



Horse Commission
EAAP - European Horse Network
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Why, how and what of the EHN

Why? To put the horse (equine) on the EU agenda

How? To attract all parts of the horse sector: breeding, sport, racing, science, education, transport, health, welfare and tourism

and to use this internal expertise to develop and promote a coherent message to decision makers

Legal Group to inform and coordinate legal follow-up

What?

a **platform** of the horse industry

a **tool** that anybody can use to lobby institutions

a **competence centre** producing documents, position papers, as well as organising events

a **dynamic structure with little money** but important achievements and huge ambitions!



EUROPEAN HORSE
NETWORK

The Equine Industry in Europe

Work done in 2010 by EHN first Board members

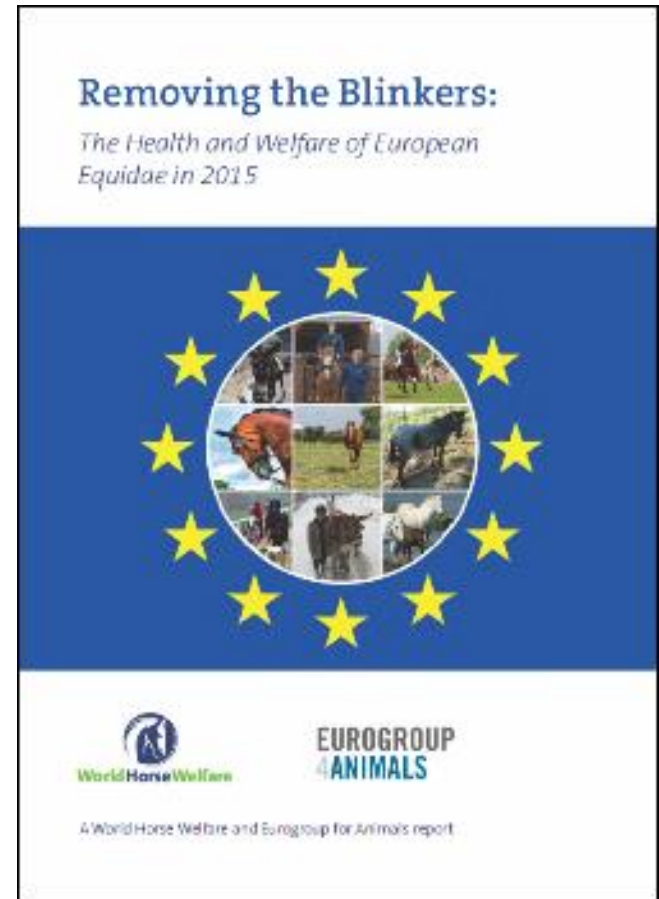
Based on all existing national studies as well as EU figures on equestrian competitions, horseracing and betting sector, comparison with data from the US horse Councils

- 7 million equidae, used for a wide variety of purposes
- Provides employment to at least 896,000 people across the EU.
- Is worth over €100 billion per annum.

Those data are still used today, you will see them on FEI web site, EU parliamentary reports

Removing the blinkers

- *'Removing the Blinkers: The Health and Welfare of European Equidae in 2015'* report made by WHW and Eurogroup for Animals
- Requested by European Commission
- 120 stakeholders' input across all sectors
- First report on scale and scope of the EU equine sector, legislative landscape and welfare priorities
- Key welfare challenges identified





Available resources and studies

- Good collection and collaboration for the thoroughbred and trotting industry

Economic studies made at national level can be found on the IFHA website

- National statistics made in France, UK, Ireland, Sweden
- EEF collection made in several countries
- ...but figures are minimized and not sufficient



Difficulties to obtain reliable global data

- Multiple uses of equines compared to other animals mainly used for food (are counted inside farms and do not travel)
- Equines are mobile, owned by different facilities, not always counted inside agricultural holdings
- *Eurostat is not producing any equine figures since 1996*
- *The obligation to identify equines and communication between national databases is not yet operational*



Attempt to professionalise data collection

2015 – coordinate collection with EEF

2016 – EHN Horse Data Group created

- to set up a methodology with the expertise of IFCE observatory
- to produce 4 key data for 15 European countries (number of equines, employment in the sector, turnover in the sector, exports)

Finding:

- Difficult to obtain accurate data,
- Necessary to identify experts
- Essential to explain the content and the method used to calculate the data.



Essential to work with all existing networks

EAAP is an essential one

The aim is to work on a common methodology and federate economical and governmental structures

Is it feasible?

How?



Communication

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