



Annual Ordinary EEF General Assembly 2026
Application Form for the position of
EEF President and/or EEF Ordinary Director (Board member)

PERSONAL INFORMATION	
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National Federation (NF) of the candidate	FRA NF - French Equestrian Federation

With this document I apply for the position(s) of:

- ☒ **EEF President**
for term 2026-2030
- ☐ **EEF Ordinary Director (Board member)**
for term 2026-2030

The candidate can mark more than one position.

MOTIVATION AND VISION
Motivation for serving at EEF
The confidence you placed in me in May 2025, for the remainder of the presidential term, is the starting point of this candidacy, and I want to thank you for it once again. That year has been one of institutional work, and one in which the commitments taken before you at the 2025 Extraordinary General Assembly and General Assembly were honoured. Having been on the Board since 2019, I knew the organisation well enough to start straight away, and I preferred to use that year on questions we had been carrying for some time rather than on adding new ones. With the Board, the Secretary General and the staff, we clarified the framework of our Working Groups and their accountability, and created dedicated capacity where the organisation was exposed, in audit and compliance and in legal and governance matters. Working to a timeframe of only a few months, the Strategy Working Group, of which I was a member, delivered its final draft on time and to a high standard. Your engagement, together with that of the Board and of the staff, has been the source of that direction and of its delivery, and I am grateful for it. The same period secured part of the economic base on which this work depends. The renewal of our central agreement with Longines through 2030 gives both the Federation and the Longines EEF Series a horizon that an organisation of our size does not always have, and the Series signed its first contracts with Harcour, recognised for the quality and the relevance of its equestrian textile products, and with DHL, a logistics company of global standing. This is not sufficient and I do not present it as such: we have to go further, and I have the motivation and the perspectives to do so with the Board and the relevant working groups. But in so short a time, these are significant steps forward.



The year also confirmed something I already suspected. The EEF is useful to you in very concrete terms, on sport matters, on development, on representation, and as the place where forty federations can compare their situations and find common ground. But we remain well below what this organisation can deliver in the future, and closing that gap needs time, a clear direction, and a leadership that is available to you.

This is why I am standing for the 2026 to 2030 term. When I stood in May 2025, I said that this short mandate was potentially the beginning of something longer: a first year to set improvements in motion and, if you wished it as much as I do, the time needed to carry them through. A four-year horizon is what allows an organisation of our size to move from intention to delivery, to see decisions through and to give them the time they need to produce their effects.

My background is set out in the CV attached to this application. What matters here is not fifteen years in the international equestrian environment in themselves, but the intention to put them to work for our community rather than to rest on them.

Within the French Equestrian Federation, I am responsible for international relations across a spectrum that runs from riding schools to Olympic level, and I have worked across disciplines rather than inside a single one, at youth as well as senior level, and alongside all those who make our sport happen, athletes, grooms, owners, trainers, officials and organisers, and up to bilateral cooperation between national federations.

Within the EEF, seven years on the Board have given me the chairmanship of several working groups, where the work is to share knowledge between national federations and to defend European interests within the FEI. They have also given me a part in shaping our membership fee structure, our weighted voting system and the European outlook for endurance.

I took part in the preparation of the EEF Strategy 2027-2030 from the consultation you were invited to contribute to, through to the version submitted to this General Assembly. I fully share the direction it sets, including where it is demanding for the organisation and explicit about what the EEF will not take on, or at least not at this stage of its development.

Should the General Assembly endorse it, my first motivation as President is to work with the Board, the management and with you to turn it into concrete work, with clear priorities and a sequencing that matches our means. A strategy is only worth the discipline with which it is implemented.

I also want the EEF, to hold a solid and recognised position within the FEI and at European institutional level. Europe carries the largest share of the international equestrian sport activity, its athletes, its events and its officials, and that weight should be reflected in the way European positions are prepared and heard. That calls for a European federation that prepares its positions with you, brings them at the right moment and in the right form, and engages constructively, with the FEI and with the European institutions alike, in full respect of each institution's role and of your own autonomy.

