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This document is an overview of the 300page final report on the study commissioned. It summarises the methodological bases and the principal results of the study.

As an aid to comprehension, some of the terms used are defined in a Glossary at the foot of the page in which the term first appears.

The 6th Rugby World Cup organised by France in autumn 2007, was a success:

a popular and media success, as gauged from the number of spectators and TV viewers and the unprecedented media coverage, which far exceeded the confines of the specialised sports press to gain the pages of the popular press, women's and young people's magazines,

 a sporting success, even if the French team failed to achieve the result the entire country was hoping for, but a true sporting success which saw South Africa take front stage, and the "small teams" of planet rugby emerge to lend pep to the competition,

 a festival in celebration of rugby, as high in quality as in comradeship and commitment, with all the values of the sport visibly on display and shared in the events both on and off the field,

– mobilisation of the organisation committee, the State, the sports movement, the local authorities and all the private partners in support of the event, to build it into a huge international celebration. Each actor has gladly recognised the quality of the organisation and the safety ensured, unanimously acknowledged in both the French and international media, and

— lastly, a financial success too, as the organisation committee delivered a positive result of close on €35 million, a profit devolved to the French Rugby Federation (FFR) where it will be used to develop the discipline, to welcome and nurture the 35% more licensed players who had joined its ranks as at 1st June 2008.

So once again, France has demonstrated its capability in organising an event of this magnitude and to make a sporting, popular and financial success of it.

But for that success to be complete in the eyes of the many public and private actors who invested in it, the event had also to generate positive economic effects.

This raised the question of how to measure the economic impact of the rugby world cup, to obtain more than a mere intuitive evaluation.

Such legitimate concern for measuring the economic impact of the event, based on reliable evaluation techniques and studies on the effects of a major sporting event; arose from the start of the dossier, in line with the "information report" remitted by the delegation of the National Assembly for the European Union on the organisation and financing of sports in Europe, or the Economic and Social Council's report on "Sport at the service of social life". A symposium was therefore held in 2005 at Montpellier, broaching the issue of the economic effects of the rugby world cup, while in June 2006, the organisation committee commissioned the ESSEC to conduct a study on "the economic impact of the world cup" presented in May 2007. Prospectively oriented, this work assessed a potential for economic outfall and suggested paths for transforming it into reality.

To obtain a complete view of the event, the Ministry of Sport, liaising with the interministerial department for the rugby world cup, wanted to measure, a posteriori, not just the economic impact of the event and the extent of its knock-on effects on the national and regional economies, but also its social utility. In other words, it sought an evaluation of the satisfaction perceived by the population (entertainment, galvanisation, economic impulsion, improved social cohesion, image and structuring of the territories, development of rugby, and so on) as compared with the costs it had to bear (facilities, organisation costs, nuisances of all kinds...).

The Centre for the Law and Economics of Sport (CDES) of the University of Limoges was selected to carry out the study, after first producing a rigorous methodological guideline tool that met the requirement for production of reliable economic and social data.

A national steering committee was tasked with ensuring coordinated methodological rigour throughout the project and maintaining its overall coherence.

Once the methodological tool had been completed, the study proceeded in 2 phases:

– satisfaction surveys in the 8 rugby world cup host regions, during and immediately following the event. These were conducted with the collaboration of the relevant regional departments for youth and sports, and with the participation of private operators, among them the Chambers of Commerce and Industry,

- synthesis and aggregation of the territorial evaluations, and global approach to the impact of the event.

So this is the ground covered in the presentation before you today, whose positive results complete the success observed above.

I wish to thank all the people who played a part alongside the ministry in contributing to this work, the first of its type undertaken in France, and helping it through to completion.

Bernard Laporte Secretary of State for Sport, Youth and the Voluntary Sector

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THE STAKES OF THE RUGBY WORLD CUP (2007 RWC): WHAT ARE THE GAINS FOR THE FRENCH ECONOMY AND FRENCH SOCIETY?

The 2007 Rugby World Cup (2007 RWC) proved a real popular success, witness the number of people who turned out to watch the matches at the stadia. The latter enjoyed an average spectator fill rate of over 95% for the matches played in France, and a total of around 2.25 million tickets were sold for all the matches combined. But beyond the findings presented in figures like these, what did the French economy and French society actually gain from organising the 2007 RWC?

The ticketing analysis shows that there are many, different economic issues involved in the 2007 RWC:

- Ticket sales give rise to spending of various kinds by spectators and the persons accompanying them, all of which will have an economic impact. Three quarters of the tickets, however, were sold to French nationals. And as their spending cannot be considered as an injection in terms of the national economy, this limits the extent of the overall impact and implies the necessity of a regional analysis;

- The 2007 RWC was hosted by ten cities and eight different regions which all enjoyed the benefit of positive economic effects. It is the extent and structure of those effects that are interesting to analyse, so as to determine any territorial specificities. The approach here is different from and complementary to the national one: the injection on which the economic impact will be assessed still comprises expenditure by foreign spectators and persons accompanying them but also includes spending by their French counterparts from outside the region. And the situations differ extensively from one region to another;

 The tickets distributed by the organisation committee and the IRB may reflect important strategic objectives (public relations, communication, the territory's image, development of rugby, etc.).

All this means that the economic stakes centring on the 2007 RWC cannot be reduced to just short-term impacts, but must also be sought in the enhanced attractiveness of the country and its different regions, in its social cohesion, the satisfaction of its inhabitants (who are also tax-payers), or again in the propagation of rugby culture, the promotion of its values, the expansion of the zone in which it is played, and so on. So it does not suffice to simply calculate the economic impact; without a calculation of the social profitability, the picture will not be complete.

<u>GLOSSARY</u>

Injections : incoming financial flow to a territory from agents outside it. For example, a State subsidy granted to an agent in a region is therefore an injection and is factored into the calculation of the economic effects. The net injection is obtained by the difference between injections and leakages.

Economic impact (or economic effects) : increase, attributable to a specific project, in added value or employment in a given territory. In the study on the 2007 RWC, the economic impact is calculated using the base theory and corresponds to the product of a net injection (obtained by the difference between incoming and outgoing financial flow in the territory) and a multiplier.

It is not enough to calculate only the economic effects of a project without assessing their social utility for the population. By definition, an impact calculation cannot demonstrate the social return on a project. It indicates only that the relevant project generates a certain volume of economic activity and employment; alone, it offers no grounds for a conclusion as to whether or not the project is worth being conducted.

This is why, in the present study, two complementary calculations were undertaken to characterise the 2007 RWC:

- the economic effects (or economic impact) were measured to assess whether or not a sporting event on a given territory represents a **basic activity**. Jobs and economic activity can be created through this type of event. Ideally of course, those jobs should become permanent ones; otherwise the sporting event may be no more than a short-term operation, which is not a real territorial development objective,

- the social utility of the 2007 RWC was measured, as a complement to the impact measurement. The measurement consisted of evaluating the benefits in terms of satisfaction created for the inhabitants, and of calculating the net gain (or loss) of the event, by subtracting the costs borne by the community as a whole. The 2007 RWC translated into multiple gains in terms of social utility: satisfaction procured for the spectators (stadia and giant projection screens); enhanced regional identity; improved social cohesion; image of the territory; expansion of rugby playing to new territories and new publics; and development of professional rugby; etc.

