

Term started at GA

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## **ACTIVITY REPORT 2022-2023**

The following is the reporting from the FEI Solidarity Department on its activities from September 2022 until mid-August 2023.

The hybrid General Assembly 2022 in Cape Town, South Africa approved the appointment of the Members of the FEI Solidarity Committee for a one-year term.

Per memory: FEI Solidarity Committee Members - Terms of References

- The appointment of the Members of the FEI Solidarity Committee is for a Term of one (1) year.
- Members of the FEI Solidarity Committee may serve a maximum of four (4) Terms.
- As the FEI President shall be the Chair of the FEI Solidarity Committee, the Terms of his/her mandate shall be in line with the presidential terms.

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Group I	Ingmar De Vos (BEL), FEI President and Chair	2018
Group II	Marjukka Manninen, President FIN NF	2022
Group III	Sadyr Mamytov, President KGZ NF	2021
Group IV	Catherine Ramsingh-Pierre, President BAH NF	2021
Group V	Juan Manuel Melgar, President GUA NF	2022
Group VI	Luis Miguel Soria Cespedes, President CHI NF	2021
Group VII	Badr bin Mohamed Al Darwish, President QAT NF	2022
Group VIII	Mikaela Cojuangco Jaworski, President PHI NF	2021
Group IX	Mary K.B Binks, Deputy Chair GRIX, KEN NF	2022

#### FEI SOLIDARITY DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

Following the pandemic, National Federations have made great efforts to finalise ongoing projects once activities resumed in the last quarter of 2021. These efforts have paid off with around 100 projects delivered between September 2021 and August 2023.

- From September 2022 to August 2023, around 50 projects have been delivered, which is the same amount delivered than last year which is showing a good recovery of the activities, knowing that no activities took place over 2020-2021.
- FEI Solidarity Department conducted over 80 webex video meetings since September 2022 with all NFs with pending FEI Solidarity projects, to follow-up on the status of the project and the situation in the country to best advise NFs on the way forward.
- FEI Solidarity Communication: As part of its continuous effort to promote and communicate around the activities and opportunities offered to our National Federations through our Programme, the FEI Solidarity Department has created a new version of the FEI Solidarity Catalogue in order to centralise important information. Each project now has its own profile and promotional videos are currently being created. As a next step, an online application system will be developed and launched for the 2024 procedure. These actions are aimed at simplifying the application process by providing better guidance to National Federations. In addition, you can now access all details regarding the FEI World Challenge series on a dedicated landing page present on the FEI Solidarity Hub.

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FEI Campus: Introduction to Para Dressage Coaching. An introduction to Para Dressage
Coaching is now available on FEI Campus. This introductory course is open to everyone
and provides the fundamental knowledge required to understand the responsibilities of a
good coach in the discipline of Para Dressage. We would like to take this opportunity to
remind National Federations interested in organising courses for National Coaches in Para
Dressage that FEI Solidarity, through its Coach Education Programme, offers a Level 1
module for Para Dressage Coaches.

#### **NFs PROJECTS - OVERVIEW**

511 is the total number of NFs projects supported by FEI Solidarity from 2012-2023:

Figures on 15 August 2022

	CHF				
2017	NFs projects	67	Remaining	4	23′099.36
2018	NFs projects	63	Remaining	15	145′373.61
2019	NFs projects	71	Remaining	24	209′291.68
2020	NFs projects	64	Remaining	46	391′746.29
2021	NFs projects	42	Remaining	25	223′687.41
	Total	307	Total remaining	114	993′198.35
NFs Projects supported by FEI Solidarity 2022					
2022	NFs projects	8	Started 1.1.2022	1	48′228.00

Figures on 15 August 2023

Ongoing NFs Projects supported by FEI Solidarity 2017 - 2023					
2017	NFs projects	67	Remaining	2	14′050.40
2018	NFs projects	63	Remaining	7	60′051.40
2019	NFs projects	71	Remaining	21	160′050.84
2020	NFs projects	64	Remaining	36	252′024.37
2021	NFs projects	42	Remaining	20	141′174
2022	NFs projects	8	Remaining	6	371.397
	Total	315	Total remaining	92	998′748.01
NFs Projects supported by FEI Solidarity 2023					
2023	NFs projects	42	Started 1.1.2023 24		132′230.00

Figures after deduction of remaining funds – back to fund

2021

2022

2023

NFs projects

NFs projects

NFs projects

Total

42

8

42

357

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	NFs Projects	supported	by FEI Solidarity 2012 -	2023	CHF
2017	NFs projects	67	Remaining	0	0
2018	NFs projects	63	Remaining	1	11′651.40
2019	NFs projects	71	Remaining	17	134′550.84
2020	NFs projects	64	Remaining	33	232′024.37
2021	NFs projects	42	Remaining	18	126′174
2022	NFs projects	8	Remaining	6	371′397
	Total	315	Total remaining	75	875′797.61
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	NFs Projects	supported	by FEI Solidarity 2017 -	2022	CHF
2017	NFs projects	67	Delivered in 1y	2	17′528.77
2018	NFs projects	63	Delivered in 1y	9	51′122.04
2019	NFs projects	71	Delivered in 1y	12	87′141.01
2020	NFs projects	64	Delivered in 1y	10	279′312.59
2021	NFs projects	42	Delivered in 1y	17	166′313.00
2022	NFs projects	8	Delivered in 7months	1	48′228.00
	Total	315	Total delivered over 1 year	50	649'645.41
Figures or	n 15 August 2023		,		
		supported	by FEI Solidarity 2017 -	2023	CHF
2017	NFs projects	67	Delivered in 1y	2	7′313
2018	NFs projects	63	Delivered in 1y	8	79′613
2019	NFs projects	71	Delivered in 1y	6	36′000
2020	NFs projects	64	Delivered in 1y	12	89′000

