe Sport for Young Athletes (PSS)**

*organised by EPAS*

*in co-operation with Scuola dello Sport – CONI and the PSS project partners*

3 May 2015, 19:00 - 21:00

4 May 2015, 09:30 - 16:30

Conference venue:

Scuola dello Sport CONI Servizi - School of Sport  
Centro di Preparazione Olimpica “Giulio Onesti”, Largo Giulio Onesti, 1  
00197 Roma

## **Factsheet**

### **Organisers**

The Council of Europe Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) in co-operation with Scuola dello Sport – CONI and the PSS project partners<sup>1</sup>.

### **Background**

When practicing sports, children/young athletes can be very vulnerable and exposed to threats to their moral and physical integrity. All young athletes have the right to participate in a healthy and safe sport environment which promotes their well-being.

The “Pro Safe Sport for Young Athletes – (PSS)” initiative of the Council of Europe’s Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) and its 14 partners aims to remove those threats and to

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<sup>1</sup> The list of the PSS project partners can be viewed on the following website: <http://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/pss/partners>.

promote the well-being of young athletes in Europe by raising awareness, supporting capacity building and providing technical assistance<sup>2</sup> to stakeholders. It provides advice and supports sport administrators on how they can work towards safer and healthier sport environments in areas such as physical, psychological and social well-being as well as fairplay and governance.

For more information on the project please visit also its website <http://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/pss>. The draft version of the “Pro Safe Sport toolkit” is made available upon request by visiting the following website: <http://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/pss/pss-academy>

A number of sports organisations, partners and experts were involved in the PSS activities to

- collect good practices,
- conduct the desk research,
- participate in workshops and
- develop tools on the protection and safeguarding of young athletes.

### **Aim of the conference**

Inform experts and stakeholders on the outcomes of the PSS project and discuss possible follow-up activities.

### **Objectives**

- Raise awareness of the importance of the well-being of young athletes
- Inform about the results of the PSS project
- Recruit multipliers to promote and implement the PSS toolkit
- Provide a networking platform on safe sports
- Develop ideas and strategies to follow up on the results of the project

### **Programme elements and methodology**

The programme is organised in an interactive way engaging participants in discussions. Furthermore, it will include presentations by experts/ top practitioners.

The event will feature the following:

- High profile speeches on the well-being of young athletes
- A best practice example
- Presentation of the PSS project results
- Panel discussion of representatives of sport organisations, public authorities and other stakeholders

### **Outcomes**

Participants will be aware of important information on providing safe and healthy sport environments. Furthermore, they will receive training and tools on how they can assess the organisational capacities to promote “safe sports” and have to develop a tailored safe sport strategy/ action plan to improve efforts in this regard.

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<sup>2</sup> The technical assistance may include learning tools and tips on how to conduct a self-assessment, to set up an action plan as well as useful resources on practice examples, relevant literature etc.

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### **Venue and hotel**

Scuola dello Sport - School of Sport, Centro di Preparazione Olimpica  
Largo Giulio Onesti, 1  
00197 Roma  
Italy

### **Working language**

English (no interpretation is provided)

### **Participants**

The conference will bring together up to 50 participants representing mainly sports organisations as well as other sport stakeholders such as public authorities.

- Officials from sport organisations
- Officials from sports ministries

### **Terms of participation**

- Participation in the conference is free of charge.
- Travel and accommodation costs of registered participants are reimbursed. (Please register by sending an email to [pro-safe-sport@coe.int](mailto:pro-safe-sport@coe.int).)

### **Visas**

Participants are responsible for checking visa requirements and making their own visa arrangements before departure. They may use the individual invitation letter they receive from the Council of Europe, which constitutes an official document and, as such, will allow them to obtain the necessary visas. The Council of Europe will prepare official notes for the participants requiring a visa. Visa expenses can be reimbursed upon presentation of documentary evidence of payment (original receipt and a copy of the passport with the visa in it).

### **Registration and participation**

Interested individuals can register by sending an email with first name, family name, organisation and contact details (full address, phone number) to [pro-safe-sport@coe.int](mailto:pro-safe-sport@coe.int) **at their earliest convenience – before 22 April 2015 at the very latest**. The participation of one expert per country will be financed by the EPAS. Registration details will also be published on the EPAS website and distributed via EPAS Governing Board members.

### **Information**

Additional information on the programme can soon be found on the website: <http://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/pss/closing-event>

## **Contact**

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**Preliminary Programme** (updated on 20/04/15)

Date: 3 May 2015, from 19:00-21:00  
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Location: Scuola dello Sport - School of Sport  
Centro di Preparazione Olimpica  
Largo Giulio Onesti, 1  
00197 Roma

Facilitation: Laszlo Földi

Organisation by: **Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport, Scuola dello Sport – CONI and the PSS partner organisations**

**Sunday, May 3**

Arrival

19:00 Opening of the conference and official dinner

**Monday, May 4**

09:30 Registration of participants

10:00 **Welcome and introduction**

N.n., Scuola dello Sport

Wendela Kuper, Chair of the Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), Council of Europe

10:15 **Case study: The Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports (NIF)**

Havard Ovregard, Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports (NIF)

10:45 **Protecting children: The role of public authorities**

Agata Dziarnowska, European Commission, Sport Unit

Angela Melo, UNESCO, Division of Ethics, Youth and Sport

Coffee break

11:15

**Safeguarding children: The role of the coach**

Professor Kari Fasting, Norwegian School of Sport Sciences

Sergio Lara-Bercial, Leeds Beckett University & International Council for Coaching Excellence, Senior Research Fellow

12.10

**Pro Safe Sport: Challenges for an international sport federation**

Vlad Marinescu, SportAccord, Director General

12.30

**Pro Safe Sport for Young Athletes: Presentation of the results of the project**

PSS project team

13.00

*Lunch Break*

14:30

**Pro Safe Sport: Reasons to get active**

Ilaria Favero, UNICEF Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, Sport for Development Specialist

Dr. Thomas Crisp, International University Sports Federation, Anti-Doping Coordinator

15:15

**Panel discussion: My contribution in promoting a safe and healthy sport environment**

Sergio Lara-Bercial, Leeds Beckett University & International Council for Coaching Excellence, Senior Research Fellow

Giovanni Medugno, Bridge, World Champion (1990)

Leonardo Raffaello, Rowing, World Champion (1993, 1994) and Olympic Medalist (2004)

Elena Rapti, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Agata Dziarnowska, European Commission, Sport Unit

Virginie Rozière, Member of the European Parliament, EP-Sports Intergroup Vice-President

Bogdan Wenta, Member of the European Parliament, EP-Sports Intergroup Vice-President

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16:15

**Follow-up of the project**

Wendela Kuper, Chair of the Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), Council of Europe

16:30

Closing of the event