Together, the two calculations above offer a complete view of the event. The first measures primarily the extent of the knock-on effects on the relevant regional economies, bearing in mind that, in line with the conclusions drawn from analyses in many different countries after major sports events, the national impact does not usually constitute a major exogenous stimulus. The second yields a measurement of the social utility created, which in itself is a means of justifying, particularly in political terms, organising the event on grounds other than just the economic impact.

Ex-ante or ex-post: should the impact of an event be evaluated before or after its organisation ?

In most cases, economic impact studies are carried out before the event is held, to justify its organisation. Besides the fact that such calculations are often approximate (not to say erroneous) and almost always over-estimated, they are not necessarily a legitimate base on which to base a decision to organise the event, as they fail to include consideration of its social profitability. Not only this, but the calculations are seldom redone after the end of the event to appraise any gap between

the ex-post and ex-ante calculations. And the same unsatisfactory studies are then run again, four years later, despite the quasi-unanimous reservations of the international scientific community.

It therefore appears much more sensible to conduct the economic impact studies ex-post (downstream of the event) as the real data are, by definition, not available until after the event has ended.

Basic activity (base theory): drive activity that induces employment and income in a given territory. These are the activities corresponding to the various injections into the territory.

Social utility: concept from welfare economics corresponding, in the present study, to the wellbeing procured by the 2007 RWC. The social utility of the 2007 RWC is the sum of the satisfaction felt by each individual, whether or not s/he attended the event, in the fact that it was held.

On the other hand, it may be relevant to proceed with a costs-advantages analysis to measure the social utility of the 2007 RWC ex-ante (upstream of the event), as a decision-making aid. In fact, ideally, a calculation in terms of opportunity cost should be made, comparing the profitability of the project with that of the projects which have to be abandoned. However provocative it may sound, the question to address should be: is it better to organise a major sporting event such as the 2007 RWC or to invest the same amount in research, the university or renovation of the suburbs?

In reality, however, a decision-making criterion such as that above is extremely hard to put into practice, owing to the problems of assessing the multiple induced costs and benefits, direct and indirect, market and non-market, etc., of the different projects.

This is why the decision-makers very often abandon the idea of commissioning such studies which would be extremely long and costly. In our view, however, it was very important to be able to establish, ex-post, whether public funds were legitimately spent, by calculating the social profitability of the 2007 RWC, and not just its economic impact. Moreover, an evaluation such as this can serve as a reference for discussing the opportunity of organising this type of event in the future.

COUNTRY OR REGIONS: WHAT IS THE APPROPRIATE TERRITORIAL BASE ?

What is the appropriate territorial base to take in order to best determine the impact of the 2007 RWC?

- In most cases, the national territory is taken as reference for impact studies on major sporting events, though this is not necessarily an optimum choice. Effectively, most academic studies throughout the world have shown that major sporting events do not produce any major exogenous stimulus on the national economies and that their macroeconomic impact is relatively minor.

- As the 2007 RWC was split over several sites, it is logical to attempt to appraise its impact on the host towns and regions. We therefore selected the administrative region as the appropriate space on which to base the calculation. Effectively, even though the 2007 RWC was hosted by ten different towns, most of its effects have repercussions over the region as a whole. Besides this, the same region may have several sites hosting the competition (Ile-de-France and Rhône-Alpes); the teams, the spectators and those accompanying them may be accommodated outside the town's territory. Moreover, infra-national information has not been developed to any significant extent in France, making it difficult to use disaggregate economic models, yet it is at regional level that the greatest statistical consistency is found, on which to mobilise the base theory that will be used in the impact calculation.

This study proposes an impact assessment of both the economic effects and the social utility for each of the eight administrative regions involved in the organisation of the 2007 RWC. But it also evaluates the impact at national scale, which is not the same as the sum of the regional impacts (see *infra*).

GLOSSARY

Costs-advantages analysis: method consisting in calculating the balance of the benefits and the costs of a given project (event, item of equipment); the net social benefit or net social cost thus calculated is a means of appraising the social utility of the project and deciding whether or not it is legitimate.









2.1. Calculating the economic impact

The economic impact is the product of a net injection and a regional multiplier

Measuring the economic impact of the RWC on the regional territory consists in recording all the incoming (injections) and outgoing (leakages) monetary flow from that territory. The difference between the two types of flow is the net injection, the extent of which depends on the degree of integration of the territory, which therefore determines the size of the multiplier. The more integrated the region's economic activities, the lesser the leakage and the greater the multiplier effect.

To simplify, the calculation of the economic impact for a given region may be represented, in application of the base theory, by the following diagram (*see next page for a diagram of the complete circuit*):





Economic impact = Net injection x Multiplier where Net injection = Injections - Leakages



Leakages : monetary flow leaving the territory for external agents; they contribute to weakening injection and to damping the multiplier process.

Multiplier : concept from Keynesian theory designed to account for the chain mechanisms in action such that certain people's expenditure corresponds

to others' income. Thus, the circulation of income between the different economic agents of a given territory implies that an injection of income by external agents usually induces an increase in the total product greater than that of the injection (*provided the multiplier is greater than 1*).

Document 1 bis : The economic circuit of the RWC



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The economic circuit of the 2007 RWC highlights three main sources of injections and leakages:

- the consumption expenditure derives from spending by "stadium" spectators, "giant screen" spectators, national teams and the people accompanying these different economic agents. Only consumers from outside the region are taken into consideration (the rest of France and foreigners). This is a means of approaching some of the territorial differences in the impact of the 2007 RWC, as the percentage of foreigners and spectators from outside the region varies from one case to another,

- the expenditure in connection with organisation and management reflect the specificity of the organisation chart of the 2007 RWC. A public interest group (GIP) was created in Paris to supervise the general organisation of the 2007 RWC; a local coordination committee (LCC) was set up in each region to devise and implement the 2007 RWC promotion actions. But above all, the financing structure of the 2007 RWC is highly specific, featuring a leakage level that is proportionally higher than in competitions such as the Olympic Games or the Football World Cup. Among other things, the IRB, as owner of the 2007 RWC with head offices in Ireland, collects most of the commercial income from the event (sponsorship, TV broadcasting rights, VIP seats, executive boxes, worth a total 130€ million in media broadcasting rights and 60€ million in sponsoring). Whenever these income sources are financed by French economic agents (for example, the 40€ million in TV broadcasting rights paid by the French TV channel TF1, as well as a large proportion of the competition's sponsoring income, from French businesses in the main), they represent leakages outside the national territory. The economy of the GIP therefore relied almost exclusively on ticketing income although, there too, around 80€ million, almost a third of the ticketing revenue, had to be paid over to the IRB - the price to pay for the privilege of organising the competition,

- the investment expenditure mainly concerns stadium construction and renovation. It is the State and the territorial communities that are concerned in the financing of such operations. But the investments in the case of the 2007 RWC remained extremely limited, as the event was organised in existing stadia that usually host football (soccer) matches and have spectator capacities greater than those of the French rugby stadia.

