Mission Statement

EHN is a non-profit network of stakeholders acting at a World-, European-, National- or Regional-level within the European horse sector.

The purpose is to:

• Promote the development of the horse sector in Europe.
• To coordinate activities in order to increase the visibility and impact of the horse sector.
• Act as a platform for the horse industry to communicate common issues with European institutions
• Exchange views on political developments affecting the horse sector in Europe.
• Discuss, define and lobby on areas of common interests on the European political agenda.
• Discuss and define issues of common interest to develop the horse sector in Europe.
Current Member Organizations

BCP-CBC - Belgische Confederatie van het Paard
BETA – British Equestrian Trade Association
EEF - European Equestrian Federation
EEN – Equestrian Educational Network
EFTBA - European Federation Thoroughbred Breeders
EMHF - European and Mediterranean Horseracing
EPMA - European Pari Mutuel Association
ESSA - European State Studs Association
ETF – European Trainers Federation
FECTU - European Draught Horse Federation
FEEVA – European Federation of Equine Veterinary Association
FEI - International Equestrian Federation
FEIF - International Federation of Icelandic Horse Associations
HNS - Swedish Horse Council Foundation
Hippolia - (France/Normandie)
TESWG-FERPI Toscana - (Italy/Tuscany)
Hippolis – Finnish Horse Cluster
UET- European Trotting Union
WBFSH - World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses
World Horse Welfare
Objectives

• Define horse position in different EU regulations - different new regulations which have direct affects at the industry
• Survey about key figures
• MEP-lunches meetings (CAP, sport, health/welfare, research, education)
• Leaflets
• Consumer Sales Directive (not suitable for living animals)
• Horse research for example versus Horizon 2020 - collaboration with EAAP (industry representative in the Horse Commission) (General Assembly 2015)
• Horse Transport Guidelines
• Horse/welfare meeting 21 Oct together with Eurogroup
EHN has collected figures from different studies to give an estimation of the Horse sector in Europe (2010)
This is an idea of the size of the sector;

- 100 billion euros a year in economic impact
- 400,000 full time jobs equivalent provided by the sector
- 6 million or more horses in Europe
- 6 million hectares of permanent grassland given over to horse grazing
- A growing sector: the number of horses and riders growing by 5% a year
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Horse Research – new knowledge is necessary for better competence and development of the sector

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- A common model for financing
  - Agria, ATG, HNS and Stiftelsen Lantbruksforskning
  - Forskningsmidler via Jordbruksavtalen och Norsk Hestesenter/Norsk Rikstoto
  - Formas och Norges Forskningsråd

- A four year agreement about financing/cooperation
  - Sweden – EUR 1 million/year
  - Norway – EUR 750 000/year

- Applied research
The agreement also covers areas like;

- Organization
- Administration
- A common research program
  - Scientific quality and great relevance for the industry
  - Collaboration projects between Norway and Sweden have a special priority
- Common strategies how to work
- Communication
- Evaluation
Equine research committee

• Anders Forsslid, VMD, doc., Lunds Univ. (chair)
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• Marianne Andersson, lantbr. - utsedd av SLF*
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The vision

“Nordic research – world leading”

In the future is the strategy a collaboration between all the nordic countries – Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. Common cultures, normal cooperation in other areas and the same platform of horse keeping. Will open doors to other European horse research teams and maybe also funding at the European level.
Research Program

- Health, Injuries and Diseases in the Horse
- Reproduction, Breeding and Feeding of the Horse
- Impact of the Horse on Man, Society and Environment
What societal challenges will we face in the future?

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What provides the horse industry?

- A bridge between city and country
- Jobs and lower thresholds to work
- Youth arena for activity and leadership
- Community beyond differences
- Quiet and strength
- Open landscape
Our strategies

- Build a nordic horse research platform
- Collaboration in EU
  - research teams
  - new funding
- Better dialogue between the researchers and industry
  - connect the research teams with the sectors need
- More communication
  - spread the new knowledges to the practitioners
  - interest new research environments
  - increase the knowledge about the importance of horse industry and horse research to politicians/decision makers
- Better quality in the applications
Thanks for your interest and attention!

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