NFs Projects not achieved - Money to put back into FEI Solidarity account

7months

Delivered in 1y

Delivered in 1y

Stated/Delivered in

**Total delivered** 

over 1 year

6

3

24

61

58'500

165'375

132'230

568'031

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Project Ref.	NFs Projects 2018	Money Allocated	2017	2018	2020	2023	Balance
AF01-ALG-2017	Horse Welfare – Farriers training	10.000	1.930				8.070
AF02-ALG-2017	Horse Welfare – Grooms training	5.000		1.706,60		2.313	980,40
AF81-VEN-2017	Horse Welfare – Grooms training	5.000					5.000
Total 2017							14.050,04
AF28-LTU-2018	DNSS - NDP	10.000					10.000
AF42-PAN-2018	Athletes training Eventing	10.000					10.000
AF53-SLO-2018	DNSS Para- Equestrian	10.000		5.000			5.000
AF54-SLO-2018	DNSS ESEE Eventing	10.000		5.000			5.000
AF60-TUN-2018	National Equestrian	28.000			14.600		13.400
AF69-VEN-2018	Athletes training Eventing	15.000		10.000			5.000
Total 2018							48.400
AF44-ISR-2019	DNSS Jumping/Dressage	5.000			1.500		3.500
AF55-PAN-2019	ESEE Eventing	5.000					5.000
AF74-THA-2019	Horse Welfare – Farriers training	12.000					12.000
AF89-VEN-2019	ESEE Eventing	10.000			5.000		5.000
Total 2019							25.500
AF21-CYP-2020	DNSS	10.000					10.000
AF29-HAI-2020	ESEE Dressage	5.000					5.000
AF74-TRI-2020	Sport for All Therapeutic riding	5.000					5.000
Total 2020							20.000
AF40-ROU-2021	Pony Club structure	10.000					10.000
AF29-ISR-2021	DNSS Jumping/Dressage	5.000					5.000
Total 2021							15.000
ROU-2023-01	Preparation of Team Eventing	12.000				1.212,97	10.787,03
Total 2023							10.787,03
Total		182.000					133.737,43



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### **NFs Round Up**

This year, FEI Solidarity funding has been transferred to around 50 NFs projects.

Among these projects, which already took place, it is worth mentioning:

- **CZE**: Athletes training in Eventing and Dressage. FEI Solidarity is supporting Dressage and Eventing National Youth teams in their preparation for the European Championships. In Eventing 5 clinics have been delivered by the Expert Lars Christensson, 4 Athletes have qualified for the European Championships in Eventing, in Montelibretti, Italy, 14–17 September 2023. It has been approved by CEF, that Mr. Christensson will accompany the team as national trainer. In Dressage, 2 clinics have been delivered by the Expert Thomas Lang. At the European Championships in Pilisjászfal, HUN, 4 Czech Young riders competed, the best result was the 17<sup>th</sup> place (69,441%) for the Athlete A. Procházková. One Czech Junior rider, Johana Vášáryová, finished the European Championships in Kronberg, GER, 19-23 July 2023, on excellent 10th place, with (75,290%). In the Children category, Marie Křížová finished the European Championships on 9th place with 77,815%.
- **BIH**: National Education System for Coaches. FEI Solidarity is supporting Bosnia and Herzegovina in the establishment of a National Education System for Coaches. The Expert, Benoît Malley, appointed for this mission visited Bosnia for the first time from 9-12 March 2023 to meet the local Coaches. The second visit from 10-13 July, he has been joined by the EEF Development Officer Teodor Sheitanov, the visit consisted in giving a refreshment workshop for the Coaches in order for them to apply for RPL Recognition of Prior Learning. To be compliant with international guidelines (IGEQ, ICCA), with the level of FEI courses for Coaches, and with the level of diplomas of other countries (Germany, France etc.), the contents of their future coach diploma (called "Equestrian Sports Coach" in BIH) will match the "Level 1" (IGEQ, ICCA). The Coaching licenses are comprised of 2 levels, Riding Coach Assistant and Equestrian Sports Coach.
- **EURASIA:** Eurasian Dressage Development project. FEI Solidarity is supporting for a second time this project after a successful first year in 2021. The project timeline remains the same, with Talent Identification sessions which will be organised in 7 countries; Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova and Uzbekistan. It is the first participation in the project for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan which is a positive sign for the development of Dressage in this region. As no Eurasian Dressage Championship will take place this year, we have requested the NFs to organise the FEI Dressage World Challenge, which will be organised in each of these countries during October and November 2023.
- **TRI**: Retraining Techniques for Ex Racehorses Tutor Anthony Lowry visited Trinidad and Tobago twice in 2022 to conduct the FEI's techniques for retraining ex racehorses courses, which was held in San Antonio and Santa Cruz. He worked with over 12 Coaches, 12 Athletes and about 15 ex racehorses. Training sessions started with teaching the ex-racers to work on the lunge and long reins. Sessions moved on to Dressage and Jumping. A clear improvement was noted by the Tutor over the duration of the two courses. The third and final session RTR was held in June 2023. The next step for the NF is the organisation of the FEI Eventing World Challenge in 2024
- **ECU**: Vaulting Forum. FEI Solidarity has supported the organisation of a second Vaulting Forum for Latin America which took place in Quito in March 2023. Topics such as Coaching, Officials, FEI Rules, Training and management of the Vaulting horse have been addressed. There were 30 participants from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, and Uruguay,