Finally, I am committed to a service-oriented presidency. By temperament, I look for what brings federations together rather than what sets them apart, and with full respect for what makes each of you different, my aim is to build bridges and to reach a consensus that holds because it was agreed and not imposed.

The EEF is building real standing, and it holds it on your behalf. My role is to make sure that each of you, whatever your size, your means and your part of Europe, finds in the EEF something you could not obtain alone.

What I have been able to contribute so far, within the French Equestrian Federation, within the EEF and alongside you and other partners and institutions, has always come out of collective work, and I am grateful for it. That is what I would like us to continue: projects that are ambitious and realistic at the same time,

which strengthen equestrian sport across Europe, the capacity of our national federations, and the place of the horse in society.

Vision for the EEF:

My vision is that of a federation of federations that is influential at European level and useful at national level. That balance is the one the Strategy 2027-2030 expresses, and it is the one I intend to hold: European scale, national depth.

A stronger European voice. Regulation affecting our sport is advancing on several fronts at once, from animal transport to welfare legislation, data collection and the conditions under which horses are kept and transported. The EEF must be present where these decisions are prepared, with positions built together with you, with reliable data on the size and the value of our sector, and with credible allies in the wider horse sector. On questions of this nature, Europe carries far more weight acting together than federation by federation.

Federations at the centre. The most valuable asset the EEF has is your collective experience, and turning it into an organised offer costs less than any other form of development. Shared expertise, education, and targeted support for federations with fewer resources deserve continuity and a clear method rather than isolated initiatives. Bringing new people into our sport is your work rather than the EEF's: it happens in your clubs and your schools, and you know your own ground far better than we do. But it comes up in almost every exchange I have with you, and a challenge that weighs on all of you cannot stay outside our concerns. Where the EEF can be useful is in organising the comparison of what actually works, from first contact with the horse to keeping young riders in the sport, so that none of you has to look for the answer alone. What matters to me is that this reaches your own daily work, whatever your size and your means, in a form you can point to. I would be content for the EEF to be judged on that.

A European sport that stays attractive. Our disciplines compete for attention, for athletes and for host venues, and costs are rising for all stakeholders. The EEF has a role in the coherence of the European structure, in the quality and the accessibility of its own series, in supporting a strong European championship pathway, and in defending your interests and those of European organisers when decisions on calendar, formats and fees are taken. Where a decision works against those interests, the EEF should be able to say so plainly and to pursue the matter, rather than simply record its disagreement.

The horse first. Scrutiny of our practices is high and Europe sits at the centre of that conversation. What has to change first is the way we approach it. We have spent a great deal of time answering the questions put to us, and not enough setting out what the horse brings to society, in education, in health, in rural economies and in access to nature for those who live far from it. That case deserves to be made with confidence rather than defended reluctantly. Communication alone will not secure our social licence to operate: it rests on demonstrated welfare standards, on transparency, and on your capacity to make that case at national level, which is where the EEF should supply the facts and the tools.

A resilient EEF. The organisation must be able to plan beyond the term of a single agreement. This means broadening our resources over time, keeping our commitments proportionate to a small team, being selective about what we take on, and maintaining standards of governance, financial control and transparency towards the General Assembly that are beyond discussion.

If you renew your confidence at this General Assembly, my commitment is to serve the direction you have set, to lead a Board that decides collectively, having considered the recommendations of our Working

Groups, and to keep the organisation focused on what it has said it would do and equally clear on what it will not.

