EHN Activities
2014 - 2015
2014 - 15 Activities

• 3 Board meetings
  o New members
  o European Commission
  o Stakeholders

• 2 MEP lunch + 2 leaflets produced
  o Horses and Education (March 2014)
  o The Horse and Veterinary Medicinal Products (Jan 2015)

• Horse conference in Caen. Three EHN speakers + leaflet (Sept 2014)

• General Assembly (Oct 2014)
8 Lunches were held in the European Parliament so far

Audience: 6 MEPs attending (on average), 2-3 representatives of the European Commission.

20 MEPs are active members, 70 interested

8 thematic leaflets were produced

10 topics discussed being
  - CAP reform,
  - Sport,
  - Health and Welfare incl Transport of horses,
  - Education and Research,
  - Financing and Taxation
  - Veterinary Medicinal Products
Horses and Education

Horses & Education

Key figures

- 76% of the riders say that they have a strong leadership (compared to 46% of non-riders).
- 83% of the riders say that they have a strong capacity to deliver (compared to 58% of non-riders).
- 98% of the riders say that they are more connected (compared to 74% of non-riders).

More than 80% of questionnaire respondents reported that horseriding makes them feel “quite a lot” or “extremely” cheerful, relaxed, happy or active.

Qualitative data suggests that horseriding can play a role in managing negative feelings related to anxiety and depression.

A study to test different motivations for getting horseriding 82% of questionnaire respondents used the motivation of “interaction with horses” as either “very important” or “extremely important.”

The contact with horses and its impact on the self-concept

The nature of the horse and its individual characteristics and behavior provide a unique learning environment. Horses are known for their gentle and social nature, which makes them ideal for teaching interpersonal skills and empathy. The interaction between the rider and the horse provides an opportunity for the rider to develop a sense of responsibility and trust.

Experiences within “Leonardo Da Vinci Partnerships”

Lifelong Learning Programme

- Maria Charlotte Wist (Germany)
- Robin Redolat (France)
- Bruna Vanusca (Portugal)

Experience of the French Equestrian Federation — Poney École — Spring 2013

- Experience in Sweden — Which Is the Stable? Study made in 2005 by Lena Forberg and U

EU Institutions’ activities

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Horses and Veterinary Medicinal Products

FEEVA point of view’s presented at the lunch meeting by Claire Sicluna (Fr) and Marc Bowen (UK)
2015 Action Plan

• 3 Board meetings (Jan., April., Sept.)
• 2 MEP lunch + Leaflet
  o June 3rd: Horses for Growth and Environment
  o Nov.: Horse & Social benefits
• EAAP Conference
  o August 2015 Warsaw, two EHN speakers
• Equus conference 2015
  o September, Normandy, Two EHN speakers
• General assembly (Oct)
Future FEEVA & EHN

- Jesper Møller Nielsen stays EHN board member until next GA (Oct. 2015)
  - Is prepared for another year if FEEVA agree
- Nancy De Briyne from the FVE office will participate in as many Brussels meetings and activities as possible to minimize travel expenses.