



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 Mediterrean 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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STIFTELSEN
HÄSTFORSKNING

Horse Reserach

– new knowledge is
necessary for better
competence and
development of the sector

Stefan Johanson

Norwegian & Swedish Foundation of Equine Research



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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)
- Agneta Sandberg, ST/ny 2013-15 utsedd av ATG*
- Marianne Andersson, lantbr. - utsedd av SLF*
- Pia Funkquist, VMD - utsedd av Agria*
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- Sara Österman, Formas (adj.)
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The vision

“Nordic research – world leading”

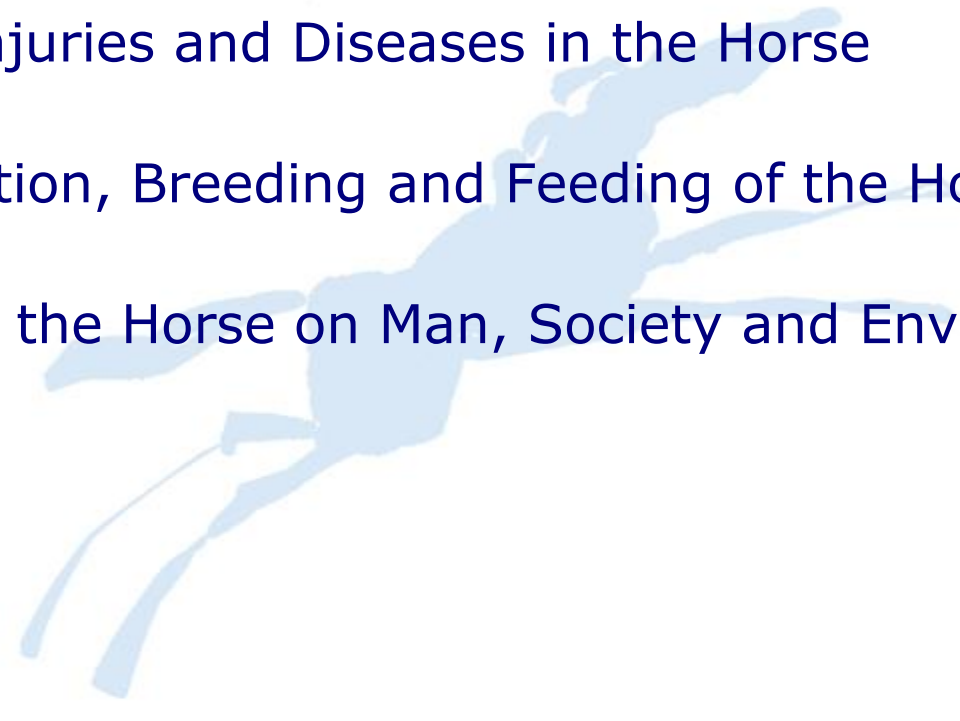
In the future is the strategy a collaboration between all the nordic countries – Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

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
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What societal challenges will we face in the future?

Urbanisation

Unemployment

Meeting places/
arenas for
young people

Conflicts between
different groups of
people

Stress and illness

**Altered
landscape**

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 reserch platform
- Collaboration in EU
 - research teams
 - new funding
- Better dialouge between the rearchers and industry
 - connect the research teams with the sectors need
- More communication
 - spread the new knowledges to the practioners
 - 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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