

## Rugby Europe International Championships

After precursor competitions in the 1930s and 1950s FIRA launched its annual **Nations Cup** in 1965. The teams were divided into a top tier A Division and a second tier B Division playing round robin matches with promotion and relegation between them (later a C Division was added, and the label of the divisions changed several times). Beginning with 1973/74 the competition was renamed to **FIRA Trophy**. 2000 - 2016, the competition was reorganized as the **European Nations Cup** for all those nations not playing in the Six Nations. So sometimes it is also referred as European amateur championship. In 2017 renamed to the **Rugby Europe International Championship**. There is still promotion and relegation between the up to seven divisions.

		Champions	Final	Runners-up	Third place
<b>Unofficial European Championship</b>					
1935, Apr 22 <sup>1</sup>	Roma ITA	FRA	44:6	ITA	---
1936, May 14 - 17 <sup>2</sup>	Berlin GER	FRA	19:14	GER	ITA
1937, Oct 10 - 17 <sup>3</sup>	Paris FRA	FRA	43:5	ITA	GER
1938, May 15 - 22 <sup>4</sup>	București ROU	FRA	---	GER	ROU
<b>European Cup (Knockout Tournaments)</b>					
1952, May 17	Milano ITA	FRA	17:8	ITA	---
1954, Apr 11 - 24	Roma ITA	FRA	39:12	ITA	---
<b>FIRA Nations Cup</b>					
1965, Oct 17 - 1966, Nov 06	---	FRA b	---	ITA	ROU
1966, Nov 27 - 1967, May 28	---	FRA b	---	ROU	ITA
1967, Oct 29 - 1968, Jun 02	---	FRA b	---	ROU	TCH
1968, Oct 27 - 1969, Nov 09	---	ROU	---	FRA b	TCH
1969, Nov 09 - 1970, Oct 25	---	FRA b	---	ROU	ITA
1970, Nov 29 - 1971, May 09	---	FRA b	---	ROU	MAR
1971, Dec 11 - 1972, May 21	---	FRA b	---	ROU	MAR
1972, Nov 27 - 1973, Jun 03	---	FRA b	---	ROU	ESP
<b>FIRA Trophy</b>					
1973, Nov 11 - 1974, May 19	---	FRA b	---	ROU	ESP
1974, Oct 13 - 1975, May 10	---	ROU	---	FRA b	ITA
1975, Oct 25 - 1976, May 15	---	FRA b	---	ITA	ROU
1976, Oct 17 - 1977, Jul 01	---	ROU	---	FRA b	ITA
1977, Oct 02 - 1978, May 28	---	FRA b	---	ROU	ESP
1978, Nov 18 - 1979, May 20	---	FRA b	---	ROU	URS
1979, Sep 30 - 1980, May 18	---	FRA b	---	ROU	ITA
1980, Oct 01 - 1981, May 17	---	ROU	---	FRA b	ITA
1981, Oct 25 - 1982, May 22	---	FRA b	---	ITA	ROU
1982, Oct 24 - 1983, May 22	---	ROU	---	ITA	URS
1983, Oct 30 - 1984, May 27	---	FRA b	---	ROU	ITA
1984, Oct 06 - 1985, May 31	---	FRA b	---	URS	ITA
1985, Oct 20 - 1987, May 09	---	FRA b	---	URS	ROU
1987, Oct 25 - 1989, Jun 02	---	FRA b	---	URS	ROU
1989, Oct 22 - 1990, May 27	---	FRA b	---	URS	ROU
1990, Sep 30 - 1992, May 28	---	FRA b	---	ITA	ROU
1992, Oct 01 - 1994, May 28	---	FRA b	---	ITA	ROU
1994, Oct 15 - 1996, May 25 <sup>5</sup>	Grenoble FRA	ITA	40:32	FRA	---
1996, Sep 22 - 1997, May 17 <sup>6</sup>	Madrid ESP	ESP	25:18	POR	POL
1997, Oct 25 - 1998, Jun 02 <sup>7</sup>	---	LAT	---	LTU	SUI
1998, Sep 26 - 1999, May 29 <sup>8</sup>	---	RUS	---	UKR	CZE
<b>European Nations Cup</b>					
2000, Feb 06 - Apr 02	---	ROU	---	GEO	MAR
2001, Feb 04 - Apr 08	---	GEO	---	ROU	RUS
2002, Feb 03 - Apr 07	---	ROU	---	GEO	RUS
2003, Feb 16 - 2004, Mar 27	---	POR	---	ROU	GEO
2004, Nov 20 - 2006, Jun 10	---	ROU	---	GEO	POR
2007, Feb 03 - 2008, May 10	---	GEO	---	RUS	ROU
2008, Nov 08 - 2009, May 02	---	GEO	---	RUS	POR
2010, Feb 06 - Mar 27	---	ROU	---	GEO	RUS
2011, Feb 05 - Aug 20	---	GEO	---	ROU	POR