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representing not only the vaulting community but also other disciplines such as Show Jumping, Dressage, Veterinary Medicine, and Sport Horse Breeders. The main topics revolved around BIOMECHANICS (both human and equine) and the HORSE as the common "teammate" of all equestrian disciplines. Discussions included the future of vaulting, the importance of proper horse care, well-being, training, and participation in horse events. The fundamentals and importance of rhythm and harmony with each of the horse's movements in every equestrian activity, particularly in the case of vaulting, were deeply explored and detailed.

- **URU**: Athletes training Eventing. FEI Solidarity has supported the National Eventing Team of Uruguay in its preparation and qualification for major events from 2021-2023. The team has successfully obtained a bronze medal at the South American Games 2022 in Argentina as well as an individual silver medal. The team is now focusing on the next major event, the Pan American Games which will take place in October in Chile.
- **CHI:** FEI Solidarity has supported the Eventing National Head Coach of Chile, Mr. Juan Eduardo González Fuentealba, with a scholarship. He has been to Tryon, USA in November 2022 and has been shadowing the Coach Erik Duvander during the training of the USA Eventing Team ahead and during the competition CCI 4\*-L, 4\*-S, 3\*-L, 3\*-S, 2\*-L.
- **KSA**: Athletes training Dressage. FEI Solidarity is supporting the development of Dressage discipline in Saudi Arabia. A first Talent Identification Session took place from 10-13 February in Riyadh at the venue where the FEI Jumping World Cup final 2024 will take place, with the Expert Larasati Gading. The first day, 40 Athletes came to the session. The next step linked to the main project will be the organisation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Dressage ESEE in October, aiming at identifying, educating and certifying National Dressage Judges.
- LBA: School programme. FEI Solidarity has supported a School programme in Libya. This project subsidises riding lessons for primary school children. The Equestrian school Trik EL Matar, Equestrian school ABI SITTA, HAWARI Equestrian Club and the Equestrian club AL BAYAN have welcomed the children. In total 80 primary school aged children have benefited from 3 riding sessions per week during 3 months.
- LBA: FEI Solidarity has supported 2 National Head Coaches, Mr. Ayman Salem Saed and Mr. Fahid Yousuef Farag from Libya with a scholarship. They travelled to Egypt to work with our FEI Tutor Mohammed Khalifa based in Cairo for a training over 2 weeks in December 2022. They have shadowed Mr. Khalifa during training sessions and competitions.
- **PLE**: The FEI Solidarity is supporting Palestine NF in the field of Horse Welfare. After a first visit a few years ago by Mr. Camboulives accompanied by a German Veterinarian in Jericho in order to discuss the construction of an Equine Clinic with the NF and the local Veterinarians. It has been finally decided that the best option was to equip the local Veterinarians with a X ray portable machine. Unfortunately, the proposed land in Jericho to build the clinic was not available anymore. Three veterinarians have been selected by the NF and FEI Solidarity will support them with a scholarship. They will do their internship in the UAE, to Sharjaquine hospital from 4-29 September. The plan is to ship the X Ray machine to Sharjah, the 3 Veterinarians will learn how to use it and will go back to Palestine with the machine
- **CAM:** Development of Endurance discipline. The Expert appointed conducted a 5 days visit to ascertain the state of Endurance within the country of Cambodia and what progression can be achieved with the future assistance of the FEI Solidarity department. The visit period was from 26 November until the 1 December 2022. Initial briefing from the Federation confirmed that there were the following participants currently competing at various national qualifying



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rides, ten riders, ten horses, three instructors and one veterinarian. Their National criteria for FEI qualification are, 2x20km, 2x40km, 2x60km and 2x80km. The riders were young riders from 14yrs up to 31yrs. Four riders did compete in their second 80km ride and completed the ride within the time allowed of 10km, two riders were doing the 40km and only one completed as the second horse was found lame at the finish. During his visit to the Cambodian Country Club stables, the Expert found all horses and ponies in excellent condition and housed in well ventilated and clean stables. All animals were very well groomed and looked very relaxed.