Ultimately, the operation consists in pinpointing, among all the previous flows, those corresponding to agents outside the regional territory in order to calculate the injections, subtract the leakages outside the territory and apply the regional multiplier estimated on the basis of a meta-analysis (Vollet-Bousset, 2002). The same procedure is used to measure the global impact of the 2007 RWC nation-wide, which is not the same as a national aggregation of the eight regional impacts.

METHODOLOGICAL PRECAUTIONS: SUBSTITUTION AND EVICTION EFFECTS, LEAKAGES OUTSIDE THE TERRITORY, EXPENDITURE TIME SWITCHING...

Too often, economic impact studies on major sports events considerably over-evaluate the results, owing to calculation errors stemming from an insufficiently rigorous methodology. We have endeavoured to avoid the following most common errors:

– Failure to consider the substitution effect which concerns expenditure by local agents, and must therefore be excluded. If the 2007 RWC had not taken place, these local agents would doubtless have engaged spending of another kind. Consequently, only expenditure by agents from outside the region was taken into consideration in determining the net injection for this study; – Failure to consider the time switching in consumption or investment. This concerns expenditure decisions taken by the external agents prior to the 2007 RWC that were simply switched in time (brought forward or put back) to coincide with the period of the event. In that case, the corresponding rise in activity level cannot be ascribed to the 2007 RWC. Our questionnaire was designed to pinpoint those individuals who switched the time of their visit. Likewise, we were able to identify the occasional visitors who were present at the venue of the event not because of the 2007 RWC but for professional reasons, for instance. If they attend a match, only the additional sport-related expenditure must then be factored in for consideration;

GLOSSARY

Substitution effect : this concerns spending by the agents of the territory (inhabitants, enterprises and public authorities of the region, for the regional impact, and of the country for the national impact), whose expenditures would have been unrelated to the 2007 RWC if it had not been organised in France. Their 2007 RWC expenditure is therefore not factored into the impact calculation.

Time switching : expenditure brought forward or put back because of the RWC but which would have been made anyway.

Occasional visitors : agents present on the territory for a purpose other than the 2007 RWC.

– Omission of the eviction effects as regards consumption or investment. Potential visitors may have been discouraged from coming to the region because they feared saturation of the territory or nuisances generated by the 2007 RWC. We defined a protocol for measuring eviction effects such as these, by comparing the hotel statistics for September-October 2007 with those of the same period in 2006. The calculation was not, however, undertaken systematically in the host regions, as our in-depth interviews revealed that eviction effects were actually extremely low in this case, compared with other major world level sporting events;

- Omission of leakages outside the territory (in consumption and investment) or, on the contrary, double-counting injec-

tions (summing, for example, ticket sales to external spectators and expenditure of the France 2007 GIP financed by the same sales). The first problem is often one of the causes of **over-evaluation of the impact when the gross expenditure amount is taken instead of the added value, which accounts for leakages** due to intermediate consumption or imported products. The same applies to double-counting.

The shortcomings above all lead, as a rule, to over-estimating the regional impact. We did our utmost to systematically address all these problems in the best possible way, so as to arrive at the most reliable evaluation possible.

GATHERING THE INFORMATION: AROUND 11,500 QUESTIONNAIRES AND NUMEROUS SOURCES OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Besides the regional information available (from the national statistics office - the INSEE -, the Chambers of Commerce, etc.), we also used two other methods of obtaining information specific to the 2007 RWC:

– Questionnaire-based surveys with 5 different types of questionnaire: "stadium" spectators, "giant screen" spectators, stadium vicinity residents, regional population and rugby fans (the last three being more relevant to the assessment of social profitability). The administration of the questionnaires by pollsters present at each match posed no major problems. In all, some 11,500 questionnaires were completed, which is in itself a first for France, and possibly internationally;

- In-depth interviews among representatives of the GIP in the regions, members of the local coordination committees and decision-makers in the territorial communities involved. The breakdown of the organisation expenses over the regions was handled by the management of the France GIP, liaising with the Inter-ministerial Department for Major Sport Events (DIGES).



Eviction effect: spending may be discouraged for fear of the territory being saturated or of the sports event creating various nuisances. For instance, occasional visitors may be dissuaded from visiting a host region during the

period of a major event by the upward trend in accommodation costs induced by that event.



Document 2 bis : Number of questionnaires per hosting regions

	STADIUM	SURVEYS		SCREEN	SURVEYS		STAD. VICINITY SURVEYS	REGIONAL POP. SURVEYS	RUGBY FANS SURVEYS						
	match polled	number of questionnaires	weighted figures	match relayed	number of questionnaires	weighted figures	number of questionnaires	number of questionnaires	number of questionnaires						
	New Zealand/Italy	149		New Zealand/Portugal	24										
Щ	Italy/Romania	101		Italy/Romania	31										
	Argentina/Namibia	138		Argentina/Namibia	67			ļ							
SSI	France/Georgia	157	804	France/Ireland	63	386	108	108	400	250					
MARSEILLE	6	400		France/Georgia	67										
–	Quarter final 1 Quarter final 3	<u>132</u> 167	•	Quarter final 1 Quarter final 3	<u>63</u> 62										
	Japan/Fidji	116		Japan/Fidji	50										
TOULOUSE	France/Namibia	120	1	France/Namibia	50										
ō			475	Romania/Portugal	50	269	106	402	244						
٦ I	Romania/Portugal	121		France/Ireland	50										
μ	New Zealand/Romania	120		New Zealand/Romania	59										
ES	Wales/Canada	101		Wales/Canada	50										
NANTES	England/Samoa	100	300	England/Samoa	50	150	100	400	100						
ź	Wales/Fidji	99		Wales/Fidji	50										
ŝ	USA/Tonga	101		USA/Tonga	27										
	Samoa/Tonga	133		Samoa/Tonga	30			99 402							
MONTPELLIER	Australia/Fidji	120	480	Australia/Fidji	30	118	99								
MC	South Africa/USA	120		South Africa/USA	30										
×	Ireland/Namibia	79		Ireland/Namibia	49										
EAL	Ireland/Georgia	108	396	Ireland/Georgia France/Ireland	<u>56</u> 26	181	101	447	000						
BORDEAUX	Canada/Japan	105	396	Canada/Japan	36			447	280						
M	Australia/Canada	105		Australia/Canada	14	1									
S	England/USA	73													
LENS	South Africa/Tonga	103	281	France/New Zealand	40	40	100	407	150						
	Georgia/Namibia	105													
ш	Australia/Japan	52		Australia/Japan											
LYON ETIENNE	Argentina/Georgia	111		France/Argentina	39										
ē₽	New Zealand/Portugal	120	593	New Zealand/Portugal	32	181	182	824	248						
	<u>Scotland/Portugal</u> Samoa/USA	<u>89</u> 107	-	Scotland/Portugal Samoa/USA	50	-									
あ	Samoa/USA Scotland/Italv	107		Samoa/USA Scotland/Italv	<u> </u>										
	Ireland/Argentina	103		Ireland/Argentina	51										
ഗ	Bronze final	81	1	Bronze final	32	1									
PARIS St DENIS	France/Ireland	145	1	France/Ireland	45		005	200	404						
₹ Ö	Semi-final 1	87	567	Semi-final 1	51	229	205	309	134						
т р	Semi-final 2	77		Semi-final 2	52										
	Final	83		Final	30										
		surveys 3,896		Screen : Total:			Stad. vicinity surveys Total: 1,001	Regional Pop. Surveys Total: 3,591	Rugby fans surveys Total: 1,406						