<sup>1</sup> This single match is not recognized as official test match by the French Rugby Union.

<sup>2</sup> Olympic Four Nations Tournament

<sup>3</sup> Tournament at the World Exposition

<sup>4</sup> Three Nations Tournament

<sup>5</sup> Due to preparation for the 1995 World Cup the format in the top division was changed into a preliminary round without FRA, ITA and ROU, following by a pool round (two groups) of the best ten teams including FRA, ITA and ROU and ending with a final match of the both group winners on Mar 22, 1997.

<sup>6</sup> The tournament consisted of pool round followed by a knockout stage. FRA, ITA and ROU did not participate.

<sup>7</sup> Only weaker nations took part, because the strongest 15 member nations played the World Cup qualifiers.

<sup>8</sup> As the World Cup qualifiers were still in progress only weaker nations took part.

2012, Feb 04 - Jun 09	---	GEO	---	ESP	ROU
2013, Feb 02 - Mar 16	---	GEO	---	ROU	RUS
2014, Feb 01 - Mar 15	---	GEO	---	ROU	RUS
2015, Feb 07 - Mar 21	---	GEO	---	ROU	ESP
2016, Feb 06 - Mar 19	---	GEO	---	ROU	RUS
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2017, Feb 11 - Mar 18 <sup>9</sup>	---	GEO	---	RUS	GER
2018, Feb 10 - Mar 18 <sup>10</sup>	---	GEO	---	RUS	GER
2019, Feb 09 - Mar 17	---	GEO	---	ESP	ROU
2020, Feb 01 - 2021, Feb 07 <sup>11</sup>	---	GEO	---	ESP	ROU
2021, Mar 06 - Dec 18 <sup>12</sup>	---	GEO	---	ROU	POR
2022, Feb 05 - Mar 20	---	GEO	---	ESP	ROU
2023, Feb 04 - Mar 20	Badajoz ESP	GEO	38:11	POR	ROU
2024, Feb 03 - Mar 17	Paris FRA	GEO	36:10	POR	ESP

## Women's European Championship

The competition has its origins in a four nation **European Cup** held in 1988 but did not become an official FIRA competition until 1995. Between 2000 and 2016, only the winners of the tournament held in between the World Cups (every four years, shown in bold) are officially recognized as European Champions.

From 2009 onwards, it was announced that the non-Championship tournaments would be known as the **European Trophy**.

Most times without any Six Nations team involved.

