

ENGSO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 59th SESSION

Torshavn (Faroe Islands), September 1-2, 2006

ENGSO Executive Committee convened its 59th Session in the capital of Faroe Islands, Torshavn, venue of the ENGSO Forum 2007.

The host of the 59th ENGSO ExCom was the Faroe Sports and Olympic Confederation, also host of the 10th edition of the ENGSO Forum in September 7-9, 2007.

Members of the ExCom approved the following:

AGENDA

- 1. Opening of the Meeting**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda**
- 3. Announcements, programme, etc.**
- 4. Minutes of the General Assembly in Malta – List of Decisions**
- 5. Minutes of the 58th ENGSO ExCom Meeting in Malta**
- 6. Reports from:**
 - a. The First Annual Conference of EASE in Papendale, May 18-19
 - b. EOC Meeting of Secretaries General and Chiefs of Mission in Bucharest, June 16-17, and discussions with EOC Representatives concerning topics of cooperation during 2006-2007
 - c. World Conference “Women and Sport” in Japan
 - d. EU Consultation Conference in Brussels, June 29-30
- 7. ENGSO Forum 2006 in Budapest, October 27-29, 2006**

Timetable – Programme – Invitations – Lecturers – Responsibilities
- 8. ExCom Meetings up to the General Assembly 2007**
- 9. ENGSO Youth Committee Meetings and European Youth Sport Forum in Finland, September 26-30 (ENGSO Involvement and Responsibilities)**
- 10. EU Matters**
 - a. Follow-up of Activities related to the ENGSO Statements at the General Assembly 2006
 - b. ENGSO and the White Paper on Sport
 - c. Next ENGSO Working Group Meeting, in Brussels, at the office of the Belgian NOC, September 19
 - d. Current or Coming EU Projects where ENGSO is involved:

- European Youth Forum in Finland, September 2006
 - "Sport Coordinator" Project – Training of Employees at Sport Facilities
 - ENGSO Leadership Programme for Women – Applications to be sent in during Autumn 2006
 - Information about the EASE Project – "Mobility Study"
 - e. Possible Use of an EU Lobbying Bureau "The Parliament"
- 11. ENGSO Development Group – Report from Gothenburg Meeting, August 8-9, and the Meeting Plan for 2006-2007**
- 12. Mandate Periods of the ExCom Members and Their Candidatures for the Future**
- 13. Council of Europe**
- a. Report and Results of the Feasibility Study
 - b. ENGSO Member Activities in Favour of Sport in the Council of Europe
 - c. ENGSO Representation at the Conference of Ministers in Moscow, October 20-21
 - d. Further Contacts and Activities
- 14. Topical Membership Questions**
- 15. Responsibilities for Contacts with Partners (also new, as "EASE"), and Observers**
- 16. Miscellaneous**
- 17. Next ExCom Meeting – Date and Time**

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DECISIONS AND PROPOSALS

- The proposals for agenda and programme of the ENGSO ExCom were approved by the members, as well as the List of Decisions from the General Assembly and the Minutes of the previous 58th edition of ExCom.
- Members presented their reports from the events in which they represented ENGSO.
 - The First Annual Conference of EASE in Papendale, May 18-19, was attended by Angles, who conveyed the interest of EASE for cooperation with ENGSO and their wish to take part actively in the forthcoming Forum in Budapest in October.
 - Sevelius and Manojlovic were present at the EOC Meeting of Secretaries General and Chiefs of Mission in Bucharest, June 16-17, each in their position. Following the discussions with EOC high representatives, they emphasized the open-mindedness and good attitude regarding relations between EOC and ENGSO.
 - At the World Conference "Women and Sport" in Kumamoto, Japan, Kervinen took active part. She informed that the next chair was Australia where the 2010 Conference will be held and that the participants expressed great interest in projects of ENGSO.
 - Wainig and Dippel were part of the EU Consultation Conference in Brussels, June 29-30, with very important topic – the Role of Sport in Europe, especially in view of the White Paper which is being prepared.