General Total 11 443

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Besides the information collected in the field, we were fortunate to benefit from an impressive mass of data gathered by the DIGES, the GIP and the French Rugby Federation (FFR) along with other data collected by various public and quasipublic organisations.

Document 3 : List of the documentation collected

STATISTICS from GIP France 2007/DIGES/FFR	ADDITIONAL STATISTICS
Team accommodation	ADEME's Environmental Impact Assessment
State financing per region	Overall hotel statistics
Global State financing	Hotel statistics per region
 Statistics on USEP school rugby action 	Hotel comparison with 2006
 Provisional budget of the GIP 	Detailed Paris airport statistics
GIP budget broken down per region	Detailed French railways (SNCF) statistics
 Ticketing statistics per distribution mode 	•
 Ticketing statistics per nationality 	
Ticket tariffs	
Stadium fill rates	

DATA PROCESSING: A CONSTANT CONCERN FOR METHODOLOGICAL RIGOUR

- Injection from "stadium" spectators: the spectators were grouped into three broad categories (regional; non-regional French; and foreigners) based on their place of residence, and only the last two categories were retained for the calculation of regional injection. Household income (more than and less than € 4,000/month) was used as a basis to distinguish two categories of spectators. Using these bases, individual expenditure per match (excluding ticketing, to avoid double-counting GIP injection) was measured to determine gross injection. Net injection was then calculated, based on the regional added-value rate. After deducting time-switching, we thus obtained the effective net injection.

- Injection from "giant screen" spectators: the calculation here obeyed the same principle as for the "stadium" spectators above but involved further difficulties of ensuring sampling representativeness and distinguishing between "stadium" and "giant screen" spectators to avoid double counting.

- Injection from accompanying persons: same calculation protocol, based on the assumption that the individual basket of expenditure of an accompanying person is the same as that of a "stadium" spectator.

 Additional team injection: the important point here was to avoid double-counting injections already recorded via the GIP expenditure.

GLOSSARY

Double counting : methodological error consisting of counting the same expenditure twice as an injection. For example, expenditure by "stadium"

spectators related to ticket purchase was not taken into account because it financed the expenditure of the GIP, already recorded in the GIP injection.

– Injection from GIP France 2007: this involved determining the proportion of 2007 RWC spectators who lived outside the region and could therefore be considered as a source of extra-regional financing, via their ticket purchases. The breakdown of the GIP expenditure over the host-regions was determined by the GIP itself in concert with the DI-GES. – Injection from the State: the DIGES compiled the data for this, distinguishing between services purchased and remuneration paid. In both cases, care had to be taken to avoid double counting, especially the GIP's running expenses.

All these injections produce, by multiplication, the regional economic impact.

2.2. Calculating the social utility of the 2007 RWC

METHODOLOGICAL BASES OF THE COSTS-ADVANTAGES ANALYSIS

The benefits and the costs are defined in the economic analysis as changes in the wellbeing of individuals, benefits corresponding to an increase thereof, and costs to a reduction. The benefits and costs in connection with the 2007 RWC were all classified under the following headings: entertainment, community animation; social cohesion; economic impulsion; image of the territory; expansion of rugby; evolution of professional rugby; and structuring of the territory. The difficulty of evaluating all these items varies according to whether they belong to the market sphere or, on the contrary, are non-market. Most of the costs related to the 2007 RWC belong in the market sphere and were classified under the following headings: facilities costs (sports and non-sports); organisation expenditure; promotion expenditure; and secondment of various personnel. This leaves one non-market cost: the nuisances, such as noise, traffic congestion, parking, waste, borne by the residents close to the stadia on the days matches are played.

The use value of the 2007 RWC is appraised by the amount spent by all the spectators, which translates the social utility thereby generated (measured by the consumer surplus).

⁽¹⁾ A cost-benefit analysis is the method used to assess the social return of an event, a facility or an activity in a given territory. However, this terminology is a 'false friend', in the sense that the terms 'costs' and 'benefits' evoke, in current language, more an economic and financial dimension than a social one. Therefore, the terms 'social benefits' and 'social costs' could be used, even though they are 'incorrect' from a strict economic theory point of view. However, in the present summary, we favour the terms 'costs' and 'benefits' to take account of the social return of the event.

GLOSSARY

Use value : perceived utility of the use of a good. In this study, consumption of the sports event by the "stadium" and "giant screen" spectators procures them a pleasure that was evaluated using the transport costs method.

Consumer surplus : difference between the sum that a consumer would accept to pay for a good and the amount s/he effectively pays.

Other benefits generating social utility come under the category of **externalities** which basically concern the territory's social cohesion, its image and the heritage dimension of the 2007 RWC. These all raise the eternal problem of economic value and, on these bases, we are concerned here with measuring the social utility of the 2007 RWC for the host territory's individuals. Several value components were mobilised :

Use value: utility, as perceived by the spectator, of consuming the sporting event;

Option value: perceived utility of the possibility of benefiting in the future from the 2007 RWC;

 Legacy value: perceived satisfaction of passing the 2007 RWC down to future generations;

 Existence value: utility perceived by the individuals of the positive consequences of the 2007 RWC on social cohesion, image of the territory, and so on, without actually attending the matches.

The option, legacy and existence values are all non-use values. The sum of all these use and non-use values gives the total economic value of the 2007 RWC (not to be confused with the economic impact or economic effects, presented above and which are governed and obtained by a different theoretical base and methodology).

Evaluation methods and data collection: how, in concrete terms, should we evaluate the use values and non-use values ?

— To assess the use value, the transport costs method was used. The hypothesis adopted is that the transport price an individual spends to get to the match venue reveals the utility of that match for him/her. This value can be estimated by the consumer surplus.

- For the non-use value, the contingent evaluation method was utilised, involving direct revelation of the individuals' preferences on the basis of a questionnaire. This nonuse value can be estimated by the selected population categories' willingness to pay to ensure that the 2007 RWC is organised, as revealed in the questionnaire.

