Founded Oct 2009 during the Horse Seminar “Equus 2009”

Informal network with members from different type of horse related organizations and the 27 EU nations
Principles of organization

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

Representation
The EHN encourages and supports representation from all areas of the horse sector. These will include, but are not limited to:
- Breeding
- Sport/Racing/Leisure/Work
- Science/Education
- Welfare/Transport/Veterinary
- EU-Regions
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Structure
The basic structure of the EHN consists of:
- An Annual Meeting of all Members
- An Executive Board (EB)
- A Chairperson of the Executive Board

Finances
The annual fee is set by the Annual meeting (for 2012: EUR 500)

The financial year begins at 1\textsuperscript{st} January and ends at 31\textsuperscript{st} December.

The costs, for example travel, accommodation etc., for EB members have to be covered by their respective organizations.
The purpose with EHN 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.
Member Organizations:

Confederation Belge de Cheval, Belgique
European Equestrian Federation
European Federation Thoroughbred Breeders
European Pari Mutuel Association
European State Studs Association
European Draught Horse Federation
European and Mediterranean Horseracing Federation
European Trotting Union
Hipika Polska, Poland
Hippolis Horse Cluster, Finland
International Equestrian Federation (FEI)
International Federation of Icelandic Horse Associations
Pole-Filiere Equine, Normandie, France
Swedish Horse Council Foundation, Sweden
World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses
World Horse Welfare
Objectives of the European Horse Network 2011

Main focus: Build a visibility of the network

To share knowledge and work at issues of common concern such as:

- Animal Health and Welfare
- Exotic Virus Diseases
- Breeding and Husbandry
- Transport and Identification
- Rural Development and Environmental Impact
- Education, Research and Development
- Funding of the Horse Industry
- VAT and Taxes
Activities 2011

- Produced a leaflet about the European Horse Industry
- Newsletters, every quarter
- Meetings (see next picture)
- Adopt an Action Plan for 2012 and Communication Guidelines
Meeting activities

• Meeting for politicians and officers 17th November 2010
• Lunch meeting with MEPs 15th June 2011
• First ordinary Annual meeting 26th Oct 2011
EHN has collected figures from different studies to give an estimation of the Horse sector in Europe. 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
More information;

www.europeanhorsenetwork.eu