It is also to keep listening to you between assemblies, to report back plainly on what has been done and on what has not, and to remain available to each of you all year long.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Sports Career / Equestrian Background

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Position</u>
2008 – 2017	French Championship for Youth & Club levels. Course Designer & Technical Delegate
1997, 1999, 2001	Driving French Championship for Youth participation
Childhood, youth	Horse riding & driving at home and in equestrian clubs Other sports: football at regional level, volley ball at national level Volunteer work for local associations: driving, jumping, volley ball

Professional career/Work experience

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Position</u>
2025-Present	EEF President (elected role) FEI Group Chair as EEF President
2019 - Present	EEF Board Member (elected role) ● 2023 - 2025 : FEI Deputy Chair, from EEF President ● 2022 - 2025 : 2nd vice President, Development Working Group Chair ● 2019 - Present : Driving & Endurance Working Groups Chair ● 2019 - 2022 EEF Jumping Working Group member
2021 - Present 2014 - Present	FRA NF Sport department ● Horse health vigilance advisor ● Sport advisor in charge of International Relations. FRA NF co-representative to EEF & FEI ● Chef de mission : Rio2016, Tokyo2020, Paris2024
2012 - 2025	● Overall discipline manager: driving. ● Chef d'équipe at 30 FEI Championships, WEG 2014, 2018 ● FEI Driving World Championship show director: 2023, 2024
2010 - 2012	FRA NF Sport department ● Multidiscipline Officials manager ● Driving discipline advisor
2008-2010	Parc Equestre Federal – Federal Equestrian Park of the FRA NF ● Project manager assistant within sport events department



<u>Dates</u>	<u>Education</u>
2020 - 2022	Executive Master in Global Sport Governance. CDES Limoges & UEFA Academy.
2008	Master in Sport Management. IAE Orléans & Universidad Europea Madrid.

REFERENCES AND ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

List of references and the additional document provided by the candidate:

1. Detailed CV – Quentin Simonet Equestrian Sport Organisations Governance
2. Endorsement letter from Frederic BOUIX FRA NF President

Annex I – Non disclosure of confidential information

Annex II – Potential conflict of interest disclosure statement

DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that the information provided in this application form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false information may result in disqualification from the selection process.

I acknowledge and accept the terms, requirements and job description of the EEF for the open positions and I am committed to upholding the principles and values of the European Equestrian Federation.

Date and signature of the candidate:

05/09/2026

APPROVAL & SUPPORT OF THE NF

Name of the National Federation:

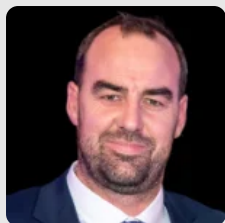
FRA NF – French Equestrian Federation

Name of the person signing on behalf of the NF:

Frédéric BOUIX, FRA NF President



Please submit the completed application form, along with any supporting documents, to the EEF Secretary General on secretarygeneral@euroequestrian.eu by 7th of September 2026 at 23:59 CET.



Quentin Simonet

Equestrian Sport Organisations Governance

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Skills

Teamwork
Leadership
Interpersonal skills
Ethics
Diplomacy
Strategic thinking
Decision making
Negotiation
Determination
Adaptability

Languages

French
English
Spanish

Reference

Frédéric Bouix,
President of the French
Equestrian Federation



Profile

Driven by using my management skills, determination and team strength skills to build and lead collective strategies either in national or international challenging environment and to deliver key projects with a sustainable footprint for the equestrian sport industry.

Employment History

Sport Advisor, French Equestrian Federation & Sport Ministry - Sports department

December 2012 - Present

- **Olympic Games chef de mission: Rio2016, Tokyo2020, Paris2024**
Liaise with NOC, Sport National Agency
Oversee global logistic organisation from strategy to delivery: horses, riders, grooms, staffs, owners, riders family, board members
- **Sport International relations manager**
Monitor and advocate in EEF, FEI affairs in all disciplines and areas: 20 GAs, all FEI Sports Forum, Rules revision, Elections & Appointments, Finals & Championship Bidding
Advocate for rules changes and candidacies
Advise for collaboration agreements with NFs & World Club Tournament event
- **Horse health vigilance advisor (since 2021)**
Coordinate veterinary committee
Monitor diseases as member from RESPE equine industry epidemio surveillance network, crisis management, change management
Advise EU regulatory monitoring alongside Institutional Affairs department
- **Driving discipline manager (up to 12/2024)**
Oversee rules, calendar, championships contracts, officials education, development projects
Coordinate grassroot development to national team performance plan
Chef d'equipe at 30 FEI Championships, 2x WEG
Launch para driving project: sport, equitherapy
FEI Driving Young Horses: 2023&2024 World Championship Director, Working Group Member