Each of these methods has its own specific difficulties of implementation, and their reliability depends to a large extent on the quality of the information collection:

 For the use value, the information on the territory was obtained from the French national statistics office (the INSEE), from the study's regional coordinators and from the ticketing statistics. The information regarding the spectators' characteristics and their transport means was obtained from the field questionnaires;

– For the non-use value, three population samples were established (regional tax-payers; rugby fans; and stadium vicinity residents) and a specific questionnaire was administered to each. The questionnaires are sophisticated and require compliance with a highly specific protocol to ensure they are reliably completed. In total, for all eight regions, 3,591 regional taxpayers, 1,001 stadium vicinity residents and 1,406 rugby fans were questioned (see document 2);

– To calculate the costs borne by the public communities, the information was collected by means of interviews conducted among the local public decision-makers and the local coordination committees (LCC). Further information was also obtained from the DIGES.

GLOSSARY

Externality: impact of an agent's activity that affects, positively or negatively, the wellbeing of others without the agent who undergoes a negative externality receiving any compensation or the agent who generates a positive externality receiving any monetary benefit. Pollution, noise, traffic congestion and hooliganism are among the negative externalities traditionally associated with the organisation of major sports events. In the case of the 2007 RWC, the nuisances caused were extremely limited.

Non-use value : perceived utility derived from the existence of a good or service not consumed by an individual (existence value) or consumed on a deferred basis (option value or legacy value). In the case of the 2007 RWC, the non-use value stems mainly from the taxpayers' satisfaction with the moral benefit they derive from the event being organised in their country and/or their region.

Willingness to pay: monetary amount an individual is prepared to spend to enjoy the benefit of a good or service; translates the utility perceived by the consumer. In the costs-advantages analysis mobilised for this study, the willingness to pay is the monetary expression of the wellbeing felt by different categories of population (regional taxpayers, rugby fans and stadium vicinity residents) irrespective of whether they watch (consume) the matches in the stadia or on giant screens.

Transport costs method : method for evaluating the use value an individual attributes to an event by the total amount s/he spends to attend it.



Document 4 : Data collection for the cost-advantages analysis



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3.1. National economic impact and regional specificities

Around €540 million in economic effects at national scale

The national economic impact of the 2007 RWC cannot, normally, amount to simply the sum of the impact recorded in each of the eight host regions. Effectively, switching reference territory from region to nation changes the extent and nature of the injections and leakages of revenue. For example, French spectators from outside the region under analysis, whose expenditure formerly represented an injection, are considered, at national scale, as local actors and their spending is no longer taken into consideration. For the national level, all the injections therefore had to be re-qualified:

 Spectator expenditure (stadia and giant screens) concerns only foreigners; Team expenditure not accounted for by the organisation becomes injection;

 State expenditure is excluded, as it is not an injection, contrary to the case of regional impact calculation;

 – GIP injection had to be rectified to include only financing from outside the national territory, in other words essentially ticket sales to foreigners,

- The financial profits⁽²⁾ made will be re-injected at national level via the different actions of the FFR.

The results are shown in the table below:





Document 5 : National impact of the RWC

	Net injection	Total economic impact	% share of each type of expenditure in the total impact	% share of each type of expenditure in the organisation impact
GIP	20 237 723	51 808 571	9,6%	74,10%
TEAMS*	1 360 752	3 483 525	0,6%	5%
FFR (Fr. Rugby Fed.)**	5 697 996	14 586 870	2,7%	20,90%
ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT	27 296 471	69 878 966	12,9%	100,0%

				% share of each type of expenditure in the tourism impact
"STADIUM" SPECTATORS***	159 333 201	407 892 995	75,7%	87%
"GIANT SCREEN" SPECTATORS****	5 946 880	15 224 013	2,8%	3,20%
ACCOMPANYING PERSONS*****	17 865 235	45 735 002	8,5%	9,80%
TOURISM IMPACT	183 145 316	468 842 010	87,1%	100,0%
TOTAL	210 441 787	538 730 975	100,0%	

* Only expenditure not accounted for by the organisation is considered here.

** The FFR injection results essentially from the €28.9 million of profits after tax made by the GIP, of which only the proportion financed by foreign spectators has been retained here

*** Foreigners only

****Only screen spectators who have not been stadium spectators and have not accompanied stadium spectators

*****Only persons accompanying others and not actually entering the stadium, estimated on the basis of the mean number of accompanying persons on all the sites.

The multiplier calculated for the national case, using the same formula as for the regional multipliers, is 2.56.

The national economic impact of the 2007 RWC amounts to 538,730,975€. This figure is relatively close to the cumulated sum of the 8 regional impacts (see below), which may initially appear surprising. Effectively, certain income flows representing an injection in the regional case (State expenditure for instance) have been withdrawn from the calculation for the national case. But a lower total injection has produced an economic impact almost identical to the regional one, owing to a higher added-value rate at national scale.

From a structural standpoint, this overall impact includes a tourism impact (87.1%) and an organisation impact (12.9%):

- The tourism impact stems essentially from the "stadium" spectators from abroad (87%), followed by the accompanying persons (9.8%), and "giant screen" spectators (3.2%);

- The organisation impact is essentially the GIP expenditure (74.1%), followed by that of the FFR (20.9%) and additional team expenditure (5%).

Breakdown of the aggregated impact per region

\blacksquare Document 6 : Breakdown of the economic impact of the 2007 RWC by region in M \pounds



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Document 7 : Breakdown of the economic impact by region (in %)

	GIP Impact	State Impact	Teams Impact	Org. Impact	Spectators Impact	Screens Impact	Accomp. Impact	Tourism Impact	TOTAL IMPACT
Aquitaine	2,8	7,9	9,2	3,7	8,4	3,9	1,2	7,8	6,6
lle-de-France	74,2	36,0	39,8	67,5	33,9	6,7	27,5	32,7	43
Languedoc-Roussillon	3,4	9,2	11,6	4,4	5,4	4,6	7,6	5,6	5,2
Midi-Pyrénées	2,6	7,8	6,1	3,5	2,7	26,9	5,0	3,5	3,5
Nord-Pas de Calais	3,9	6,9	2,5	4,4	6,0	0	7,5	5,9	5,5
Pays de la Loire	2,4	7,2	4,1	3,2	5,0	3,5	9,7	5,3	4,6
PACA	4,6	11,1	15,4	5,9	31,9	53,5	32,3	32,6	24,6
Rhône-Alpes	6,1	13,8	11,3	7,4	6,6	0,9	9,2	6,6	6,9
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

By reasoning in percentage terms in relation to the accumulated impact on the eight regions, regional typologies can be distinguished according to the extent of the effects and the nature of the impact generated.

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• Total impact

The regions can be divided into three classes:

Class 1 – Ile-de-France (43%) and PACA (24.6%), which alone represent two thirds of the total impact of the 2007 RWC in France,

Class 2 – Aquitaine, Languedoc-Roussillon, Nord-Pas de Calais and Rhône-Alpes, where the impact stands between 5 and 7% of the total impact,

Class 3 – Midi-Pyrénées and Pays de la Loire, where the impact is less than 5% of the total.

