

ENGSO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 61st SESSION

Sesimbra (Portugal), January 19-20, 2007

The first meeting of the ENGSO ExCom in 2007 was held in the town Sesimbra, close to Lisbon (Portugal), on January 19 and 20.

During the two days of ENGSO ExCom meeting, the members approved the following

AGENDA

1. **Opening of the Meeting**
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
3. **Minutes of the 60th ENGSO ExCom Meeting in Budapest**
4. **ENGSO Election Process before General Assembly in Helsinki**

Tasks and Responsibilities, Reports, Documents and Materials for Members

5. **Reports from:**
 - Ministerial Health Conference (Plenary Session) – November 16-17 – Istanbul
 - Sports Ministers Meeting – November 27, 28 – Brussels
 - EOC General Assembly, December 9-10 – Brussels
 - 1st TAFISA World Forum, December 14-16, Frankfurt
6. **Report from the ENGSO Youth Committee, December 1-3, 2006**
7. **Report of the ENGSO Development Group**

New Draft, Position of ExCom, Follow-up by the EDG and Reference Group in the Meeting in Bratislava, February 3-4

8. **CDDS/Extended Partial Agreement on Sports – Next steps and activities**
9. **ENGSO EU Working Group**

- a. ENGSO position related to the White Paper
- b. Report from the ENGSO Working Group Meeting, in Brussels, January 16
- c. Current or Coming EU Projects where ENGSO is involved:
 - ENGSO Youth Conference, Helsinki, May 2-7
 - "Sport Coordinator" Project – Training of Employees at Sport Facilities
 - ENGSO Leadership Programme for Women, ENTER!

10. **Financial Report and Membership Fees**
11. **Future Meetings in 2007 up to the General Assembly in Helsinki**

ENGSO ExCom

- March 9-11, Prague
- May 5 & 7, Helsinki (GA)

ENGSO EU WG

- January 16, Brussels

ENGSO EDG

- February 3-4, EDG & 2nd Reference Group meeting
- March (tbd), Final report to ENGSO ExCom and General Assembly
- May 5 (tbd), Helsinki, General Assembly

ENGSO YOUTH CONFERENCE

- May 2-7, Helsinki

OTHER

- European Sports Conference, Bucharest, February 22-24

12. Miscellaneous

- Sir Philip Craven (IPC Chairman) failure to integrate intellectually disabled athletes in OG Beijing 2008

13. Closing

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DECISIONS AND PROPOSALS

- The members approved the agenda and programme of the 61st meeting of the ENGSO ExCom as well as the Minutes of the previous 60th edition of ExCom.

- Discussing the ENGSO election process prior to the Electoral General Assembly in Helsinki, May 2007, ExCom members were informed that in accordance with the Statutes the third mandate of ENGSO President has expired, and that this position was open for candidates. Members were also informed that EcCom officer Wainig as well as member Berthelssen are leaving ExCom and that member Cardoso will candidate for the ExCom member for the following mandate. In discussion about the position of Treasurer, due to practical reasons, the ExCom decided that this task and responsibility should be taken over by one of the ExCom members whose mandate expires in 2009. Countries whose members are in the ENGSO ExCom with mandate until 2009 are to decide until the next ExCom meeting in Prague (March 9-10), if they will accept the responsibility of the Treasurer, after which the door will be open for candidates. It was decided that the papers and nomination form, already sent to ENGSO members and posted on ENGSO website will be resent for consideration to all ENGSO members, as the deadline for nomination of candidates for the positions in ExCom is **March 21, 2007**.

- The reports from conferences in which ENGSO was represented were of great importance underlying the role of ENGSO:

- Prof. Dr. Banzer sent the Declaration of the Ministerial Health Conference (Plenary Session) – November 16-17 – Istanbul as inter-sectoral meeting of 4 Ministries in charge of health, sports, education and environment, which he attended as ENGSO representative.
- ENGSO was invited to follow the Sports Ministers Meeting held in Brussels, November 28, 2006, together with other stakeholders outside the meeting hall (please see the Conference Conclusions on the website).
- President Sevelius took part in the EOC General Assembly, December 8-9, 2006, in Brussels and addressed the participants, stating the importance of cooperation and coordination of ENGSO and EOC in political matters. For the moment, the most important topic is the expectations on and consultations about the White Paper on Sport.

