

Update on activities of the voluntary initiative on responsible ownership and care of equidae

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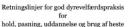






Progress to date

- Three sets of documents developed by the initiative and acknowledged by the EU Platform:
 - Horse Guide translated into Danish, French, German, Greek, Polish, Romanian, Spanish and Italian
 - 7 Horse factsheets being translated into Danish, French, Italian, Polish, Portuguese and Spanish
 - Donkey Guide translated into Dutch, French, German, Greek, Romanian, Spanish and Italian
 - ✓ Available online on EU Platform's website
- Promotion of the guides:
 - Working to get the Guides translated into more EU languages
 - Disseminating and promoting the documents around the EU
 Member States including through sharing them with veterinarians (via Veterinary Associations) and equine owners





Οδηγός ορθής πρακτικής για την καλή διαβίωση των ζώων για τη διατήρηση, φροντίδα, εκπαίδευση και χρήση γαϊδουριών και υβριδίων γαϊδουριού



















Taking the initiative forward

- Significant issues affecting equine welfare remain across the EU – in addition to ongoing work on promoting the guides
- Call put out for expressions of interest from EU Platform members to assess interest in developing the second chapter of the voluntary initiative
- Meeting held on 14 June excellent engagement – agreed to update Terms of Reference and identify updated core objectives





















10 Member States

Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Greece, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal and Spain

3 Business and professional organisations

Copa-Cogeca, Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) and the International Society for Applied Ethology (ISAE)

4 Civil society organisations

Animal's Angels, Eurogroup for Animals, The Donkey Sanctuary and World Horse Welfare

1 Academia/independent expert

University of Milano





















Next steps

- Possible topics for the initiative:
 - 1. Working equids could include equines in tourism, agriculture, production and entertainment
 - 2. Impact of current EU policies under discussion such as Transport Regulation (EC) 1/2005, Slaughter Regulation (EC) 1099/2009, CAP and End the Cage Age campaign
 - 3. Update existing guidelines (e.g. transport, working equids and equine care and management)
- Next meeting planned for September with a view of meeting (mainly virtually) up to 4 terms per year



















Request for support

- Any further expressions of interest in joining the voluntary initiative
- Promotion of the guides
 - Translation of the Horse and Donkey Guides into Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Hungarian and Slovak
 - Translation of the Horse Factsheets into Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, German, Greek, Hungarian, Romanian and Slovak
 - **Dissemination** of the guides and factsheets through national and regional channels
- Suggestions for future objectives of the voluntary initiative