		Champions	Final	Runners-up	Third place
1988, May 21 - 23	Bourg-en-Bresse FRA	FRA	---	GBR	NED
<b>1995, Apr 12 + 16</b>	<b>Treviso ITA</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>22:6</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>ITA</b>
<b>1996, Apr 10 - 14</b>	<b>Madrid ESP</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>15:10</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>ITA</b>
<b>1997, Apr 02 - 06</b>	<b>Nice FRA</b>	<b>ENG</b>	<b>24:8</b>	<b>SCO</b>	<b>ESP</b>
<b>1999, Apr 19 - 24</b>	<b>Belluno ITA</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>13:5</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>SCO</b>
<b>2000, May 08 - 13</b>	<b>Almeria ESP</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>31:0</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>ENG</b>
2001, May 06 - 12	Lille FRA	SCO	15:3	ESP	ENG „A“
2002, Mar 20 + 23	Treviso ITA	ITA	35:24	SWE	GER
2003, May 01 + 03	Malmö SWE	ESP „A“	16:10	FRA „A“	SWE
<b>2004, May 01 - 08</b>	<b>Toulouse FRA</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>8:6</b>	<b>ENG</b>	<b>SCO</b>
2005, Apr 07 + 09	Hamburg GER	ITA	22:3	NED	SWE
2006, Apr 23 - 30	San Donà di Piave ITA	ITA	28:7	NED	RUS
2007, Apr 28 - May 05	Madrid ESP	ENG „A“	27:17	FRA „A“	ESP
<b>2008, May 17 - 24</b>	<b>Amsterdam NED</b>	<b>ENG</b>	<b>12:6</b>	<b>WAL</b>	<b>IRL</b>
2009, May 17 - 23 <sup>13</sup>	Stockholm, Uppsala SWE	SCO, SWE	---	---	NED, ESP
2010, May 08 - 15	Strasbourg FRA	ESP	31:13	ITA	NED
2011, Apr 30 - May 07	La Coruña ESP	ENG „A“	5:3	ESP	FRA „A“
<b>2012, May 13 - 19</b>	<b>Rovereto ITA</b>	<b>ENG</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>ITA</b>
2014, Oct 30 - Nov 02	Bruxelles BEL	NED	12:3	BEL	RUS
2015, Oct 29 - Nov 01	Unterägeri SUI	BEL	50:20	SUI	RUS
<b>2016, Oct 06 - 15</b>	<b>Madrid ESP</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>35:7</b>	<b>NED</b>	<b>RUS</b>
<b>2018, Feb 27 - Mar 03</b>	<b>Bruxelles BEL</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>40:7</b>	<b>NED</b>	<b>GER</b>
<b>2019, Feb 23 - May 04</b>	<b>Madrid ESP (final match)</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>54:0</b>	<b>NED</b>	<b>RUS</b>
<b>2020, Mar 07 - 2021, Feb 27<sup>14</sup></b>	<b>Amsterdam NED, Guadalajara ESP</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>RUS</b>	<b>NED</b>
<b>2022, Feb 19 - Mar 12</b>	<b>round-robin</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>NED</b>	<b>RUS<sup>15</sup></b>
<b>2023, Feb 11 - 25</b>	<b>round-robin</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>NED</b>	<b>SWE</b>
2024, Feb 03 - Apr 13	round-robin	ESP	---	NED	POU

<sup>9</sup> Ranking was changed as BEL, ESP and ROU fielded one or more ineligible players on several games.

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<sup>11</sup> The competition was suspended on 2020, Mar 13 with only three matches remaining (scheduled on Mar 14) due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On 2020, Oct 20 the missing three games (rescheduled on Nov 01 + 15) were suspended in 2020. These last games were played on 2021, Feb 07.

<sup>12</sup> Some matches haven't been played in February due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. These matches were played late that year.

<sup>13</sup> No placement matches were played. Both pool winners qualified to the World Cup.

<sup>14</sup> Originally planned on 2020, Mar 07 - Apr 11 but suspended on Mar 13 (one match played only) and rescheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. GER had meanwhile withdrawn.

<sup>15</sup> The Russian Rugby Union was suspended from all competitions due to the Russian military invasion of Ukraine.

## U20 European Championship

2004 and 2005, this competition doubled as qualification to the Under 21 World Championship. The European top nations already qualified for the World Championship did not participate.

2007 - 2015, the U20 European Championship was a third-tier competition, because the better teams played at the **IRB Junior World Championship** or **IRB Junior World Trophy** annually. Since 2017 onwards, this competition doubled as qualification to the **IRB Junior World Trophy**, instead of the U19 European Championship.

