

MEP HORSE GROUP

From June 2011 to March 2014

6 meetings

6 MEPs attending (on average¹)

6 thematic leaflets

5 European Commission representatives invited

9 topics discussed

CAP reform,
Sport,
Welfare,
Health,
Research,
Financing,
Transport,
Taxation,
Education

20 active members

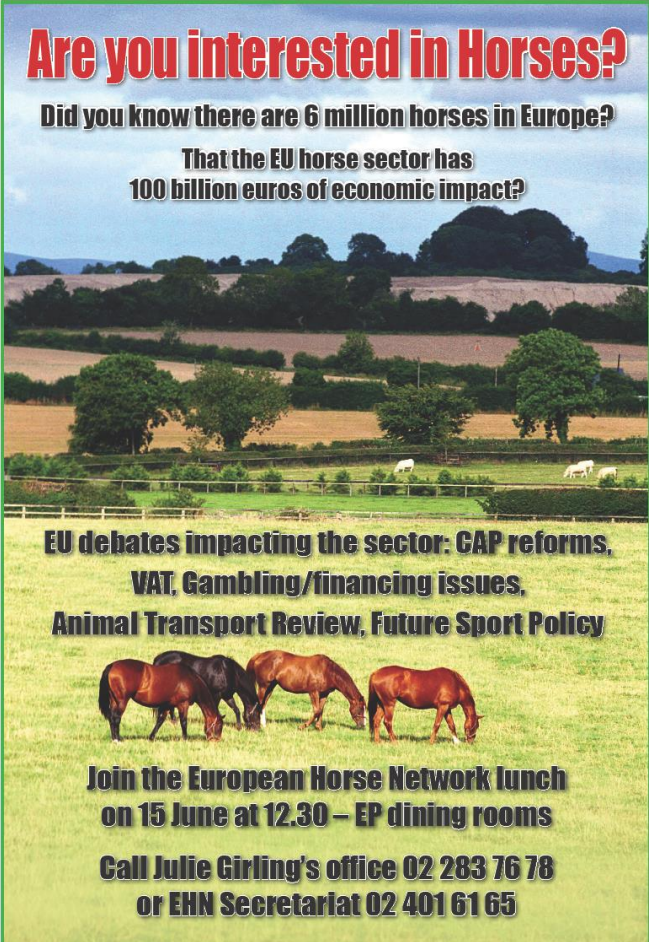
70 MEPs interested

WHAT - A strong cooperation between 17 European structures (European Horse Network, EHN²) and Parliamentarians in relevant committees (ITRE, ENVI, AGRI, IMCO).

WHY - The horse sector has a hugely important role to play in Europe and EHN wishes to share thoughts with Members of the European Parliament on how collectively we might help maximise the sector's impact in Europe. The purpose of the 6 lunches organised since 2011, was to discuss current or forthcoming issues of interest to European Parliamentarians such as equine health and welfare (including the welfare in transport review), the online Gambling Green Paper, the position of horses in the CAP reform process, VAT and state aid issues as well as horses in Sport and social use.

WHO - Julie Girling, UK Member of the European Parliament and host of the MEP Horse Group, acknowledged the fact that horses are specific animals with specific needs not always considered in EU regulations and activities. She confirmed the involvement of her colleagues from the ECR group and from the relevant EP Committees.

NEXT – Forecasted meetings on Education and social implication of Horses in our modern society. Inform newly elected MEPs about the group and future challenges (taxation, sport, medicines...) Organise common meetings with relevant EP Intergroups and linked organisations (welfare, biodiversity, Eurogroup for Animals, ELO...) Participate to the content of the Horse Conference scheduled on 1st September 2014 during World Equestrian Games.



Are you interested in Horses?

Did you know there are 6 million horses in Europe?

That the EU horse sector has 100 billion euros of economic impact?

EU debates impacting the sector: CAP reforms, VAT, Gambling/financing issues, Animal Transport Review, Future Sport Policy

Join the European Horse Network lunch on 15 June at 12.30 – EP dining rooms

Call Julie Girling's office 02 283 76 78 or EHN Secretariat 02 401 61 65

¹ Attendance of meetings: 6 MEPs on 15 June 2011 - 13 MEPs on 25 January 2012 - 7 MEPs on 10 July 2012 - 5 MEPs on 24 January 2013 - 4 MEPs on 18 June 2013 - 4 MEPs on 27 November 2013

² The European Horse Network is a non-profit network of stakeholders acting at a World, European, and National or Regional level within the European horse sector. EHN has been created early 2010 following the European Horse Conference, EQUUS 2009, organised by the Swedish European Presidency at the end of 2009. The aim was precisely to organise a platform to communicate on the horse sector and promote its development.