

Rugby Europe: united and focused

Balanced growth of rugby in Europe

11. Cooperation with external institutions

Rugby Europe is the largest Regional Association of **World Rugby**. World Rugby is currently the major financial contributor to Rugby Europe and gives also direct subsidies to Unions through the Union Development Investment and the High-Performance Investment for some unions.

Rugby Europe and World Rugby should build a strong and constructive relationship, allowing for more cooperation: to save operating cost, be proactive and involved in decisions and explore new options or collaboration on various projects.

Rugby Europe must maintain a strong and constructive relationship with **the 6 Nations** as an organization and obviously with each of the individual unions as members. Various paths of collaboration and potential non-financial support should be explored

Rugby Europe must build and maintain a relationship with external institutions like the **European Union and EOC/ IOC**, and commercial organizations like the **EPCR** (ao) Not only potential subsidies or financial supporting programs from these institutions are important, but also the support of these institutions in talking to national Governments for support to the national Rugby Unions on facilities and programs.

Within the European rugby community there are many people with relevant contacts in these institutions. We need to get these people involved!