- GRIX: Development of National Education and Certification System for Dressage Officials The online platform is completed, the module 1 is fully operational and the participants of the
  Dressage ESEE in Botswana had to complete module 1 on the platform. The team of Experts
  who has established module 1 is currently designing module 2 which will be very video focused
  for practical judging experience as opposed to the first module being quite rules oriented.
- ACES YOG 2026: In the framework of the ACES-YOG 2026 programme, several webex meetings took place with the project managers, they received a confirmation from BOT, NAM, RSA, ZIM, ZAM (South Zone), ALG, EGY, MAR, LBA, TUN NFs (North Zone) and CIV, COD, MRI, SEN (French speaking) NFs who will organise Talent Identification sessions over 2023-2024.
- **CIV**: FEI Solidarity is supporting two Veterinarians from Ivory Coast with a scholarship. Currently there are no specialised Equine Veterinarian in Ivory Coast. Their training will take place at the Clinic des Bréviaires in France from 1 August to 22 September for Dr. Koffi and from 30 September to 17 November for Dr. Diabaté.
- MAD: With the objective of a continuous specialised training on the treatment of equines, Dr.
  Anjarasoa Sarobidy RAZANANAIVO from Madagascar had the opportunity to spend a few
  weeks in the excellent veterinary facilities of the Equine Clinic of les Bréviaires in France. This
  Scholarship for Veterinarian took place from the 8 October to the 19 December 2022 and
  allowed her to perfect her knowledge and to bring additional experience to treat equines of
  her country.
- NAM: Biosecurity course and Stable Manager Education Programme. The first FEI Biosecurity course has been delivered in Namibia. The Namibian Equestrian Federation has welcomed the Biosecurity Education Programme at the Gymkhana Club Windhoek facilities beginning of July 2023. Twelve participants were actively engaged in the course, which aims to enhance their comprehension of FEI Biosecurity rules and standards. The ultimate goal of this programme is to prevent any potential disease outbreaks within the equine community. Camille Vercken and the Veterinarian Anne Couroucé of Equiways were the Experts for the Biosecurity course.



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### **Equestrian Sport Educative events (ESEEs)**

In 2022-2023, a total of 12 ESEEs have been delivered in 1 year.

At least 22 ESEEs will be delivered until the end of the year.

FEI Groups	24 NFs involved in ESEEs in 2022-2023
Group EEF	ESP (V), MKD (J), MLT (J), SLO (D)
Group III	KAZ (D), KGZ (D), UZB (D)
Group V	MEX (V)
Group VI	ECU (V)
Group VIII	PHI (J), NEP (J)
Group IX	BOT (D)

FEI Groups	ESEEs to be delivered until the end of the year
<b>Group EEF</b>	CYP (J), MLT (D), SLO (D)
Group III	IRI (D), KAZ (J, D), KGZ (D), UZB (J, D)
Group V	PAN (J)
Group VI	BRA (V), PAR (D), PER (D)
Group VII	KSA (D), LBA (J), OMA (J), OMA (D)
Group IX	BOT (J), CIV (J), ETH (J), KEN (E), RSA (V)

## <u>Dressage ESEE Material Update:</u>

One in-person meeting has been organised in Lausanne in March 2023 with 3 Experts: Irina Maknami (Expert Judge), Bertrand Hardy (Expert Judge) and Kathy Amos Jacob (Expert Coach) to discuss the course material, which has been developed in word format and power point for each of the 3 Modules by Mrs. Maknami. She has also gathered and compiled a certain amount of videos: there are complete Dressage tests and also short video clips of specific movements (shoulder-in, etc.) executed and judged from the lowest to highest grades. Which will be used in the theoretical sessions of the Dressage ESEE. Mr. Hardy will add to the material, a set of educational games to avoid to have a boring course content and which will stimulate the Judges in their learning process. The updated material will be tested during the Dressage ESEE in Malta which will take place from 19-22 October 2023.



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#### FEI SOLIDARITY DEPARTMENT PROJECTS & PROGRAMMES

## **Consultancy Services – FEI Solidarity Department**

Mr. Camboulives is maintaining his consultancy services activities. In reinforcement, he has appointed Ms. Starbanov to endorse the role as consultant to audit the NFs, which we do not have a clear view on their current level of Equestrian activities. She has delivered an audit in Turkmenistan. After evaluation of their current level of activities, she has established a National Development Plan, short, medium and long-term objectives. The Priorities identified are as follows: improving the quality of Coaching (organise FEI Coaching courses), Horse Welfare (education of Farriers and Veterinarians), creating grassroots level activities (implement Pony Club System) and educating their National Jumping Officials.

FEI DEVELOPMENT MISSIONS – ACTIVITY PLAN 2023					
FEI Staff	NF	Type of Missions	Objectives		
JPC	KSA	Identification of Athletes	Athletes Identification in Dressage		
JPC	OMAN	Evaluation of the situation	Establishment of a National Development Plan. Guidance on the development of a National Sport Structure.		
JPC	CZECH REPUBLIC	Coaching course	Endurance Level 1		
JPC	CHILE	Consultancy service	Debriefing and working on the current ongoing project		
JPC	ARGENTINA	Coaching course	Level 3 course		
CST	TURKMENISTAN	Evaluation of the situation	Establishment of a National Development Plan. Guidance on the development of a National Sport Structure.		