This broad typology can be narrowed down on the basis of the different components of the total impact.

• Organisational impact

Over 2/3 of the organisational impact is concentrated in the Ile-de-France alone. The impact stands at a relatively low level, between 3 and 6%, in all the other regions, except Rhône-Alpes which has 7.4%.

 – GIP impact is concentrated to the extent of 74.2% in Ilede-France ; - State impact is shared mainly between Ile-de-France (36%), Rhône-Alpes (13.8%) and PACA (11.1%)

- The same applies for team impact.

Tourism impact

Together, the IIe-de-France (32.7%) and PACA (32.6%) regions cumulate two thirds of the total tourism impact. The remaining third is spread fairly evenly over the other regions, with the exception of Aquitaine which attracts 7.8%.

- "Stadium" spectator impact is concentrated chiefly in Ilede-France (33.9%) and PACA (31.9%).

"Giant screen" spectator impact is essentially accounted for in two regions: PACA (53.5%) and Midi-Pyrénées (26.9%).

Accompanying persons' impact is concentrated in PACA (32.3%) and Ile-de-France (27.5%).

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Structure of regional impact per type of expenditure

If we come back, for each region, to the internal structure of the impact of the 2007 RWC, a number of constants emerge, sometimes with regional specificities.

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Document 8 : Proportion and nature of the tourism impact

	Tourism impact (TI)	Spectators % of TI	Giant screen % of TI	Accomp. Pers % of TI	Foreigners' share in "Stadium" spectators injection	Foreigners' share in "giant screen" spectators injection
Aquitaine	83,1%	97,5%	1,5%	1,0%	90.9% (for 58.1% of spectators)	90,0%
lle-de-France	53,4%	93,8%	0,6%	5,6%	71.5% (40,5)	78,8%
Languedoc-Roussillon	74,5%	88,5%	2,4%	9,1%	80% (52.6)	75,1%
Midi-Pyrénées	70,7%	68,5%	22,1%	9,4%	71.1% (26.8)	89,2%
Nord-Pas de Calais	76,1%	91,5%	0,0%	8,5%	89.7% (58.3)	0,0%
Pays de la Loire	79,5%	85,6%	1,9%	12,4%	89.3% (57.4)	76,7%
Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur	93,0%	88,6%	4,8%	6,6%	79.2% (42.3)	82,6%
Rhône- Alpes	67,9%	90,3%	0,4%	9,3%	65.9% (44.9)	85,7%

Reading of the table : In Aquitaine, the tourism impact represents 83.1% of the total impact. It breaks down into "stadium" spectators' impact (97.5%), "giant screen" spectators' impact (1.5%), and accompanying persons' impact (1%). Effective net injection from foreign stadium spectators accounts for 90.9% of injection from "stadium" spectators, despite the fact that they represent only 58.1% of the total number of spectators from outside the host region. Effective net injection from foreign spectators represents 90% of the injection from "giant screen" spectators.

• Tourism impact

The tourism impact is dominant in all the regions except llede-France:

 It is extremely high in PACA (93%), Aquitaine (83.1%) and Pays de la Loire (79.5%);

 It represents approximately 2/3 to 3/4 of the total impact in Languedoc-Roussillon, Nord-Pas de Calais, Rhône-Alpes and Midi-Pyrénées;

- It is lower in Ile-de-France (53.2%) where it is almost on a par with the organisation impact.

Five main results stand out from the analysis of this tourism impact:

1. The percentage of "stadium" spectators is extremely high everywhere (with a peak at 97.5% in Aquitaine), to the extent that Midi-Pyrénées with only 68.5% appears as an exception;

2. The percentage of "giant screen" spectators is low on the whole with one exception, in Midi-Pyrénées (22.1%) (and to a lesser degree for PACA: 4.8%), which is still well above the average (2.9%);

3. The percentage for the accompanying persons spans a range of approximately 6-9% in most regions. There are two regions outside that range: Aquitaine at 1% and Pays de la Loire at 12.4%;

4. Injection from "stadium" spectators which accounts for most of the tourism impact is chiefly due to foreigners. For example, in Aquitaine, although foreigners represent 58.1% of the spectators from outside the region (foreigners + nonregional French), they account for 90.9% of the total injection. The reason for this is an expenditure basket much higher than that of the French. Three regions stand slightly lower on this point: Midi-Pyrénées (71.1%), Rhône-Alpes (65.9%) and Ile-de-France (71.5%). The case of Midi-Pyrénées is unique: foreigners represent here only 26.8% of the spectators concerned, but their injection weighs 71.1% of the total;

5. We arrive at the same conclusions regarding injection of the "giant screen" spectators: it is foreigners who account for the most of the injection, because of an expenditure basket higher than that of the French.

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Organisational impact



Document 9: Proportion and nature of the organisational impact

	Organis. Impact (OI)	GIP % in OI	State % in OI	Teams % in Ol	Goods & services share in GIP injection	Remunerations share in State injection
Aquitaine	16,9%	62,2%	34,4%	3,4%	56,9%	86,4%
lle de France	46,6%	90,4%	8,7%	0,8%	86,4%	60,2%
Languedoc Roussillon	25,3%	62,6%	33,8%	3,6%	45,8%	73,2%
Midi Pyrénées	29,3%	60,7%	36,8%	2,4%	55,4%	86,3%
Nord Pas de Calais	23,9%	73,7%	25,5%	0,8%	68,5%	83,8%
Pays de la Loire	20,5%	62,5%	36,7%	1,8%	46,2%	77,4%
Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur	7,0%	65,4%	31,0%	3,6%	70,2%	88,9%
Rhône Alpes	32,1%	67,6%	30,3%	2,1%	46,7%	85,8%

Reading of the table : In Aquitaine, organisational impact represents 16.9% of the total impact, and is broken down into GIP impact (62.2%), State impact (34.4%) and Team impact (3.4%). GIP injection comprises 56.9% of goods and services purchased; State injection comprises 86.4% of remuneration expenditure.

This impact is the "exact complement" of the tourism impact. So, we arrive at the same regional typology as before, but in reversed order (table III-65). In particular:

- Organisational impact is lowest in PACA and Aquitaine,

- It is highest in Ile-de-France, and to a lesser degree in Rhône-Alpes and Midi-Pyrénées.

