

WORKSTREAM 8 – Partnership and resources

Action 1: establish partnerships/agreements to support your club in safeguarding matters

If you want to develop a safeguarding framework in your club, you can start looking for organisations who can help you with this journey. However, this can be different for every country, and therefore **it is recommended that you find the appropriate organisations within your nation.**

An example from partner organisations in Flanders (Belgium)

1. Sportieq

- Website: www.sportieq.be
- What they offer: Sportieq's mission is to support the Flemish sport sector in creating a healthy and ethical environment for everyone in sport, from recreational to elite level athletes, from individuals to organisations. They focus on protecting the physical, psychological, social, and sexual integrity of all athletes.

2. Sport Vlaanderen - Sport Government Flanders

- Website: www.sport.vlaanderen
- What they offer: Guidelines and support for clubs, including good practices on safeguarding in sport.
- Works closely with Sportieq and promotes the appointment of a Safeguarding Officer in sport national federations and clubs.

3. Flemish Sports Federation (VSF)

- Website: www.vlaamsesportfederatie.be
- What they offer: Support for clubs, including model documents, training, and guidance on policy and safeguarding.

4. The National Federation (NF) your sport club is affiliated with

- Each national federation has (or should have) its own safeguarding policy in Flanders and often also a Safeguarding Officer. They offer club-specific support.

5. Organisations that work on safeguarding – not specifically in the sport context

For example: Sensoa

- Website: www.sensoa.be
- What they offer: Sensoa combines expertise in sexual health and works in both the short and long term: it supports individuals and professionals, conducts prevention campaigns, develops tools for schools and organisations, offers HIV support, and influences policy at the local, Flemish, and international levels.