## FEI Regional Development Officer (EEF) Mr. Teodor Sheytanov:

The EEF Sport Development Annual Report provides an overview of the progress, achievements, and challenges faced in the field of sport development over the past year. This report aims to highlight the impact of various initiatives and programmes on the development of sports in Europe at National and International levels. Our efforts were in three main directions:

- NF continuous support and FEI Solidarity
- Education
- Sport



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#### NFs continuous support

Calls, remote meetings but also in-person meetings and visits are used to ensure regular contacts with NFs in order to provide support in their ongoing projects and contribution to their plans.

#### Equestrian Sport Educative Events

In 2023 we organised two Jumping ESEE – MLT and MKD and in October CYP will organise an ESEE as well in Jumping. In October MLT NF will run a Dressage ESEE. For both jumping events Experts were Serra Sengel and Teodor Sheytanov. The events were well attended but we faced some challenges. ESEEs are for small NFs where the number of the people involved in the sport is very limited. Many of them combine different roles – for example - coaches and CDs, coaches and judges, etc.

It is difficult to separate them and we had to adapt the programme because the coaches wanted to take part in the course designing and judging as well – so we separated them in groups and every presentation was given twice. With this past experience it has shown that it is important for us to think and find a way on how to make those events sustainable.

Giving a course once per year is not enough. Even if we identify people with potential – for example Rachel Zammit, MTL and Darius Grozdanovnski, MKD. When we finish the ESEE these people do not have a chance to learn more or opportunities to gain further experience. We try to support them – Rachel takes part as assistant course designer in Turkey, we discuss the courses they design and build. We have to discuss with the NF their role – The NFs have to give chances and opportunities to these people. It is not acceptable after the ESEE, for NFs to invite CDs from abroad which are not even certified national CDs in their country and do not give chances to their national officials. Maybe instead the NFs receiving support for three ESEEs should receive for two and the sum currently dedicated for the third could be used for a national official exchange programme.

#### EEF Evolution League

One of the primary goals of equestrian sport development is to increase participation and promote access to the sport. Over the past year, significant efforts have been made to engage a broader audience and to provide access of athletes from small nations to participate as teams.

The launch of EEFEL was the initiative in this direction – team competitions during FEI events. The rules for the Dressage and Jumping series were approved by FEI and later adapted for season 2023. We succeeded in 2022 to run 4 events – two in Jumping (ROU and BUL) and two in Dressage (SVK and BUL). The format was very well accepted by the athletes and organisers and the OCs asked to host events again in 2023.

In 2023 we expanded the geographical region and we will run EEFEL events in ITA (this event is under the flag of San Marino), Greece, and again events in BUL and SVK. Although the events are successful we faced a problem to secure a sponsor. The reason is – being part of "minor events" for the OCs it is difficult to provide visibility for the sponsors – including VIP areas, live streaming, etc.

#### EEF Academy for education of national officials

Despite the consensus that the education of national officials is paramount to maintaining fairness, accuracy, and consistency in the equestrian competitions, many members have shared their difficulties to implement and enrich such education system. Over the past year, significant efforts have been made to develop comprehensive training programmes that provide official's

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with the necessary knowledge and skills. The EEF is delighted to provide this support to its member NFs.

Jumping: in cooperation with Carsten Sorlie and Sven Holmberg (both Level 4 FEI Judges) and Stefan Wirth (Level 3 Course Designer and FEI Solidarity Expert) a set of education materials for national judges and course designers was developed. The section for the judges is complete. It includes education on the rules and regulations but also practical tips and guidelines, case studies and videos for online judging. The part for course designers is in process of development – we still need some photos and videos. But the main frame is ready.

The education materials were already used during the ESEE in Malta and North Makedonia were Teodor Sheytanov provided educational courses. These two courses helped identify minor adjustments which needed to be made. The next course will take place in October in Cyprus. At the beginning of 2024 we organised a seminar to present the concept to the national tutors for the EEF NF. The possible date could be in January in Rome during the IJOC annual meeting.

Dressage: in close cooperation with EEF Dressage WG we developed a programme for education of national dressage judges. The realisation of the programme will be in partnership with BlackHorse, which will provide opportunities for online judging. The programme is focused for the NFs from Central / Eastern Europe.

Phases of the project include:

- 1. Preliminary online education
- 2. Videos judging
- 3. Selection of the candidates and distribution mentors' groups
- 4. Videos judging and online mentoring
- 5. In-person educational courses by groups
- 6. Real judging opportunities under the mentors' observation

The content of the course will be developed by well-known experts

- Katrina Wuest
- Hans-Christian Matthiesen
- Maarten van der Heijden

The project is planned to start with announcement to the NF in the second part of 2023 and to finish at the end of 2025.

Eventing: both systems for jumping and dressage judges will be implemented in the education of eventing officials. In addition, Lars Christensson will develop the part for technical delegates and X-country course designing and Christina Klingspor for X-county judges and case studies with online discussions. Two in-person courses for each group will be organised for the selected candidates.