- Preparations for the Forum in Budapest, October 27-29, are already under way. Program and registration form have already been posted on the ENGSO website and due to early reservation and early booking bonus that we have got for our members, it is strongly recommended that all participants send their registration forms as soon as possible, namely until September 12, 2006. There will be an EU Pre-Seminar, while one whole day will be dedicated to the report and discussions of the ENGSO Development Group. In view of the great importance of the topics to be deliberated during this Forum, all members and partners are invited to be present and with their contributions take active part in this event.
- It was decided that the following ExCom meetings be held up to the General Assembly
 - October 27 and 29 – Budapest (before and after Forum)
 - January 19-21 – Belgrade (or Lisbon)
 - March 16-17 – Stockholm (or Prague)
 - May 5 and 7 – Helsinki (before and after GA)
- ENGSO Youth has decided to hold a telephone Conference in September, and there will also be an ENGSO Youth General Assembly in Helsinki, held in connection with the ENGSO General Assembly. ENGSO Youth is also taking part in organization of the European Youth Forum in Finland, September 26-30, in cooperation with European Sport Forum and various sport and governmental authorities of Finland. Holze informed the members that already 290 persons applied for participation, out of which they were bound to choose only 100. All members expressed satisfaction for great work and engagement of the ENGSO Youth, having activated all its forces in joining in organization of EYSF and actively participating in EU projects. ENGSO President and Vice President will be present when the Final Declaration will be put forward, and together with the Finnish Minister and the Finnish Organizers comment on behalf of ENGSO upon what is stressed and mentioned in that Declaration.
- Members reiterated importance of EU matters and the impact of the decisions taken on EU level on all European members, regardless whether they are EU members or not. ENGSO Statements are papers to be further discussed among the members as there is a strong need for joining efforts in creating a stronghold of sport. ENGSO is keen on giving its contribution in the White Paper on Sport and taking part in meetings and projects dedicated to resolving sport issues in Europe. The next ENGSO Working Group Meeting will be held in Brussels, at the office of the Belgian NOC, on September 19 (11:00-16:00h), and the agenda with the invitation will be sent by the Secretariat and posted on the website. ENGSO ExCom also decided that there is still no need for use of the EU Lobbying Bureau “The Parliament” due to difference of stakeholders, and that it will continue in spreading its own network and means used until now.
- ExCom Members received the report of the EDG and stressed the importance of having all members well involved in discussion about the future of ENGSO. It was decided that a revised version of this report be translated into French, German and Russian in order to facilitate reaching out to all members. It is important to view the mission, vision, strategy and action plan for ENGSO in the times to come, in view of the specific role of sport in the modern society and to have the first reactions to the paper as early as during the Forum in Budapest. ExCom strongly stressed the need of the final report ready until March 15, 2007, at the latest. This in order to give the ENGSO Members and the decision-making bodies enough time to study the proposals.
- In view of the forthcoming “Feasibility Study” meeting in the CoE, the Ministerial meeting in Moscow in October, WHO in November In Istanbul and many other events where ENGSO is invited to take part, and where sport and sport movement will be given a chance to prove how very much important they are, and ENGSO is addressing all sport issues, it was underlined by all ExCom members that action on national level is the most necessary thing to do and will invite all ENGSO members to act on their national level and introduce the topic of sport wherever needed.
- The General Assembly of 2007 approaching, and therefore the election period, it was noted that there will be vacancies for the position of the ENGSO President and ExCom Members. The decision has been taken that all members are informed about the procedure and election process which will take place in Helsinki during the GA in May 2007.
- Following the regular information about the membership topics, ExCom members were informed about the missing fees and the Treasurer was authorized to contact the member countries in that regard. ExCom members were also presented with the present situation in the budget, which was adopted as submitted.
- The ExCom members were distributed responsibilities in regard to the various invitations to attend Congresses, Meetings and Conferences.

- Members were also given a chance to see proposal for a renovated ENGSO website, which will greatly facilitated for access of visitors with a better overview of important matters. The proposal was unanimously accepted and it was decided that the website be re-created as proposed.

- In talks between the ExCom members and the host of the Forum 2007, it was decided that, due to weather conditions, it be held in the second week of September, namely September 7-9, 2007.

- ExCom members expressed their gratitude to the Sports and Olympic Confederation of Faeroe Islands for their exceptional hospitality and the excellent conditions provided for their work, as well as for the outstanding programme of visit for ExCom members, stating their conviction that the Forum next year will be equally well organized.