Five results emerge from the organisational impact study:

1. The impact of the GIP ranks highest everywhere, representing around 2/3 of the organisational impact except in Ilede-France where it weighs over 90%,

2. State impact accounts for approximately 1/3 of the organisational impact, except in Ile-de-France (4%) and to a lesser degree in Nord-Pas de Calais (25%),

3. Team impact is lower on the whole, three regions having a percentage slightly above the average: Aquitaine (3.4%), Languedoc-Roussillon (3.6%) and PACA (3.6%), the average being 1.4%,

4. For GIP injection, goods and services expenditure more or less balances out with remunerations, except in three regions where the former predominates: Ile-de-France (86.4%), Nord-Pas de Calais (68.5%) and PACA (70.2%),

5. State injection is characterised by a clear predominance of remunerations, in excess of 80%, over goods and services expenditure. There are three exceptions: Ile-de-France (60.2%), Languedoc-Roussillon (73.2%) and Pays de la Loire (77.4%).



Document 10 : Overview - Distribution, per origin of the injection,



NATIONAL AGGREGATION: A "NET PROFIT" EVALUATED AT €113 MILLION



Document 11 : The costs-advantages balance sheet for the national case



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Benefits: the emerging phenomenon of giant screens

The use value represents 59.9% of the total benefits and an amount of €127.4 million. The "stadium" spectators surplus accounts for around three quarters of that and the "giant screen" spectators surplus one quarter. The magnitude of this last result flags up attendance to watch the matches on giant screens as a new society phenomenon. Although this practice cannot yet be considered as a truly integral part of French culture - contrary to what is observed in Anglo-Saxon countries - the 2007 RWC can be said to have played a pioneering role in France in this means of consuming a sports event. It would also be interesting to compare the attractiveness of the giant screens according to the regions, as can be observed using the transport costs method. Here too, France doubtless lags behind Great Britain where, when there are no places left in the stadium, fans can still follow the match by watching it on a giant screen close-by.

The non-use value represents 40.1% of the total benefits and an amount of 85.1€ million. The regional taxpayers account for 95% of this total willingness to pay, the marginal remainder being shared between fans and stadium vicinity residents. This is why it is more interesting to analyse the results at regional, rather than national scale. We can then comment simultaneously on the differences in willingness to pay between the categories of populations questioned (taxpayers, stadium vicinity and fans) and between regions.

Costs: a bill limited by the use of existing stadia, and very low nuisances

It is organisational expenditure, standing at 40€ million, that represents the highest cost, 40.2% of the total.

Expenditure on facilities (sports and non-sports), at 28€ million, was much lower, accounting for 28% of the total, and representing one of the specificities of the 2007 RWC in France. Very few new facilities were built, contrary to what happens for most of the other major sporting events such as the Olympic Games or the Football World Cup.

Thus, it appears that the 2007 RWC did not cost the taxpayers a great deal, because no new stadia were built (with the exception of the Yves du Manoir stadium in Montpellier and the renovation of the Jean Bouin stadium in Marseille). On the other hand, this also means that the RWC certainly generated benefits far greater than would have been the case if new constructions had been built. Effectively, when protests are raised regarding the construction of new stadia (a case seen before in France), the regional taxpayers' willingness to pay can be much lower.

The cost for provision of seconded personnel is low (2.6%). Such personnel were provided chiefly by the local authorities' sports departments.

Nuisance in connection with the 2007 RWC was very low (1.6%) and consisted mainly of traffic congestion, noise in the vicinity of the stadium and waste. It is worth noting that not the slightest case of hooliganism was mentioned, despite this being the main negative externality observed at major sports events such as the Football World Cup. From this point of view, the 2007 RWC is a total success.



Répartition par région du bénéfice net national (en millions d'euros et en %)



Ratios bénéfices / coûts



The total net profit of 113€ million is spread very unevenly over the regions, ranging from 2.3€ million in Nord-Pas de Calais to 44.5€ million in IIe-de-France, making a ratio of 1:22 between the two extremes. It is also important to note that more than 80% of the total net benefit is made by four regions: IIe-de-France, Midi-Pyrénées, PACA and Rhône-Alpes (see document 12). Yet, in terms of the benefits-costs ratio which accounts for the efficiency of the funds used, the disparities are not as wide.

Beyond this overall result, regional differences also appear at the benefits and costs structure level.

Benefits

Generally speaking, the consumer surplus (use value) exceeds fairly substantially, but unevenly, the non-use value, with a maximum for Ile-de-France (75.17%). Only two regions have a use value lower than the non-use value: Pays de la Loire (35.12%) and, to a lesser degree, Languedoc-Roussillon (46.45%).

A high use value translates to the high attractiveness of the event, due in part to the posters proposed. The non-use value depends on the willingness to pay of the three categories of populations questioned.



Document 13 : Individual willingness to pay (WtP) for the RWC according to category of population (in euros)

	Тахрау	ers' WtP	Fans' WtP	Stadium vic	inity's WtP
	Н	F		Н	F
1 Aguitaine	2,80	2,23	3,26	4,09	2,38
2 Ile-de-France	2,55	1,88	4,60	3,80	2,40
3 Languedoc-Roussillon	5,28	3,91	_	5,14	2,45
4 Midi-Pyrénées	4,08	3,54	3,68	2,80	2,89
5 Nord-Pas de Calais	1,30	1,17	_	3,19	2,64
6 Pays de la Loire	4,64	3,64	6,66	5,52	4,69
7 PACA	3,93	4,08	5,82	3,7	′ 6
8 Rhône-Alpes	3,56	3,57	6,14	3,32	2,65

The four main results that emerge are as follows:

— Alongside the national average, standing at 3.50€, willingness to pay is lowest in those regions where rugby is least played and where football is the more prevailing culture, as in the North of France (1.30€ for the men) or in Ile-de-France (2.55€). Conversely, taxpayers from the regions in the South exhibit an above-average willingness to pay;

– Somewhat surprisingly, residents in the stadium vicinity are more willing to pay for the 2007 RWC than the other regional taxpayers. The explanation for this may lie in the low nuisance level perceived (see costs) and in a feeling of pride at living in the vicinity of one of the venues in which an event presented as a real success is organised. One noteworthy exception is the Midi-Pyrénées region where the men express a willingness to pay that is well below the average ($\pounds 2.80$ as against $\pounds 3.95$);

– On the whole, rugby fans are willing to pay more than the other categories. It is worth emphasising here the extremely high willingness to pay of the fans in the Pays de la Loire region ($\in 6.7$), and the extremely low willingness in Midi-Pyrénées;

 Irrespective of the region, men are usually willing to pay more than women but the regional ranking remains unchanged.