- President Sevelius attended the TAFISA World Forum, December 14-16, in Frankfurt, and had contacts with Secretary General, discussing the issues of interest. ENGSO is ready to support TAFISA and its newly formed TAFISA Europe Board.
 - Global Forum for Sports and Environment, November 30, December 1, 2006, was a Forum attended by ExCom member Cardoso, who gave an address and spoke about the importance and positive impact the sport and sport events can have.
 - ENGSO Youth Committee met in Stockholm, December 1-3, 2006, discussing among other issues the forthcoming Youth Conference “Future Leaders – empowering young Europeans”, which will be held in Helsinki, May 2-6, in connection with the ENGSO GA. ENGSO Youth has already applied for EU funds in order to resolve the question of travel and accommodation of participants. ExCom decided to support the Youth Conference and participate with a necessary financial assistance and ask from the participants to pay a participation fee as sign of intent to be part of this event. By forwarding the Partnership Form, 11 countries already confirmed their intention and expressed their readiness to send participants to Helsinki. Further details about travel, accommodation, venue and the participating fee will be discussed during the next ENGSO Youth meeting.
 - ExCom members thoroughly discussed the report of the ENGSO Development Group that was distributed to the ENGSO members in December and posted on the ENGSO website. The ExCom stated that it is of utmost importance to stick to the main principles of an NGO organization as ENGSO and the division of responsibilities within the ENGSO having in mind that it is a non-profit organization. Discussions among the ExCom members were mainly focused on external and internal priority areas. Furthermore, the tasks and terms of reference for proposed Committees, WGs, and profile for installing a Liaison Officer function. The next step is the Open ENGSO Reference Group, which is to meet in Bratislava, February 3-4, where ExCom members will be present as well. After the Bratislava meeting, the EDG has the task to finalize its work until the end of February. The ENGSO ExCom will decide about the Final Report at the ExCom meeting in Prague. The proposals for the GA will be sent in the second part of March for consideration of member organizations.
 - President Sevelius informed the ExCom that nothing has happened officially regarding the CDDS/Extended Partial Agreement on Sports since the Council of Europe Ministerial Conference in Moscow, October 20-21, where he and Vice-President took part. Vice-President Kervinen was given the task to represent ENGSO in the next meeting regarding the EPAS and give the report to the ExCom about it.
 - Chair of the EU WG, Wainig reported from the Meeting of the EU WG that took place in Belgium NOC in Brussels, on January 15, 2007. The EU WG discussed their main activity and the agenda which included on the producing White Paper on Sport, and activities concerning the coordination of work on White Paper on Health and Nutrition, topics of the German Presidency, rolling agenda from the Finnish Presidency, and ENGSO Statement on Expectations on the White Paper on Sport and use of main items and main questions to be stressed in this document, as well as reconstruction of the EU WG and the next EU seminar prior to the GA in Helsinki.
- In reference to the ENGSO Statement, it was decided that ENGSO should inform its members by sending out and posting on website a package of information consisting of ENGSO Statement, ENGSO Summary produced by the EU WG, Nordic Paper, EU Commission Background Paper and all that can provide members organizations with clear view of ENGSO ExCom and EU WG for action on national and international levels. Given that the consultation period is quite short, only 4 weeks, all member countries are requested to study the documents and reply as soon as possible. ENGSO intends to make its utmost in order to prolong the time for consultation by addressing the Commissioner, the Director and the Head of the Sports Unit.
- Treasurer Wainig reported about the financial situation stating that until the end of 2006, 16 member countries have not yet paid the membership fees. ExCom members adopted the present situation in the budget as submitted, and decided that a reminder should be sent out regarding the fees.
 - The following ENGSO meetings to be held in the forthcoming period are:
 - ENGSO ENTER! – January 27-28, 2007 – Paris
 - EDG “Open Reference Group Meeting”– February 3-4, 2007 – Bratislava
 - EDG – Beginning of March, 2007 – yet to be decided
 - ExCom – March 9-11, 2007 – Prague
 - ENGSO Youth – May 2-6, 2007 – Helsinki (before and during GA)
 - ExCom – May 3-6, 2007 – Helsinki (before and after GA)

- EU WG – May 4, 2007 – Helsinki
- ENGSO GA – May 4-5, 2007 – Helsinki
- ENGSO Forum – September 14-16, 2007 – Faeroe Islands
- Other meetings where ENGSO representatives should participate in the next period, are:
 - First Equality Summit – January 30-31 – Berlin (Vice-President Kervinen)
 - European Sports Conference – February 22-24 – Romania (Secretary General Manojlovic)
 - Health Prevention Conference – February 25-27 – Badenweiler (Dr. Banzer, Wainig and Holze)
- ExCom members expressed their overwhelming gratitude to ExCom member Carlos Cardoso, and Secretary of State of Portugal for the extraordinary conditions arranged for the ENGSO ExCom meeting in Sesimbra.