		Champions	Final	Runners-up	Third place
<b>U20 European Tournament</b>					
2002, Apr 05 + 07	Praha CZE	ROU	41:18	ESP	CZE POL
2003, Oct 30 + Nov 01	Amsterdam NED	RUS	31:3	POR	ROU
2004, May 16 - 22	Constanța ROU	ROU	21:6	GEO	RUS
2005, May 23 - 29	Valladolid ESP	GEO	15:10	ROU	ESP
2006, Sep 24 - Oct 01	Sopot POL	ROU	---	GEO	RUS
2007, Aug 29 - Sep 02	Klaipėda LTU	UKR	---	LTU	MDA
2008	<i>not played</i>				
2009, Nov 18 - 21	Chișinău MDA	POL	16:15	MDA	SUI
2010, Nov 10 - 13	Esztergom HUN	LTU	15:11	HUN	SUI
2011, Nov 15 - 18	Siedlce POL	POL	70:5	MDA	LTU
2012, Sep 01 - 09	Praha CZE	POL	44:8	CZE	UKR
2013, Aug 25 - 31	Praha CZE	NED	27:15	CZE	UKR
2014, Aug 22 - 31	Brno CZE	CZE	25:21	SUI	UKR
<b>U20 European Cup</b>					
2015, Aug 23 - 29	Praha CZE	SUI	38:0	CZE	LUX
2016	<i>not played</i>				
<b>U20 European Championship</b>					
2017, Mar 26 - Apr 01	București ROU	POR	12:7	ESP	RUS
2018, Apr 08 - 14	Coimbra POR	POR	25:3	ESP	RUS
2019, Mar 30 - Apr 07	Coimbra POR	POR	---	ESP	NED
2020, Mar 22 - 28	<i>Coimbra POR</i>	<i>cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic</i>			
2021, Nov 07 - 13	Coimbra POR	ESP	15:9	POR	RUS
2022, Nov 06 - 13	Lisboa POR	ESP	13:6	NED	POR
2023, Nov 12 - 19	Praha CZE	NED	26:16	BEL	POR

## U18 European Championship

Predecessor was the **European U18 Emergent Nations Championship** used as qualification competition for the Under 19 World Championship.

		Champions	Final	Runners-up	Third place
<b>European U18 Emergent Nations Championship</b>					
2000, Nov 03 + 05	Sofia BUL	BEL	56:17	CRO	AND
2001, Nov 02 + 04	Split CRO	NED	37:6	MDA	CRO
2002, Nov 01 + 03	Říčany CZE	BEL	5:0	CZE	MDA
2003, Oct 30 + Nov 01	Amsterdam NED	POL	24:5	NED	CRO
<b>U18 European Championship</b>					
2004, Apr 04 - 10	Treviso ITA	FRA	32:0	ENG	ITA
2005, Mar 20 - 26	Lille FRA	ENG	16:9	FRA	SCO
2006, Apr 09 - 15	Treviso ITA	ENG	15:7	FRA	ITA
2007, Apr 01 - 07	Biarritz FRA	FRA	8:8 4:3p	IRL	ENG
2008, Mar 16 - 22	Treviso ITA	FRA	12:5	IRL	ENG
2009, Apr 04 - 11	Toulon FRA	FRA	20:19	ENG	IRL
2010, Mar 28 - Apr 03	Treviso ITA	FRA	27:3	IRL	GEO
2011, Apr 17 - 23	Tarbes FRA	IRL	17:8	ENG	WAL
2012, Mar 30 - Apr 07	Madrid ESP	ENG	25:13	IRL	FRA
2013, Mar 22 - 30	Grenoble FRA	ENG	27:22	FRA	IRL
2014, Apr 11 - 19	Poznań POL	ENG	30:14	IRL	WAL
2015, Mar 27 - Apr 04	Toulouse FRA	FRA	57:0	GEO	ENG
2016, Mar 18 - 26	Lisboa POR	FRA	42: 0	GEO	POR
2017, Apr 06 - 16 <sup>16</sup>	Quimper FRA	FRA	36:18	GEO	JPN
2018, Mar 24 - 31	Grodzisk Wielkopolski POL	GEO	8:3	FRA	ESP
2019, Apr 12 - 21	Kaliningrad RUS	GEO	20:10	ESP	POR
2020, Apr 12 - 18	<i>Kaliningrad RUS</i>	<i>cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic</i>			
2021, Oct 03 - 09	Kaliningrad RUS	GEO	27:0	POR	ESP
2022, Oct 02 - 09	Tbilisi GEO	GEO	34:10	POR	ESP
2023, Nov 11 - 18	Praha CZE	GEO	19:3	POR	ESP

<sup>16</sup> "open" competition

## The Rugby Europe Super Cup

Rugby Europe's next attempt establishing a European Clubs Cup for teams outside the professional leagues' club competitions (Heineken Champions Cup and Challenge Cup).