#### Assistance for NF's FEI Solidarity projects

EEF works in a very close connection with the FEI Solidarity department. We provide consultation services to numerous EEF NFs. They were in the following areas:

- Application for FEI Solidarity support
- Organisation of the NF sport structure
- Nation sport rules and regulations

Some of the challenges we faced are: many NFs do not have a permanent staff and they depend on the good will and the efforts as volunteers of one or two persons. When these people leave the federation there is no transition and some of the projects are on hold. Some NFs with various FEI Solidarity projects approved find themselves as a result without the administrative capacity and/or enough participants to run the projects and they lose the allocated funds or the funds are not used effectively.



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#### Regional Championships

After the declared interest from the Nordic-Baltic NFs to host regional championships in 2024, EEF developed a Frame of cooperation which defines the main principles and minimum criteria for allocation of RCHs. They will be implemented for the existing (as Balkan CHs) but also for all future RCHs. The document sets the following areas: allocation, participation, organisation, administration and reporting. Under the umbrella of EFF in 2023 three Balkan Regional Championship will be organised – dressage and jumping in Greece and endurance in Bulgaria.

#### Young riders academy camps

In the period October 2022 – April 2023 in cooperation with Young Riders Academy three training camps were organised where prospective athletes were trained by Laura Klaphake. Additional education was provided – physical and mental fitness and course designing. Riders from TUR, ROU, SRB, BUL and POL took part. After consultation with YRA in 2024 we can work to organise camp for the countries in central Europe.

#### Support for Ukraine

With the support of the Dutch Federation of Professional Equestrian Centres, humanitarian aid was provided for riding clubs on the territory of Ukraine.

#### Sustainability in the developing EEF NFs

Taking into consideration the challenges some federation face our focus for these countries should be on education:

- Ethical Equine Welfare: Ensuring the well-being and welfare of horses is crucial. Sharing positive practices such as responsible horse care, appropriate training methods, and effective veterinary care are essential for ethical equine welfare.
- Officials and trainers continued education

The problem is, some NFs apply for Solidarity Support and later realise that they do not have the need, the participants and the resources to organise these events (SLO) or after receiving the funds the NFs decide to change the focus (like the eventing project in ROU) in direction which is not the aim of the programme.

It is a waste of time and efforts from all sides but essentially for the FEI Solidary staff. Before the funds are allocated the NFs should provide detailed plans and list of the participants (people/horses), and personal goals. This also will help for the evaluation of the success of the project.

#### **Conclusion:**

Equestrian sport in Europe is rich in history, tradition, and diversity. While there are similarities across countries, there are also notable differences of the level and knowledge across Europe. The development of the equestrian sport in Europe needs continued efforts from EEF hand in hand with NFs who have to identify and share their needs.



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### **New FEI Solidarity tools:**

1. Workshop for NFs on their Roles, Missions and Responsibilities:

Group IX Workshop NFs Roles, Missions & Responsibilities 14-15 November 2022 a two days workshop took place after the 2022 FEI GA in Cape Town. The workshop "National Federation's Roles, Missions and Responsibilities" was led by the FEI Solidarity Director, Mr. Jean-Philippe Camboulives, for reflexion and discussion on these fundamental subjects for the development of the Equestrian Sport. The workshop has been specially thought for Presidents and Secretary Generals, for the "Decision-takers" of a National Federation, involved in strategic topics such as Constitution and Governance. 17 participants from 10 NFs attended the course as well as the FEI Chair and Deputy Chair of Group IX. We would like to thank all those who participated in this important course. The next edition is planned to be organised for Group VIII or III.

#### FEI Course for NFs SGs and Administrators 2022-2023

The 5th edition of the FEI Course for NFs Secretary Generals and NFs Administrators took place at the FEI HQ on 3-7 October 2022. 18 participants from 13 NFs travelled to Lausanne: CZE, FIN, MLT, POR, TUR, KUW, OMA, PLE, AUS, MGL, NPL, ETH, SWZ.

This year again, Secretary Generals and Administrators will gather for a 5-day course from 9-13 October at the FEI HQ in Lausanne. A long list of NFs from all FEI Groups except FEI Group IV has been established. After a selection process, the short list has been confirmed with a total of 17 participants from 13 NFs: BIH, CYP, LTU, LUX, IRI, TKM, HON, PAN, QAT, IND, TPE, BOT, ZIM.

#### **IT NF Platform**

In 2022 and 2023, the new interested National Federations have been introduced to the platform by the IT Department via visio conference and have received a demo platform: BOT, CZE, MLT, INA, KSA. Slovakia is now using the platform and is totally independent. SWZ and NAM have rebooted the project. MRI has engaged the process of installing the platform. Axiocode is currently doing an update (free of charge) of the IT NF Platform and World Challenge Platform.

