

EEF SPORT DEVELOPMENT MANAGER



The importance of the horse in our society has increased dramatically over the years. While this development has been evident on a global basis there remains a high (75%) concentration of the sport in Europe. Formed in September 2008, the European Equestrian Federation (EEF) is the representative organization for the European National Equestrian Federations. Its primary role is to consider and debate issues of common concern, to look for agreeable solutions and introduce them professionally and sensitively into the decision-making processes of relevant bodies such as the FEI or the EU. Furthermore, the EEF has the task to further develop the equestrian sport together with the European NFs.

Therefore, the EEF is looking for a **SPORT DEVELOPMENT MANAGER** (ESDM) with a 100% rate of activity for its sports department. The position is **available immediately**.

Purpose of the role

To assist European NFs in their Equestrian sport activities and to support and manage Equestrian Sport Development programs. In this role the Sport Development Manager will report directly to the EEF Secretary General.

Key responsibilities:

- The ESDM will be responsible for the execution and the follow-up (control and reporting) of all projects approved by the EEF Board
- The ESDM will be responsible for the development of additional educative programs for National and International European Officials in cooperation with the relevant FEI departments
- If required, the ESDM will be responsible for lobbying in the EU and applying for additional funding (Erasmus, Erasmus +) for EEF development projects.
- The ESDM will lead the assessment of “new “ programs and therefore attend and chair relevant internal and external meetings.
- The ESDM will, when required, evaluate NF’s situation and assist NFs with establishing a National Development Plan.
- The ESDM will assist NFs to apply to Brotherhood and/or Solidarity for assistance and apply to their NOC/Olympic Continental Associations for complement sources of assistance (Erasmus program, OS World Program, Continental Program)
- On a yearly basis the ESDM will write a development action plan including a budget for approval by the EEF Board.
- The ESDM will work closely with all relevant FEI departments and FEI Solidarity in particular.

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Position Requirements

- Long term experience in Equestrian sports management at a National and International level.
- Fluency in English (both spoken and written) plus one more language will be necessary.
- Project management experience and administrative skills related to the equestrian sport are essential.
- Excellent skills and ability with Microsoft Office
- Cultural sensitivity and diplomatic skills
- An understanding of the role of the EEF, the FEI and an in-depth understanding of the equestrian structure in the different EEF Federations
- An in-depth understanding of the EEF Brotherhood and the FEI Solidarity program
- Be prepared to travel intensively, work remotely but when necessary to move to the EEF office in Zaventem Belgium.

If you are interested and motivated by this role and match the requirements, please submit your complete application to: carina.mayer@euroequestrian.eu by 22 September 2021.