		Champions	Final	Runners-up
2022, May 07	Lisboa POR	<b>The Black Lion (Tbilisi) GEO</b>	17:14	Lusitanos XV (Lisboa) POR
2022, Dec 17	Tbilisi GEO	<b>The Black Lion (Tbilisi) GEO</b>	29:17	Tel Aviv Heat ISR
2023, Dec 22	Tbilisi GEO	<b>The Black Lion (Tbilisi) GEO</b>	27:17	Tel Aviv Heat ISR

## U21 European Championship (defunct)

		Champions	Final	Runners-up	Third place
2008, Oct 12 - 18	Heidelberg GER	<b>ROU</b>	37:0	RUS	POR
2009, May 03 - 09	Madrid ESP	<b>ROU</b>	27:20	GEO	POR

## U19 European Championship (defunct)

Until 2015 this competition doubled as qualification to the **IRB Junior World Trophy**, and so not featuring the already qualified nations.

		Champions	Final	Runners-up	Third place
<b>U19 European Trophy</b>					
2007, Oct 28 - Nov 03	Bruxelles BEL	ROU	29:0	POL	RUS
2008, Sep 21 - 27	Sopot POL	ROU	31:28	GEO	RUS
<b>U19 European Championship</b>					
2009, Oct 25 - 31	Coimbra POR	ITA	16:3	GEO	ESP
2010, Oct 24 - 30	Bruxelles BEL	GEO	38:7	RUS	ROU
2011, Oct 30 - Nov 05	București ROU	GEO	20:12	RUS	ROU
2012, Oct 27 - Nov 03	Lisboa POR	POR	23:10	GEO	BEL
2013, Oct 27 - Nov 02	Lisboa POR	GEO	32:6	BEL	ESP
2014, Oct 26 - Nov 02	Lisboa POR	GEO	44:14	POR	ESP
2015, Oct 25 - 31	Lisboa POR	ESP	24:3	ROU	POR

## Regions European Cup (defunct)

It was a competition dedicated to amateur regional representatives. Each team could not field more than seven players of their national team.

		Champions	Final	Runners-up
2001, Dec 22	???	Côte d'Argent FRA	33:24	Midi-Pyrénées FRA
2002, Dec 22	Pézenas FRA	Roussillon FRA	15:9aet	Provence FRA
2003, Dec 21	Lunel FRA	Roussillon FRA	25:23	Provence FRA
2004, Dec 19	Toulon FRA	Provence FRA	24:18aet	Bourgogne FRA
2005, Dec 18	Cahors FRA	Midi-Pyrénées FRA	8:7	Provence FRA

Defunct for financial reasons

## FIRA European Clubs Cup (defunct)

Organized only three times: 1961/62, 1963/64, 1965/66

		Champions	Final	Runners-up
1962, Jun 24	București ROU	<b>AS Béziers FRA</b>	11:3	RC Grivița Roșie București ROU
1964, Jun 14	București ROU	<b>RC Grivița Roșie București ROU</b>	10:0 <sup>17</sup>	Stade Montois FRA
1966 Dec 25 + 1967, Jun 09	Agen + București	<b>CS Dinamo București ROU</b>	0:12 + 18:0	SU Agen FRA

## (New) European Clubs Cup (defunct)

A new attempt establishing a European Clubs Cup was started by FIRA-AER in 2005. This third-tier club competition (below Heineken Cup and Challenge Cup) was already defunct two years later.

A European Club Championship was again organized in 2012 once.

		Champions	Final	Runners-up	Third place
<b>European Club Cup</b>					
2005, Nov 18-20	Split CRO	RC Arka Gdynia POL	---	SC Neuenheim 02 GER	RK Nada Split CRO
2006, Dec 02	Split CRO	RK Slavia Zenit Moskva RUS	24:21	RK Nada Split CRO	<i>Stockholm Exiles SWE withdrew</i>
<b>European Club Championship</b>					
2012, Oct 06	Šiauliai LTU	Heidelberger RK GER	60:10	BaltRex Šiauliai LTU	---

<sup>17</sup> In 1964 the final match was abandoned by the referee with the score of 10:0 in the 59<sup>th</sup> minute. The skipper of Montois refused to leave the field despite demanding twice by the referee.

## European Clubs Cup Women (defunct)

		<b>Champions</b>	<b>Final</b>	<b>Runners-up</b>
2007, Dec 22 + 2008, Apr 19	Montpellier + Barcelona	<b>Montpellier RC FRA</b>	31:8 + 22:3	INEF Barcelona ESP
2009, Feb 01 + 22	Gexto + Toulouges	<b>USA Toulouges XV FRA</b>	19:11 + 82:3	Gexto R.T. ESP

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