#### **HORSE WELFARE**

In 2022-2023, Grooms, Farriers trainings, Stable Managers and Biosecurity courses took place in:

FEI GROUP	NFs	FARRIER TRAINING	GROOM TRAINING
EEF	TURKEY		√
VI	ECUADOR	√	√
VI	BOLIVIA		√
VIII	PHILIPPINES	√	
IX	ETHIOPIA	√	
IX	ZAMBIA	√	

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FEI GROUP	NFs	STABLE MANAGERS COURSE	BIOSECURITY COURSE
EEF	PORTUGAL	(Pilot course) $\sqrt{}$	
VII	ALGERIA	√	
IX	NAMIBIA	√	√

#### FEI COACH EDUCATION PROGRAMME

With a continued increase in activities after the COVID-19 pandemic our Education Programme for National Coaches keeps growing and finished 2022 with a total of 30 courses organised compared to 23 in 2021 (only 5 in 2020).

Although we are not back to the post-pandemic figures (48 courses in 2019), this steady increase is promising and the 2023 calendar currently counts 40 courses of which 24 have already taken place.

#### Coach Education 2022:

- 30 courses organised in 14 countries:
  - ⇒ 12 Introduction to Coaching Courses
  - ⇒ 11 Level 1 courses for National Coaches in the Olympic Disciplines
  - ⇒ 2 Level 1 courses for National Coaches in Endurance
  - ⇒ 1 Level 1 courses for National Coaches in Vaulting
  - ⇒ 4 Level 2 courses for National Coaches in the Olympic Disciplines
- 300+ coaches of 25 different Nationalities educated

Coach Education 2023 – 1st January to 31st August:

- 24 courses organised in 10 countries:
  - ⇒ 11 Introduction to Coaching Courses
  - ⇒ 8 Level 1 courses for National Coaches in the Olympic Disciplines
  - ⇒ 2 Level 1 courses for National Coaches in Endurance
  - ⇒ 1 Level 1 courses for National Coaches in Vaulting
  - ⇒ 1 Level 2 courses for National Coaches in the Olympic Disciplines
  - ⇒ 1 Level 3 course for National Coaching in Jumping
- 265 coaches of 20 different Nationalities educated

Among the new National Federations planning to education their National Coaches via our Education Programme, we are happy to count BAH, CIV and NEP who will each be organising an Introduction to Coaching course before the end of the year. CZE also new to the programme organised a Level 1 course for Endurance Coaches in April.

As part of our ongoing projects to keep offering new education modules to our National Federations in order for them to education their coaches, we will be organising our first meeting with the Working Group for the Endurance Level 2 module on 31 October at the FEI Headquarters. This project originally initiated pre-COVID and again in 2022 has been delayed due to some issues finding an Expert Coach to be part of the Working Group. We are confident



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that our meeting later this year will be fruitful and our objective is to be able to offer the Level 2 in 2024.

Further news regarding the discipline of Endurance is the education of a new Tutor for Arabic speaking countries next October. Following a request from the UAE back in early 2020 to have an appointed Tutor from the UAE to deliver courses in the country, the FEI Solidarity in consultation with the Endurance Department and FEI Tutor who previously delivered courses in the UAE agreed on the candidate put forward by the National Federation. Although this does not follow our usual process for the recruitment of new Tutors, taking into consideration the high level of activity in the UAE concerning Endurance and the need for proper education, the request of the UAE was granted. The chosen candidate for this Tutor role is Mr. Abdul Aziz Al Redha, who had previously attended a Level 1 course for Endurance coaches in 2017. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic delayed the original plans to educate him as a Tutor, but these plans are now set to proceed in October. Mr. Al Redha will have a dual role, assisting Mrs. Valerie Kanavy during two courses in the UAE and simultaneously undergoing Tutor's training supervised by Mr. Liam Moggan of Coaching Ireland. We look forward to welcoming Mr. Al Redha as a Tutor and hope his contribution towards the education of National Coaches in the UAE and the Region will benefit the sport.

Another project that has recently been finalised is the Introduction to Para Dressage Coaching on FEI Campus. The course is open to anyone interested in finding out more about the discipline and coaching in general. This course is a first trial for us to see how we might be able to implement theoretical modules of our coach education system online, as pre-course requirements. We are in discussion with the FEI Education Department as well as our IT Team to see if FEI Campus is the best option based on our needs or if another IT solution should be considered.

Part of the work that was done leading to the creation of the Introduction to Para Dressage Coaching course content was the creation of new specially designed graphics for our coaching programme. Our Content Editor, Stéphane Mirão, took charge of this task as part of his ongoing efforts to establish a distinct and recognisable visual identity for FEI Solidarity. This initiative aims to enhance awareness and recognition of our programme to better promote our actions within our community. Following this initiative, another action lead by Stéphane Mirão was the revamp of the coaching course material using the newly created graphics and identity, starting with the Level 1 Endurance course workbook. The next step will be the revamp of all Level 1 courses material by mid-2024 before moving on to the other levels.

Our department will be involved in another FEI Campus project in collaboration with the Vaulting and Education Department. The aim of the project is to create online courses mostly based on video content on how to properly lunge a horse. From basic lunging to competition vaulting. Since FEI Solidarity has various programmes which cover lunging as a required skill, such as our Grooms Training, our course on Retraining of Techniques for ex-Racehorses and of course our Coach Education Programme for National Vaulting Coaches, our interest and involvement in this project was evident.