Document 14 : Details of the costs for the communities in the 8 host regions

	Aquitaine	Ile-de-France	Languedoc- Roussillon	Midi-Pyrénées	Nord-Pas de Calais	Pays de la Loire	PACA	Rhône-Alpes	General Total
SPORTS FACILITIES Constructions Made available	2 180 000 0	0 2 080 000	5 820 000 0	1 180 000 0	1 200 000 0	1 996 212 0	8 810 000 0	1 883 000 550 000	23 069 212 2 630 000
NON-SPORTS FACILITIES Constructions Made available	0 25 000	1 683 833 0	50 000 65 000	0 0	77 022 0	250 000 17 516	6 000 0	152 000 0	2 218 855 107 516
ORGANISATION-RELATED EXPENDITURE Purchases of goods and services Remunerations paid Subsidies and exemptions	1 967 675 118 664 704 860	11 032 068 728 235 3 801 700	1 820 775 322 664 714 860	3 497 535 118 664 870 946	1 268 250 118 664 955 777	1 957 761 118 664 1 260 145	3 147 263 118 664 1 420 290	3 086 153 237 328 634 000	27 777 480 1 881 547 10 362 578
PROMOTION EXPENDITURE LCC Purchases of goods and services LCC Remunerations paid Non-LCC Purchases of goods and services Non-LCC Remunerations paid	1 506 717 242 737 794 688 748 672	6 216 330 497 474 3 065 673 2 213 240	762 606 233 737 0 721 672	789 145 233 737 0 721 672	365 158 233 737 0 541 254	703 395 233 737 278 904 541 254	304 829 235 237 1 022 175 1 082 508	1 432 754 467 474 0 1 082 508	12 080 934 2 377 870 5 161 440 7 652 780
PROVISION OF SECONDED PERSONNEL Sports departments Communication department Parks and gardens Human Resources Finance department Mayor's department staff Urban amenities	0 0 0 0 0 0	901 236 0 0 0 0 0 0	15 000 15 000 0 0 8 000 3 000	0 210 000 0 0 0 0 0	105 579 5 000 0 0 0 0 0 0	564 500 0 0 0 0 0 0	325 700 134 735 0 0 0 0 46 832	127 800 100 000 0 0 0 0 0	2 039 815 464 735 0 0 8 000 49 832
	8 289 013	32 219 789	10 552 314	7 621 699	4 870 441	7 922 088	16 654 233	9 753 017	97 882 594

The highest costs are found for the regions where sports facilities expenditure was highest: Ile-de-France (32.9%), PACA (17%) and Languedoc-Roussillon (10.8%). Ultimately, when the benefits-costs ratio is analysed (see document 12), three regions emerge as more efficient than average: Rhône-Alpes (3.18), Midi-Pyrénées (2.97) and Ilede-France (2.38). And conversely, three regions appear to be characterised by a lesser social cost-efficiency with regard to the 2007 RWC: Nord-Pas de Calais (1.41), Aquitaine (1.46) and Languedoc-Roussillon (1.47).

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The 2007 RWC produced positive effects for the eight host regions and for the national territory as a whole:

- The costs-advantages analysis showed that the project to host the 2007 RWC in France was legitimate insofar as the social utility produced in all the regions is far higher than the public costs induced. This shows that there is massive support from the population for this competition, which proceeded without any major excesses. The image of rugby and the values it conveys are not unrelated to this finding;

- The economic impact calculation, which consists of costing the economic value, in other words the wealth created in the regions and nation-wide, led to the conclusion that the 2007 RWC had been just as positive from the angle of its effects on the economy. It is true that, as observed by the national statistics agencies (the INSEE in France), the Rugby World cup alone, via the activity it induces, is not something capable of changing the country's growth trend. Nevertheless, the economic impact of the 2007 RWC is not to be limited to just this one-off increase in income. For this event may effectively lead to the creation of a real sports event-hosting culture, which, if it develops, will contribute to generating a lasting injection of income at both regional and national levels;

 Besides the strictly monetary impact, the 2007 RWC has already produced highly significant effects on the development of registered rugby playing.

Document 15 : Progression of licences in the 8 host regions



The number of registered players has progressed on average by 30.3% in the space of one year in France but with significant regional differences. In particular, it is the Nord-Pas de Calais region that has seen the highest progression (+61%), while alongside this two other regions are below the average: lle-de-France (34.6%) and Pays de la Loire (32%). With the exception of PACA, it is the regions North of the Loire that have experienced the highest progressions in registered rugby players, which is a significant result as regards the real impact of the 2007 RWC.

The conclusion that may be drawn is that the 2007 RWC was a profitable event, that it had an economic impact far from negligible, possibly worth being sustained, and that its effects include more than just short-term economic effects, such as the development of rugby playing.

It would therefore be useful to reiterate this type of evaluation on other major sports events for comparison purposes. Using the same methodology and observing the same study protocols, it would then be possible subsequently to determine typologies for sports events, based on the extent and nature of their economic impact and their social utility.





NATIONAL SOCIAL	UTILITY	REGIONAL	NET BENEFIT	
				%
Use value	127 375 424	Aquitaine	4 085 924	3,61
Non-use value	85 329 037	Ile-de-France	44 551 155	39,34
Total benefits	212 694 461	Languedoc-Roussillor	4 956 669	4,38
Total costs	99 468 680	Midi-Pyrénées	15 053 468	13,29
Net benefit	113 235 781	Nord-Pas de Calais	2 345 709	2,07
Benefits/Costs Ratio	2,14	Pays de la Loire	8 009 645	7,07
		PACA	12 906 220	11,4
		Rhône-Alpes	21 326 991	18,83
		TOTAL	113 235 781	100
NATIONAL IMP	ACT	REGION	AL IMPACT	
NATIONAL IMP	ACT	REGION.	AL IMPACT	%
NATIONAL IMP GIP France 2007	ACT 51 808 571	REGION. Aquitaine	AL IMPACT 38 953 987	% 6,6
GIP France 2007	51 808 571	Aquitaine	38 953 987 253 791 822	6,6
GIP France 2007 Teams	51 808 571 3 383 525	Aquitaine Ile-de-France	38 953 987 253 791 822	6,6 43,0
GIP France 2007 Teams FFR (Fr. Rugby Fed.)	51 808 571 3 383 525 14 586 870	Aquitaine Ile-de-France Languedoc-Roussillor	38 953 987 253 791 822 30 840 970	6,6 43,0 5,2
GIP France 2007 Teams FFR (Fr. Rugby Fed.) Organisational impact	51 808 571 3 383 525 14 586 870 79 878 966	Aquitaine Ile-de-France Languedoc-Roussillor Midi-Pyrénées	38 953 987 253 791 822 30 840 970 20 733 089	6,6 43,0 5,2 3,5
GIP France 2007 Teams FFR (Fr. Rugby Fed.) Organisational impact Stadium spectators	51 808 571 3 383 525 14 586 870 79 878 966 407 892 995 15 224 013	Aquitaine Ile-de-France Languedoc-Roussillor Midi-Pyrénées Nord-Pas de Calais	38 953 987 253 791 822 30 840 970 20 733 089 32 157 761	6,6 43,0 5,2 3,5 5,5
GIP France 2007 Teams FFR (Fr. Rugby Fed.) Organisational impact Stadium spectators Screen spectators	51 808 571 3 383 525 14 586 870 79 878 966 407 892 995 15 224 013	Aquitaine Ile-de-France Languedoc-Roussillor Midi-Pyrénées Nord-Pas de Calais Pays de la Loire	38 953 987 253 791 822 30 840 970 20 733 089 32 157 761 27 387 742	6,6 43,0 5,2 3,5 5,5 4,6







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