

EUROPEAN HORSE NETWORK NEWS

Julie Girling, Hilde Vautmans, Lieve Wierinck and Jean Arthuis sign EHN Manifesto
10 April 2019 in Brussels



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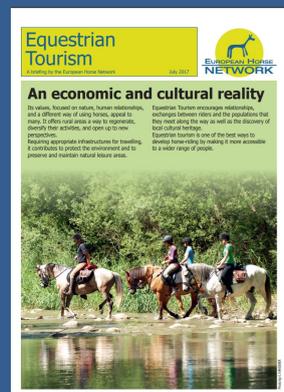
Dear readers,

European elections are approaching and it is important for EHN to take contacts with newly elected MEPs as soon as possible. I am asking EHN members to list MEPs at national level that could be a support for Equines and agricultural issues. In Belgium, Hilde Vautmans and Kriss Peters, both in good position for the

election will for sure be committed to promote equines activities and work with EHN.

I am proud to welcome new members in our Association as we have received 5 applications (see below), three are still under study. It demonstrates the attractiveness of our structure!

Mark Wentein, Chairman



EHN leaflets are available

Horses and Sport (Update 2017), Horses and welfare, Horses and research, Horses and Health, Education and Training, Veterinary products, Growth & Environment, Responsible Ownership, Horses in future Agriculture policy (update June 2018), Equestrian Tourism

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New EHN members
European Farriers



<http://www.eurofarrier.org/>

Arabian Horses organisations



E C A H O

<https://www.ecaho.org/>

EHN Meetings

EHN Board – 26 February 2019 in Brussels



EAAP and EHN agreed on a partnership:

- To promote and support each other's activities,
- Collaboration in European projects: EAAP is a privileged partner in European applications for funding, EAAP can provide networks and be a support for result dissemination
- Publications: collaborations and use of EAAP editions,
- joint sessions with EAAP during the annual conference on topics of mutual interest, inventory of research needs, statistics/figures <https://www.eaap2019.org/>

More information: <http://www.eaap.org/>

Thomas Sanchez from the Horse working party at COPA reviewed the discussions on the future CAP and informed that his group will meet in July. EHN will support a common position if any.

EHN members will look closely at the next EU research projects inside Horizon Europe as well as possible funding projects in Erasmus Sport.

EHN Legal Group – 26 February 2019 in Brussels

EHN members discussed Animal Welfare Platform development (see below), Consumers Sales (see below) and Animal Health Law delegated acts. VAT proposal is on hold as well as future CAP – to be discussed by new EP after elections and next EU Commission.



MEP Horse Group – 10 April 2019 in the EP in Brussels

The meeting reviewed past achievements and activities of the European Parliament on equine issues. EHN thanked MEPs Jean Arthuis, Julie Girling, Lieve Wierinck and Hilde Vautmans for their constant support. They received a recent novel written by C.E. Morgan "sport of kings" and a one year sponsoring for a rescued horse in UK. The Manifesto was signed by MEPs, Dr Fussel from EU Commission and participants.



EU Legislation Update

17 June 2019 – Next EU Animal Welfare Platform (AWP)

Final version of the Horse guidance will be presented. Equine Fact sheets are to be finalised. The last meeting of the Platform is scheduled in November 2019 and animal welfare future strategy will be discussed then.

14 April 2019 - Sales of Consumers' goods: The Council and the Parliament have agreed on a proposal. States may exclude from the scope of the Directive, contracts for the sale of living animals. Governments have 2 years to transpose. Equine organisations should now advocate the principle of exclusion with their national authorities.

18 February 2019 - Animal Task force Vision Paper published - to provide a common framework for suggested priorities for research projects within Horizon Europe programme towards a resource efficient, sustainable, competitive and safe livestock production sector in Europe.

EHN Manifesto 2019 - Dissemination

Articles have been published in English, French and Dutch to promote the Manifesto.

EHN is also planning to organise:

Press Conferences (at Equestrian shows and in historic studs) and meet newly elected MEPs in July 2019 in Brussels.

Next meetings

July 2019 - EHN welcomes a trainee

EHN, IFCE and INRA will share the coordination of Agata Rzekec, research engineer. She will be in Brussels days in June and July to participate to EHN Board and meet EU Institutions experts.

Agata will publish a study on the green assets of equines – Such a study will be most valuable to promote breeding and equine activities in Europe particularly in the future Common Agricultural Policy negotiations.

EHN Board meeting on 11 July 2019 in Paris

Board members meet in Paris at the French Thoroughbred Breeders Association headquarters. Agenda is as follows: Feasibility to respond to EU research programme and Erasmus, prepare EHN AGM in October and next MEP Horse Group with newly elected MEPs.