



Membership Services –
What do you expect of the EPC?

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What do you think should be EPC's role within the disability sports movement in general and the Paralympic movement in particular?

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General feedback –

- Guarantee top-quality European Championships and other events in all sports

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Other opinions expressed –

- Ensure efficient liaison among all members
- Support and liaise with all Paralympic sports
- Establish and maintain relations with able-bodied European federations

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Do you believe EPC should undertake a Strategic Review, along the lines of IPC's, to redefine its aims, governing bodies, organisational structure and role in championships and other sport events for people with a disability?

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General feedback –

- Review necessary, but it should be simple, internal and budget neutral.



Other opinions expressed –

- Process should not take too long
- Regular review positive, but not too often
- Take advantage of EPC members' experience in the context of the IPC Strategic Review

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With which strategic partners should EPC
strive to establish a closer relationship?
(these may be political, sports or disability
Organisations and may be international,
European or national bodies)



General feedback –

- European Union (11)
- EOCs (5)
- Able-bodied IFs (3)
- IOSDs (2)
- EDF (2)
- Council of Europe (2)
- IPC sports (1)
- Deaflympics (1)
- Academic institutions and sports institutes (1)



Other opinions expressed –

None

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Besides the relevant sections of the new IPC Constitution, what type of working relationship should there be between EPC and IPC?

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General feedback –

- Close, friendly and flexible relations necessary, with each organisation maintaining its identity and independence



Other opinions expressed –

- None ?
- Communication breakdown – members often not informed of relations, meetings, etc.
- Decrease dependency of EPC on IPC, above all in staff support
- Independent but co-operative
- EPC should act as watchdog

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Should EPC review its sources of income?
If yes, and bearing in mind IPC's marketing policies
and strategy, how do you suggest we do this?

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General feedback –

- Income streams for EPC and its members should be sought at European level (EU, European Foundations and companies)



Other opinions expressed –

- IPC should provide finance in exchange for national marketing rights
- Raise EPC membership fees?
- Seek alternative sources from IPC



What services do you expect EPC
to deliver to you, its members?

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General feedback –

- Provide quality sporting opportunities (championships, grassroots, training and youth camps)
- Strengthen relations among members and advocate for their common interests

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Other opinions expressed –

- Maintain updated European competition calendar, results and records
- Lobby on behalf of European interests within IPC
- Provide forum for debate and discussion at European level
- Develop and raise awareness of Paralympic movement at all levels (from grassroots to elite) within Europe

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Sports' independence will result in EPC losing governance of some European championships and cup events. How should EPC meet this challenge?

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General feedback –

- Sports' independence is a given,
and EPC must accept this

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Other opinions expressed –

- EPC should continue to co-ordinate the European competition calendar in co-operation with IFs, IPSFs and IOSDs
- Take on greater role in education, development and promotion

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Should EPC set up a permanent office manned by paid staff members, or should we remain a political body dependent on support afforded by our members?

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General feedback –

- Staff support necessary
- Money permitting and without raising fees
- Part-time (4)



Other opinions expressed –

- Seek support from outside agencies to cover costs
- Remain as voluntary organisation, dependent on the support of its members and acting in a professional manner
- Full-time staff in joint EPC-European sports office



What is your opinion of joint projects
financed in part by the European Union?
How can these projects benefit EPC
members that are not EU members?

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General feedback –

- EU funds required and these benefit all members
- Infrastructure needed to run such projects successfully

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Other opinions expressed –

- EU rules may permit non-members to participate in some EU-financed projects
- EU funding opportunities should become an EPC priority

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Conclusions

- Sports: ensure full competition calendar in all Paralympic sports, in co-operation with other agents
- Members: bring members together and assess and support them
- Political: EPC should be an independent body working closely with IPC, sports, IOSDs, etc.

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Thank you for your feedback

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