



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

### Application Form and Curriculum Vitae

<b>Position Applied</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EEF President
	<input type="checkbox"/> EEF 1 <sup>st</sup> 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	FR NF

Motivation for serving as Chair of the EU Committee
<p>Dear NFs, Dear Delegates,</p> <p>Since December 2014, I have been in charge of the French Equestrian Federation –FFE - advocacy. With a legal background and an experience at the European level, I am pleased to follow up the legal and political developments related to horses and equestrian sport in terms of taxation, animal welfare, transport, common agricultural policies and animal health regulations, including the border crossing issue, at the European and national levels. This also leads me working the French equine industry representatives (racing, breeding, draught horses, etc) as we have set up common strategy for several topics.</p> <p>With this aim, the FFE develops networks at all levels, participates to public consultations including European ones. I have also created, with my team, an institutional newsletter dedicated to politicians</p>



and public servants. The network is essential to ensure an efficient monitoring and, if necessary, to advocate.

Since several years, I have been member of the EEF EU committee. With the support of my NF and the EEF, I worked hard on the VAT Directive reform initiated in 2018 and finally adopted by the Council in April 2022. Our input led to the additional point in the annex of the VAT Directive dedicated to “live equines and the supply of services related to live equines”. Such addition allows Member States to apply a reduced VAT rates to equine activities.

Involved in the International Federation of Equestrian Federation chaired by Frédéric BOUIX - also Secretary General of the FFE, I have been member of the expert group created by the European Commission dedicated to the Package Travel Directive. I am also the FITE representative to the European Horse Network in the board and the legal committee. I am also following up the files regarding equestrian tourism (crossborder movements, health certificate, promotion of equestrian tourism towards MEPs, etc).

With forthcoming major issues such as the revision on regulation of animal transport or animal welfare framework, it is in interest of the EEF and its NF to work closely with the European institutions to explain the reality of its sport and its needs to further develop its accessibility throughout Europe.

With my experience at the European Parliament and as director of public affairs, I am truly convinced that the civil society, including us as NFs, has to be proactive for promoting and explaining its activities and issues to politicians and public institutions. I would be keen to coordinate and strengthen the work done with the fellows members of the WG and NFs, insuring the defense and the promotion of our common interests.

Remaining at your disposal, I would be be happy to further discuss with you of any person working with you on European subjects.

Sports Career / Equestrian Background	
Dates	Experience / Position
Official functions at the NF and the EEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Director of the European and Institutional affairs, <b>French Equestrian Federation</b></li> <li>- Member of the <b>EEF EU Committee</b></li> </ul>

Professional Career/Work Experience	
Dates	Experience / Position
2014 – to date	<p>Director of the European and Institutional affairs, <b>French Equestrian Federation (Fédération Française d'Equitation)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advocacy with the French and European institutions (meetings with Members of Parliaments, French Government and European Commission, writing of position papers, representation of the International Federation of Equestrian Tourism (FITE) at the European Commission expert group « Package Travel Directive »)</li> <li>- Participation in the work of the French and European equine industry (member of the EU committee of the European Equestrian Federation (EEF) and FITE representative at the European Horse Network (EHN))</li> </ul>



2013 - 14	<p>- French and European legislative and regulatory monitoring (taxation, Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and animal health law, sport, tourism, etc.)</p> <p>Political adviser - EPP Group, <b>European Parliament</b>, Brussels-Strasbourg</p> <p>- Legislative work: follow-up of Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) Committee work</p> <p>- Coordination between EPP Members of the European Parliament within the FEMM Committee as well as negotiations of amendments with other political groups</p>
2010 - 12	<p>Parliamentary assistant of an EPP group Member of the European Parliament (MEP), member of the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) and Constitutional Affairs (AFCO) Committees, <b>European Parliament</b>, Brussels-Strasbourg</p>
2008 - 09	<p>Lawyer (Associate at <b>Thieffry &amp; Associés law firm</b>, Paris)</p>
2007-08	<p>Trainee in law firms and Public Relations Department (French Business Confederation (MEDEF))</p>
2005-06	<p>Intern and temporary employee in the European and International law Department of the legal department of the <b>Ministry of Environment</b>, Paris (8 months)</p>
	<p><b><u>EDUCATION</u></b></p>
2012	<p>Summer school at the London school of Economics (LSE) - Competition law and policy</p>
2008	<p>Certificate of Aptitude for the profession of Lawyer (CAPA), admission to the Bar</p>
2007 - 08	<p>Paris Bar School for admission to the Bar council under the jurisdiction of the Paris Court of Appeal</p>
2004 - 05	<p>Master's degree in European Law - Tours University: institutional law and substantive law (with honours)</p>
2000 - 04	<p>Bachelor in law - option European Law - Orléans University with third year at Trier University (Germany - with honours)</p>

Date and signature of the candidate:

15/07/2022

#### APPROVAL & SUPPORT OF THE NF

Name of the National Federation: French Equestrian Federation

Name of the person signing on behalf of the NF: Frédéric BOUIX

Title (President or Secretary General): Secretary General

Signature and stamp of the NF:

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