

Informal Meeting of EU Sport Ministers

Nicosia, 20 - 21 September 2012

Discussion paper on EU representation in WADA: election of expert at governmental level

State of Play

As part of the implementation of the 2011 Council Resolution on the representation of the EU Member States in the Foundation Board of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA),¹ three EU representatives for the Foundation Board are to be elected during the term of the Cyprus Presidency, including representatives of the incumbent and future Trio Presidencies as well as one expert at governmental level.

Regarding the expert at governmental level, the Council Resolution defines the following framework:

"— Proposals for an expert representative shall be submitted by the Member States no later than one month before the meeting of the Council of the EU, during which the designation is to take place. The proposals should not include ministers from the Member States forming the incumbent Trio Presidency or the future Trio Presidency. The proposals for expert representative shall be sent to the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU.

— The first designation of the member of the Foundation Board of WADA, carried out in the manner described above, shall take place at the meeting of the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council of the EU at the latest by November 2012.

— The term of office of the representative is three years.

— If the representative ceases his/her functions at ministerial level in his/her Member State, a new designation procedure shall be initiated. The current representative remains in place until the new designation procedure has been completed.

(...)

The approval of the expert at governmental level and the Member States chosen by the incumbent and the future Trio Presidencies to designate representatives to the

¹ Resolution of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council on the representation of the EU Member States in the Foundation Board of WADA and the coordination of the EU and its Member States' positions prior to WADA meetings. Official Journal C 372, 20/12/2011, pp. 7-9

Foundation Board of WADA, is made by the Member States meeting within the Council with sufficient advance notice.

— The names of all the members of the Foundation Board of WADA who are representatives of the EU Member States are notified via the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU to WADA."

Against this backdrop, it is clear that the election of the expert at governmental level will take place within the formal Council structures. Bearing in mind, however, that voting cannot take place at Working Party level, the Presidency considers that there is a need to canvas candidates before the formal Council procedures start and, on this basis, to identify which candidate(s) is (are) supported by most other Member States. The Informal Meeting of EU Sport Ministers which will take place in Nicosia on 21 September 2012 offers an ideal opportunity for this purpose.

Proposal

In light of the above, the Presidency invites interested Member States to present their candidates at the informal ministerial meeting on 21 September.

Presentations will be limited to five minutes followed by questions and answers. Candidates should summarise their track-record in relation to anti-doping and sport policy-making more generally. From these presentations it should emerge how candidates expect to be able to interact with the WADA Foundation Board, including the governments of other continents as well as the sport movement, in order to achieve tangible results and to strengthen the voice of EU Member States within the governing bodies of WADA. Candidates should demonstrate a determination to represent, jointly with the two other EU representatives, EU positions agreed in the Council and to report back to the Council on successes achieved and setbacks experienced at Foundation Board meetings.

Following the presentations and the ensuing discussion, the Presidency will offer an opportunity to reach common ground regarding the definition of the broadest consensus possible.