

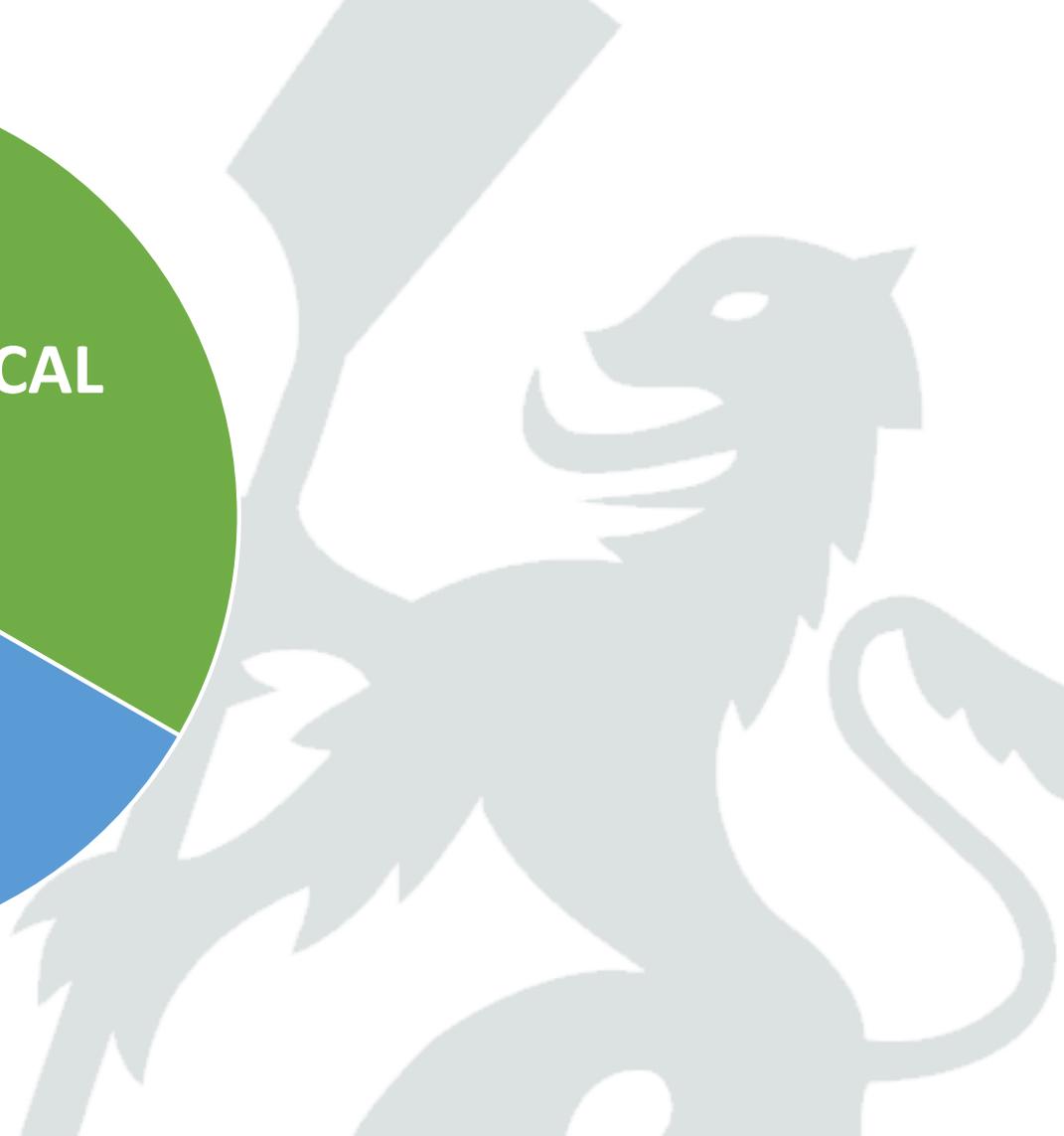
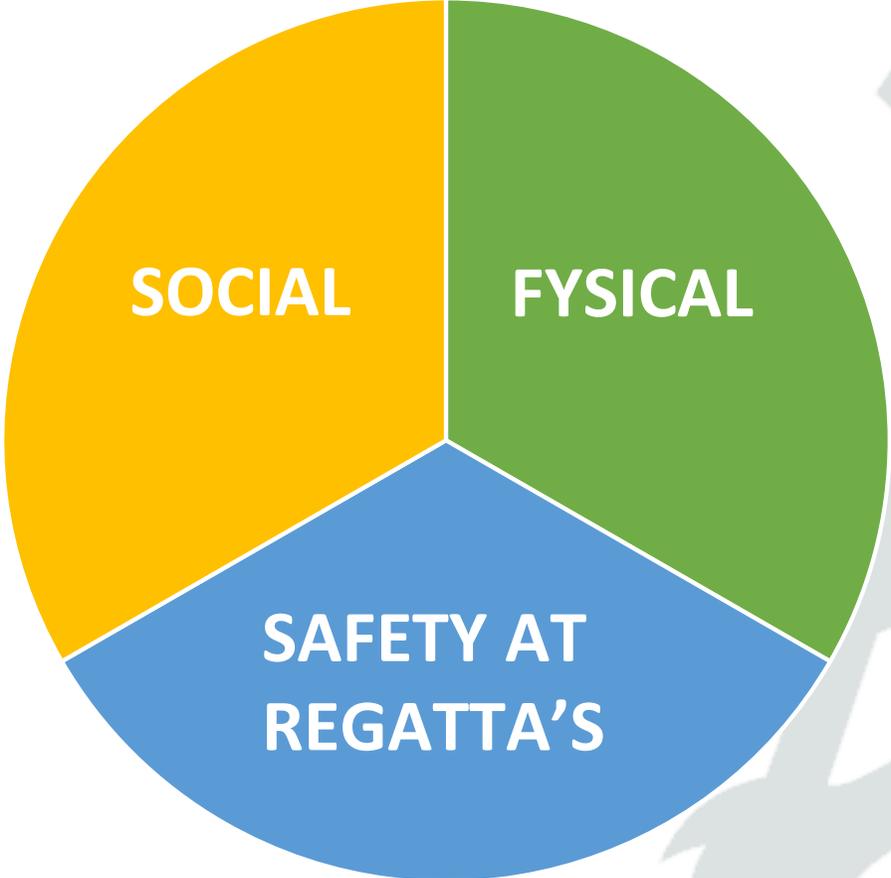
# Welcome to Dutch Rowing: small sport, great heights

