



# EUROPEAN EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION NEWS

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### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- **28 June – 01 July 2018:** Last Division 2 Qualifier at CSIO1\*-W Bojourishte (BUL)
- **28 June – 01 July 2018:** EEF Balkan Driving Championships in Stari Tamis (SRB)
- **05-08 July 2018:** EEF Balkan Dressage Championships in Plovdiv (BUL)
- **20 July 2018:** Global Dressage Forum in Aachen (GER)
- **09-12 Aug 2018:** Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ of Hungary (Division 2 Final) in Budapest
- **11 Aug 2018:** EEF Division 2 Meeting in Budapest (HUN)
- **12 Aug 2018:** EEF in-person Board Meeting in Budapest (HUN)
- **13 Aug 2018:** EEF Secretary Generals Meeting in Budapest (HUN)



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## EEF Meeting Jumping Nations Cup Division 2

The qualification season in Division 2 is well under way with the last qualifier taking place in Bojourishte (BUL) this weekend.

The current standings of Groups A / B / C / D can be found on the FEI website at <https://inside.fei.org/fei/events/fei-nations-cup-series/jumping/current> and the Division 2 rules are available at <https://inside.fei.org/fei/events/fei-nations-cup-series/jumping/points-rules>.

In order to look back on the 2018 qualification season for Division 2 and to evaluate the new qualification system we cordially invite NF representatives to a Division 2 Meeting which will take place in Budapest on **Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup>** from 10h00 to 14h00 (at the venue of the CSI05\* Division 2 Final).

We kindly ask our members that belong to Division 2 to inform us by July 11<sup>th</sup> about the names of their NF delegates that will attend the meeting (by email to [carina.mayer@euroequestrian.eu](mailto:carina.mayer@euroequestrian.eu)).

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## EEF Secretary Generals Meeting

This year's EEF Secretary Generals Meeting will take place in Budapest (HUN) on **Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**, the day after the conclusion of the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ of Hungary (Division 2 Final).

Please block this date in your calendar and we will provide you with further details related to accommodation in due course. As we are planning to have the meeting from 11h00 to 15h00 it may also be possible for some delegates to fly in and out on the same day (if desired). However, all delegates are cordially invited to arrive already on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and watch the Division 2 Final at the beautiful venue in Budapest. The Hungarian NF has kindly offered to provide accreditations and the approved FEI schedule is attached to this email. Please also note that the famous "Sziget Festival" (Hungary's biggest music festival) is taking place in Budapest from 08-15 August (<https://szigetfestival.com/de/>).

The exact meeting agenda will be determined at the end of July when all National Federations had an opportunity to review the rule changes that are proposed by the FEI for 2019. Proposals for the agenda can be submitted to us at any time.

In order to reserve hotel rooms at a reasonable price we would greatly appreciate if you could inform us about your planned meeting attendance as early as possible (by email to [carina.mayer@euroequestrian.eu](mailto:carina.mayer@euroequestrian.eu)).



## **FEI Youth Nations Cup™ Jumping in Samorin (SVK)**

The EEF strongly support the initiative of the FEI with regards to the FEI Youth Nations Cup™ Jumping and we would like to strongly encourage our members to send teams to the next leg of the Youth Nations Cup which will take place from 02-05 August 2018 in Samorin (SVK).

There is currently not a sufficient number of team entries in order to run this qualifier and it should be in the interest of everyone to avoid the cancellation of such an event that is dedicated to the Youth.

We have attached the approved FEI schedule of the event to this email and would greatly appreciate your efforts in sending teams to the aforementioned qualifier in Samorin.

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## **Training Venue Passes (TVPs) for 2020 Paralympic Games**

With reference to the 2017 EEF Secretary Generals Meeting we have been in contact with the IPC and the FEI regarding the request for Training Venue Passes for the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games.

Generally the IPC does not want to introduce this access category for the Paralympic Games. However, they are looking into ways of accommodating the demand via a generous allocation of “P” passes at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. Once the IPC has drafted the Accreditation Guide for the Games (Q1 2019) the IPC will discuss this with its NPC advisory group and the IPC will be happy to consult the equestrian governing body in this context as well.

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## **FEI Head of Officials – application deadline extended**

We refer to the email that was sent by the FEI to its members on May 22<sup>nd</sup> with regards to the search for a “Head of FEI Officials”. The application deadline for this position has been extended until the end of July 2018 and applications be sent to [recruitment@fei.org](mailto:recruitment@fei.org).