Multidiscipline officials manager & Driving discipline advisor, French Equestrian Federation - Sports department

December 2009 - November 2012

Coordinate network of wide scope of experts. Monitored education system, promotion-demotion, seminars of officials from all disciplines.

Elaborate strategy and implemented operational change from development to top sport. Headed up driving committee.

Project manager assistant, French Equestrian Federation - Events department

September 2008 — December 2009

Assist the preparation and operational delivery of french championships including the Generali Open de France: 10 000 riders/ponies-horses, 1500 clubs, 20 disciplines



Elected position

European Equestrian Federation

- **President, FEI Board Member.** 2025 - Present
- **Second Vice President, FEI Deputy Chair.** 2023 - 2025
- **Board Member.** 2019 - 2023

Lead EEF board governance and contribute to FEI board.

Represent EEF Members.

Promote European interest within the continent and worldwide.

Chair of the EEF Endurance, Driving working groups and Development working group up to 2025.

Member of EEF Strategy 2027-2030 working group.

Member of EEF Jumping working group up to 2023.



Euro Equestrian



World of Showjumping



SoHorse



LES-EEF

Education

Executive Master in Global Sport Governance, CDES Limoges & UEFA Academy

2020 - 2022. Mainz, Barcelona, London, New York, Silicon Valley, Istanbul

Degree of Professorat de sport, Sports Ministry

June 2018 — June 2019

Degree of International governance in sport, French National Olympic Committee

Management, marketing, sport organizations and events

May 2015 — June 2016

Master in science of management, 1st part UEM Madrid, 2nd part IAE Orleans

September 2007 — June 2008

Bachelor degree in sports management, University of sciences and physical activities, Orleans

September 2004 — June 2007

A-level Scientific, Lycée Pierre Bourdan, Gueret

September 2003 — June 2004

Sport activity

Childhood, Youth

- Horse riding & driving at home and in equestrian clubs
- Driving French Championship for Youth.
- Team sports: football at regional level, volley ball at national level

Volunteer activity

Co-founder and treasurer of volley ball club

July 2009 - 2023

Driving Course Designer & Technical Delegate. French Championship for Youth & Clubs

2008 - 2017

Horse driving association volunteer

January 2005 - 2023

Lamotte, 7th September 2026

The President

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**To the EEF National Federations
President or Secretary General**

Object : Election EEF President 2026 - 2030

Dear EEF National Federation President,
Dear EEF National Federation Secretary General,

On behalf of the French Equestrian Federation (hereafter FFE), I extend our full support to Quentin Simonet's application for the election of the EEF President for the 2026-2030 term.

As FRA NF Secretary General for more than a decade and as President since December 2024, I have worked closely with Quentin Simonet and I am able to confirm his abilities. I supported his candidacy last year and I do so again today for the same reasons. This first year has also given you a first measure of what he does as President, and of what he can bring to the EEF community with and through the Board, the staff, the Working Groups and the National Federations.

He has always shown a strong capacity to manage with a high sense of responsibility in challenging environments, either at national or international level, to accomplish very positive outcomes. As such, he has largely contributed to strategic projects for the federation and its stakeholders.

His multidisciplinary equestrian background and his capacity to engage and lead teams of experts have contributed to his global approach. He has been a crucial stakeholder in the restructuring process of important FFE projects such as international relations, the coordination of the French delegation for the Olympic and Paralympic Games and the management of horse health issues.