- 35.000 rowers in The Netherlands
- Spread over 120 rowing clubs
- 1/3 age between 16-26 years, strong roots in the student community
- One of the most succesful Dutch Olympic sports.
- The Royal Dutch Rowing Association (**KNRB**), since 1917

Hoofdsponsor:



# Safety



# Safeguarding



## CONTEXT

**2017**

Large scale research by former Home Secretary, committee De Vries, Sexual Harassment in Sports

Some findings:

- Under 10 years, boys are at risk
- Individuals close to high performance level are at risk
- Athletes are not only victim



# CONTEXT

Minimal requirements NOC:

- Regulations: **doping, matchfixing, sexual harassment**
- Procedure in place to file complaints
- Confidentiality counselor (athletes, staff, KNRB)

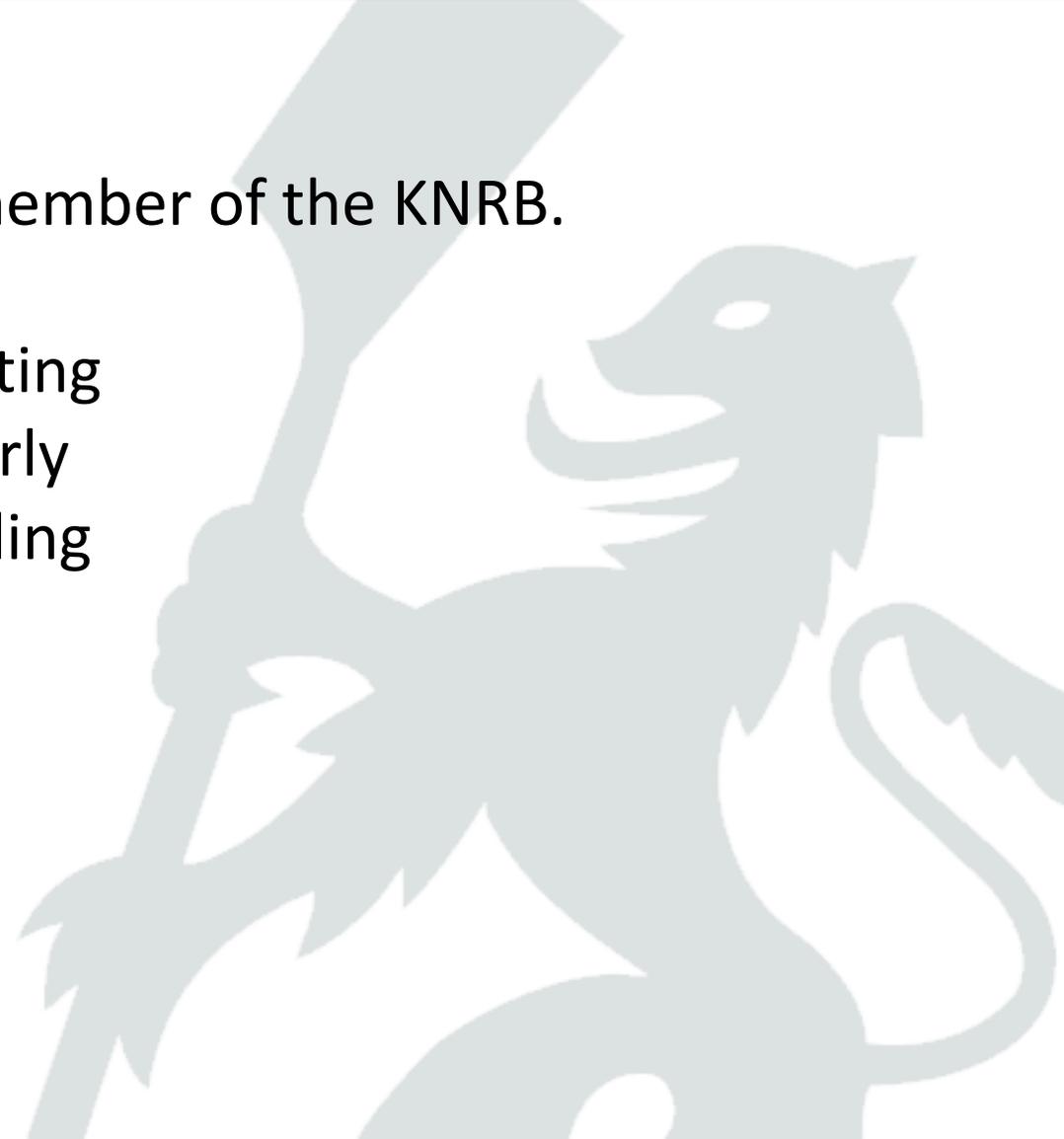


## Follow up committee de Vries

- Clarification for clubs: 'how to' handle incidents
- Boardmembers are obligated to report incidents
- Clubs are obligated to appoint confidentiality adviser
- Clubs set own code of conduct
- Clubs : *declaration of conduct* for staff and boardmembers



- Challenge for KNRB: Individuals are not a member of the KNRB.  
Rules have to be applied by clubs
- We inform members (clubs) at council meeting
- KNRB Confidentiality counselor reports yearly
- Regional knowledge meetings on safeguarding



## Student population:

- Student federations acknowledge importance of safeguarding
- All **22** student clubs involved

## Two (new) issues :

- Stress: **30%** of Amsterdam students experience stress (research Amsterdam University)
- Eating disorders



## Lessons Learned

- Rules and regulations in place
- Stakeholder analysis (e.g. universities, sponsors)
- 'In case of emergency' plan



## Future safeguarding

- Join Dutch sports court (ISR)
- Rulesetting
- Align with FISA, NOC\*NSF



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