The link to the job description can be found at <https://inside.fei.org/fei/jobs>.

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## **IGEQ Annual Conference from 06-08 November 2018**

We would like to share with you in attachment the program and delegate application form for the Annual IGEQ Conference, generously hosted this year by the Hungarian Equestrian Federation at their splendid new facility in the Centre of the historic and beautiful city of Budapest from 6-8 November 2018. For the first time the Conference will be open to anyone who would like to attend.

IGEQ is the International Group for Equestrian Qualifications (<http://igeq.org>) which aims to improve horse welfare by developing, promoting and maintaining equestrian qualification standards. IGEQ is also an associate member of the EEF.

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## **EU-Commission: Call for project proposals**

The EU Commission has published two new calls for project proposals that are related to

- exchanges and mobility in sport ([https://ec.europa.eu/sport/calls/eac-s15-2018\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/sport/calls/eac-s15-2018_en))
- or
- the promotion of European values through sport initiatives at the municipal level ([https://ec.europa.eu/sport/calls/eac-s14-2018\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/sport/calls/eac-s14-2018_en))

The projects must be realized between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2020 and must have a minimum duration of 6 months. The application deadline is set for 26 July 2018 (at noon Brussels time).

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## **MEP Horse Group Lunch in the European Parliament on 20 June 2018**

Press release by the European Horse Network (EHN)

Brussels, 22nd June 2018

**Jean Arthuis calls on his partners in the European Parliament to remain vigilant in order to preserve the place of the horse industry in debates starting in Brussels on the future common agricultural policy beyond 2020.**



Around 10 MEPs present on June 20 in the European Parliament exchanged with the professionals of the equine sector gathered by the European Horse Network, EHN. Several representatives joined Jean Arthuis in expressing their concern about the proposal on the future Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), which will no longer count equine on farms after 2020 and which makes recognition of the status of equine breeder difficult as well as his access to land.

However, equine breeding activities, as Jean Arthuis recalls, correspond to the diversification and preservation of land, one of the objectives of the European agricultural policy.

The signs of concern are there. In Bulgaria, a legislative proposal almost excluded equidae from the list of grazing animals, as Georgi Sabev, adviser to Bulgarian MEP Momchil Nekov, said. In Belgium, land planning leaves little room for agricultural land as described by EHN President Mark Wenten, who struggles on a daily basis to preserve and develop his urban and innovative equine activity.

The new European proposals for the reform of the CAP presented on June 1, detailed by Pierre Bascou, Director at the Agriculture Directorate of the Commission, does not refer to equine breeding activities even if Mr Bascou is reassuring on the place of the horse as an agricultural animal.

Faced with these uncertainties regarding access to land and financing, Daniel Prieur of FNSEA in France proposes to harmonise the status of equine breeders at European level with coherent and adapted criteria. This would be all the more effective for the equines that the FNSEA is thinking about an agricultural base unit that would no longer be the enterprise in the legal sense but the active agricultural individual. On such a basis, horse breeders could once again find an official and recognized place in agricultural activity. The diversity of the agricultural entrepreneurial world would also be better taken into account.

The diversification of economic activities related to horses is possible with horse milk and donkey milk as Julie Decayeux, founder of ChevaLait and Pierluigi Orunesu, EuroLactis, demonstrate. Pit Schlechter, President of the European Federation of Working Horses, recalls that the horse is still an agricultural labour instrument in several European countries and notes the resumption of interest in the animal as a work force in the west of Europe.

**Reducing agriculture to strict food production is obsolete. Horse breeding is a land and agricultural activity. Horses are grazing animals and belong to agricultural areas.**

MEP José Bové believes that the preservation of the horse as an agricultural animal is a question of "agri-cultural" principle because of its place in our history.

Jean Arthuis concluded the session by asking the European Commission to take into account the importance of activities related to equidae in Europe, breeding, sport, horse racing, recreation, tourism, as many rural activities.

The debate on the next common agricultural policy and the less important financial



resources that the Commission has already announced will intensify in the coming months. Beyond the basic agricultural regulation, the equine sector should pay particular attention to the delegated and implementing acts provided for in the text of the future CAP. In these texts, especially on rural development, equines should find their place. The equine professionals will multiply actions to be heard and promote the benefits of the industry.

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