Moreover, his support to the institutional affairs department of our federation on national, European and international files makes him fully aware of the political sphere. With his high interest in political and societal issues, he is an added value in making the voice of our sector heard by the political institutions.

Quentin Simonet's experience and skills, his strong ability to cope with high pressure and his sense of dialogue have made him the leader he is today. His work ethic has also been proven with the multiple roles he has been endorsing within the EEF or the FEI.

The past twelve months have shown it differently: the EEF has come through a demanding year with its governance reinforced and its strategy delivered for GA approval.

His credibility and representativeness are based on his willingness to contribute and to negotiate with a collective approach, and on the fact that he serves all National Federations without focusing

on certain regions or disciplines. He defends and promotes equestrian sport and its interests with fair values, beliefs and a sustainable approach serving a long-term vision for our sport.

A full four-year term asks more of a president than a transitional year did. The FFE is aware of this and confirms that Quentin Simonet will continue to have the support and the working conditions this mandate requires, exercised for the EEF membership as a whole and for a sustainable future for the horse, in society and in sport, across our continent.

His way of working also draws federations in rather than leaving them on the side, and that is what this collective project needs.

For all these reasons, I am convinced that supporting Quentin Simonet at the forthcoming election would continue to greatly serve the EEF community.

I remain of course at your disposal should you require any further information.

Kind regards,

Fredéric BOUIX



Very sincerely,
F. Bouix



ANNEX I - NONDISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Name: Quentin SIMONET

National Federation : France

“Confidential Information” shall include but not be limited to any and all specifications, commercial and technical or non-technical data, contracts or other agreements, financials, business plans and analysis, drawings, product and service concepts and configurations, marketing proposals, documentation, or other technical or business information in relation to the EEF business, which is marked with an indicator such as “Confidential” or identified as such by the president and/or secretary general, but excluding information which:

- is or comes into the public domain otherwise than by disclosure or default by the member;
- was or is lawfully obtained or available from a third party who was lawfully in possession of the same and free to disclose it; or
- was already known to the member as evidenced by written record pre-dating such disclosure.

The EEF Director will not disclose any confidential Information to third-parties other than persons under appropriate burden of confidentiality and who are required to have the information in order to carry out the discussions regarding the EEF. The Director will take all reasonable measures and such measures shall include the highest degree of care to protect the secrecy of and avoid disclosure or use of confidential information in order to prevent it from falling into the public or the possession of persons other than those persons authorized to have any such information.

I will notify the president and the secretary general in writing of any misuse or request of disclosure of confidential information, which may come to the my attention.

I have read and understood this responsibility acceptance and accept the responsibilities and constraints listed above. I recognise that I might be removed or suspended from the position for which I was elected if I do not comply with these responsibilities and constraints.

Date: 05/09/2026

Signature:



ANNEX II – POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

1. Do you or a member of your immediate family transact business with or provide services to the EEF, one of its National Federations, an organiser of EEF Series and/or events, and/or a sponsor of such Events? Please list the relevant entities or persons below and describe the dealings. If none, please state “none”.

My brother, Edouard Simonet, works with the GER NF as one of their driving trainers on an occasional basis.

2. Are you or a member of your immediate family an officer, partner, director, trustee, owner (in the case of public companies, of at least 5% of total equity), beneficial owner, consultant or employee of any person or entity that does business with or provides services to the EEF, one of its National Federations, an organiser of EEF Series and/or events, and/or a sponsor of such events? Please list the relevant entities or persons below and describe the dealings. If none, please state “none”.

I am working full time by the FRA NF, as a national technical adviser responsible for international relations, WEG and Games operations, Horse health vigilance advisor.

I understand that during my term I am required to update this disclosure promptly if my circumstances change. Failure to provide complete and accurate information, or failure to update this disclosure when required, may result in my removal from the relevant EEF body.

Date: 05/09/2026

Signature: