



EEF General Assembly 2022, Chair of the EU-Committee Election

Application Form and Curriculum Vitae

Position Applied	<input type="checkbox"/> EEF President <input type="checkbox"/> EEF 1 st Vice-President <input type="checkbox"/> EEF Board Member <input type="checkbox"/> EEF Board Member Athlete's Representative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair of the EEF EU-Committee * Candidates can tick more than one box
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National Federation (NF) proposing the Candidate	BEL

Motivation for serving on the Board
<p>I am since 2015 Chairman of the European Horse Network (EHN). Since then, the numbers of affiliated federations to EHN had a significant growth. https://www.europeanhorsenetwork.eu/about-ehn/member-organisations/</p> <p>The <i>European Horse Network</i> is a non-profit network of stakeholders acting at a World, European, National or Regional level within the European horse, pony and donkey and welfare sector. Its purpose is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote the development of the horse, pony and donkey sector in Europe.• To assist members of the European Horse Welfare and the transport, slaughter and veterinarian's network.



- To help members coordinate their activities to increase the visibility and impact of the equine sport, tourism and recreation sectors.
- Act as a platform for the horse, pony and donkey industry to communicate common issues with European institutions and media at the European level.
- 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.

EEF & FEI are affiliated members of EHN.

As an active international competitor, as a level 4 Judge & level 4 TD and Course Director Driving of the FEI, and as a professional in the equestrian business, I want to share my more than 40 years inter(national) experience.

This with greatest respect for the welfare of the horse and the FEI & EU rules and regulations; maintaining partly the historical tradition of this sport, but also create new formats for the future development. Transport, end of life, welfare, medication, identification, Brexit, VAT,... are important EU-items that influence the equine sector.

I have direct contact to:

- the MEP Horse Group and its President Mrs. Hilde Vautmans.
- Also, the EU-parliament, institutions and EU-administrations.
- to the EU President of the Commission, Mrs. Ursula von der Leyen,
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With all this experience, I want to put my knowledge in this EU-lobbying and network also at the disposal of the EEF. EHN and EEF have the same address in Zaventem. So direct contact and exchange is possible.



Sports Career / Equestrian Background

<p>Dates</p>	
<p>Official functions at the NF and/or the FEI</p>	<p>Experience / Position</p> <p>I participate since more than 40 years at national & international level all over Europe. I have been the Belgian champion in the single class for pony and/or horse. I was selected since 1998 for Belgium at 6 of the FEI World Championships for single horses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1998 Ebbs (AUT) – Hippo Revue Lucki - 2000 Gladstone (USA) – Hippo Revue Lucki - <i>cancelled 2 weeks before</i> - 2002 Conty (FRA) – Hippo Revue Lucki - 2004 Astrop (SWE) – <i>not participated</i> - 2006 Pratoni (ITA) – Hippo Revue Carlo - 2008 Jarantow (POL) – Hippo Revue Carlo - 2010 Pratoni (ITA) – Member of the Belgian team driving Hippo Revue Carlo - 2012 Leizerias (POR) – Hippo Revue Carlo - 2018 Kronenberg (NED) - Torsten <p>I have been the winner of the <i>Iberian Cup</i> in Portugal & Spain – Montemedio & Leizeiras.</p> <p>I received the FEI Golden Badge of Honour – for participating at more than 6 World Championships. Still active competing on FEI 3* level in the H1 class.</p> <p>I still ride under the saddle, I am Honorary Master of <i>Riding Club Belgium</i>, a drag hunting Club.</p>

Professional Career/Work Experience



Dates

Position

1.1. Horse Carriages

Since 1986, I own and operate professionally horse drawn carriages in the city of Bruges (BEL).

<https://koets.sightseeingbrugge.com/en/home-en>

For that purpose, I have ca. 25 horses permanently at my disposition. Around ten people, organize my stables. I am the President and spokesperson of the ‘**Brugse Koetsiers Ltd,**’ a nonprofit interest group for horse driving with tourist sight-seeing in the historical center of Bruges, recognized UNESCO World Heritage.

The sector operates 13 licensed horse carriages and 3 horse trams. The 5 owners stable ca. 75 carriage horses and we employ almost 40 persons full time per year. We transport around 350.000 tourists annually in our city. Our format is accepted and recognized as an example for horse welfare for working horses. My stable is also labelled as an official shelter for horses by the Flemish Government – Department Animal Welfare. The only one in the Province of West-Flanders.

1.2 Hippo Revue

Professionally I am the founder, publisher, and the Sr. editor of **Hippo Revue**, Belgians leading equestrian magazine. I started this glossy horse magazine 35 years ago. This bimonthly publication is edited in a circulation of 18.000 copies and covers all FEI equestrian disciplines. I am well informed about all disciplines., www.hippo.be

1.3 Communication

One of my other passions is communication. I have been the official announcer on many occasions in the driving sport, but also on main international equestrian events.

I have good memories as announcer of the World Championships driving in Gladstone (USA) – Waregem (BEL) - Poznan (POL) – Riesenbeck (GER) – Wolfsburg (GER) – WEG Jerez de la Frontera - WEG Rome (Pratoni - ITA) – WEG The Hague (NED) – Astrop (SWE) - Jardy (FRA) – Beesd (NED) - Kesckemet (HUN) - ... sometimes with life comments from horseback in the saddle, fluently in 4 languages.



	<p>Another highlight was the Olympic Games in Atlanta (USA – 1996) where I was the official announcer for the three Olympic equestrian disciplines. I also announced the European Championships Eventing in Luhmühlen (GER) & Waregem (BEL). And in 2015 the int. Endurance Masters in Brussels (BEL).</p> <p>I have been the press-officer of the World Championships Teams of horses in Waregem 1996 (BEL), World Cup Jumping Brussels (BEL)... Etc.</p> <p>In 2010, I was the press-contact for the Belgian Equestrian Team during the WEG in Kentucky (USA). And for the Olympics & Paralympics in London (2012), and on quiet some other occasions.</p> <p>I am also a member of the IAEJ (Int. Alliance of Equestrian Journalists).</p>

Date and signature of the candidate:

21/06/2022

APPROVAL & SUPPORT OF THE NF

Name of the National Federation:

Name of the person signing on behalf of the NF:

Title (President or Secretary General):

Signature and stamp of the NF: