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Seminar

on the promotion of safe and healthy sport environments “Pro Safe Sport”

organised by EPAS

*in co-operation with the Ministry of Sports and Tourism of the Republic of Belarus and the
Council of Europe Information Point in Minsk*

28 April 2015, 9:30 - 18:00

Belarussian State University
Nezavisimosti prospect, 4
220030, Minsk
Belarus

Factsheet

Organisers

The Council of Europe Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) in co-operation with the Ministry of Sports and Tourism of the Republic of Belarus, the Council of Europe Information Point in Minsk and the Pro Safe Sport project partners¹.

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 Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) and its partners aims to remove those threats and to promote

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

the well-being of young athletes in Europe by providing technical assistance² 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.

For more information please visit also the project's 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/fr/web/pss/pss-academy>

A number of sports organisations and partners were involved in the PSS activities, to collect good practices and develop tools on the protection and safeguarding of young athletes. Since the project is funded by the EU, project events and organisations involved were located in EU countries. However, EPAS would like to disseminate the results of this project to non-EU countries and funds activities involving all its members with its own resources without restriction. Therefore, this seminar will allow experts from all EPAS member states (EU as well as non-EU) to share experiences, exchange information and comment on the tools which are under development within the PSS project.

Aim of the seminar

Provide sport organisations and sports ministries with know-how and tools to promote safe and healthy sport environments within sports activities.

Objectives

- Raise awareness of, and inform on, the importance of a safe and healthy sport environment for young athletes
- Assess organisational capacities to promote a safe and healthy sport environment
- Provide technical assistance³ to implement a pro safe strategy
- Provide the PSS project with feedback on the tools

Programme elements and methodology

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

The event will be organised around the following pillars:

1. Stock taking: Which normative frameworks exist regarding safe and healthy sport environments?
2. Taking a look at what others have done: Which practice examples exist and can they provide guidance and/ or ideas to promote "safe sport"?
3. Assessing organisational capacities: Where is my organisation positioned in providing a safe and healthy sport environment?
4. Developing a "Pro Safe Sport" action plan: Which measures have to be implemented to promote "safe sport"?

² 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.

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.

Date and venue

28 April 2015, 9:30 - 18:00

Venue

Belarussian State University
Nezavisimosti prospect, 4
220030, Minsk
Belarus

Accommodation

Garni Hotel
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Working languages

English and Russian

Participants

The seminar will bring together up to 30 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 seminar 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.)

Visas

Participants are responsible for checking visa requirements and making their own visa arrangements before departure.⁴ They may use the individual invitation letter they receive from the

⁴ Visa-free regime is provided for the citizens of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cuba (for a term not exceeding 30 days), Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia (provided that there is a private invitation or tourist voucher), Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro (for a term not exceeding 30 days provided that there is a private invitation or tourist voucher), Qatar (for a term not exceeding 30 days), Russia, Serbia (for a term not exceeding 30 days), Tajikistan, Turkey (for a

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 **before 10 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/home>

Contact

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Preliminary Programme

Date: Tuesday, 28 April 2015
from 9:30 to 18:00

Location: Belarussian State University
Nezavisimosti prospect, 4
220030 Minsk
Belarus

Facilitation: Mr Laszlo Földi

9.30 **Registration**

10:00 **Welcome and introduction**

10:20 **Getting close to the topic “Pro Safe Sport – safe and healthy sport environments”**

- Discussing and sharing thoughts on bullying, physical well-being and sexual abuse in sport

11:00 **Informing and raising awareness on “Pro Safe Sport”**

- Clarifying the conceptualities and the legal framework (definitions, understanding and strategic consideration on safe sports)
- Particularities for Pro Safe Sports

11:30 **Experiences with “Pro Safe Sport” in a sport federation/ stakeholder organisation – dos and don’ts**

Match fixing: How shall athletes deal with this threat?

Sarah Lacarrière, Officer Integrity, SportAccord

Sexual harassment and emotional abuse in sport: How to avoid it?

Jan Toftegaard Støckel, Associate Professor, Syddansk Universitet

12:00 **Taking a look at what others have done**

- Discovering and discussing the “Pro Safe Sport” practice examples

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **Presenting and discussing the elements of the PSS toolkit**

- PSS master presentation
- Explanatory glossary

- PSS workshop proposal
- Model of excellence
- Practice Examples
- Interviews
- Resources

14:30

Evaluation of the situation in your federation

- Introducing the PSS self-evaluation tool (part A)
- Answering the questions of the self-evaluation tool (part A)
- Summarising the results of the self-evaluation tool (part B)

15:30

Exchange of views among colleagues (part C)

- Where are similarities?
- Where are potential differences?
- What are the greatest challenges to provide a safe and healthy sport environment?

16:00

Coffee break

16:30

Developing a specific action plan

- Setting up a plan Self-Evaluation-Tool, part D
- Rating through the participants:
 - In your opinion - what are important aspects of a safe and healthy sport environment? Write down up to three of the most important!
 - Rate on a scale of 1 (no need or willingness to deal with the topic in your federation) to 10 (urgently needed or very high willingness): Where would you set the point for your federation? (Discussions can be based on the self-evaluation)
- Presenting the action plans

17:30

Short evaluation of the seminar

18:00

Closing