#### FEI WORLD CHALLENGES SERIES

In **JUMPING**, the 2022 season finished with a lower number of countries taking part in the series as originally anticipated and reported during last year's Committee meeting. A number of NFs (12) had to cancel their events before the end of the year due to diverse reasons such as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, weather conditions or the War in Ukraine (RUS, and BLR). The final numbers showed a total of 29 NFs who organised the series and the calendar of competitions



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counted 215 Competitions for a total of 86 events at the end of 2022, with 1105 combinations taking part.

As mentioned in our last committee meeting, we were extremely happy to count Palestine as a new country taking part in the FEI Jumping World Challenge in 2022. For its first participation in the series, Palestine organised a total of five events, two of which took place in Gaza.

For this season, we seem to have a number of late applications still coming in ARG and MAS for example, and therefore the current figures may change by then end of 2023. Possible cancellations are also to be considered for various unforeseen reasons, but at this time, the calendar counts 303 competitions (7 cancelled) organised in 37 countries.

The detailed situation to date is as follow:

Total # of Events	# Events ORGANISED since Jan 2023	# Events SCHEDULED between Sep & Dec 2023	# Events ANNOUNCED or POSTPONED without set dates (TBC)	# Events definitely CANCELLED
122	55	45	17	5

#### **FEI Jumping World Challenge FINAL**

Following the allocation of the FEI Jumping World Challenge Final by the FEI Board on 18 July to South Africa, the 2023 Final is scheduled to take place in Polokwane (RSA) on 3-7 October.

21 athletes originally qualified to take part in this Final. We currently have 18 athletes that have confirmed their participation and are continuing the qualification process to fill up the remaining 3 spots after the withdrawal of the athletes originally qualified.

The South African National Federation has put in place a panel in charge of the selection of the borrowed horses for this competition. The panel is composed of the Event Director, Kate Launder, RSA Show Jumping Committee Member, Barry Taylor and ZIM Level 3 Coach, Charley Crockart who was the Winner of the 2014 Final in Kyalami (RSA) and Coach of ZIM Athlete Amy Hay during the YEG 2022 in Aachen. All have the knowledge and experience of what qualities are required for such a competition and we are therefore confident that the horses selected will be of the appropriate standards.

In **DRESSAGE**, the 2022 season concluded with a total of 34 events organised in 29 countries after the cancellation of 6 events. We were happy to welcome back Bulgaria and Mexico to the series in 2022.

With three additional NFs taking part in 2022 as oppose to 2021, the rankings showed a considerable increase in participation from 390 combinations in 2021 to 518 in 2022.

The 2023 season welcomes Egypt as a new National Federation taking part in the series and we are hoping to see more NFs of the Maghreb region in the future thanks to the efforts of ACES to develop Dressage in their member Federations through the Challenge.

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The detailed situation to date is as follow:

Total # of Events	# Events ORGANISED since Jan 2023	# Events SCHEDULED between Sep & Dec 2023	# Events ANNOUNCED without set dates (TBC)	# Events definitely CANCELLED
30	10	17	3	0

Five more National Federations are expected to apply to host the FEI Dressage World Challenge this year (ARM, AZE, IRI, KAZ and MDA) as part of the second phase of the Eurasia Dressage Development project, but the official process has yet to be finalised.

In **VAULTING**, the series after a slow start since its launch in 2020, is showing a constant increase in events after 7 competitions organised in 6 countries in 2022, we currently have 8 competitions scheduled in 6 countries this year. Unfortunately, MRI just cancelled their event as it was meant to be linked to their second ESEE which will not take place. BRA and CAN each have two competitions planned in 2023. To date, 4 competitions have taken place.

In **EVENTING**, the official launch of the new series was announced for 2023 after countries of Group IX tested the format at the end of 2022 (NAM and ZAM). Since the feedback received was insufficient to bring major changes to the format, it was decided that the 2023 season would serve as a pilot year.

Group IX countries who are very keen on developing the discipline of Eventing in their region had discussed with the Director of FEI Solidarity, Mr. Jean-Philippe Camboulives during the 2022 General Assembly in RSA the possibility to organise a workshop for the region to educate their officials in view of organising their event in the best conditions in 2023. This workshop was organised in Lusaka (ZAM) on 20-22 April 2023, which was attended by 11 participants from 5 different countries (NAM, RSA, SWZ, ZAM and ZIM), all with either National or FEI CD, TD or Judging experience. The workshop was conducted by Alec Lochore (GBR), FEI Eventing Level 3 CD and TD, and member of the FEI Eventing Technical Committee who has worked closely with the FEI Solidarity Department on the creation of the series and most particularly the Cross Country format and requirements. Participants to the workshop were very enthusiastic and felt like they learned a lot not only on how to organise the FEI Eventing World Challenge but Eventing events in general in a safe way which was the main objective of this initiative. We are looking forward to seeing the fruits of this action as the 5 countries that took part have planned to host the series in 2023.

The current calendar counts 13 countries who applied to organise the FEI Eventing World Challenge this year, 4 of which have already successfully organised their event (COL, NAM, ROU and ZIM) and provided positive and useful feedback on ways to improve the series in 2024. The biggest challenge is as expected the Cross Country course and requirements which will have to be slightly adjusted to allow a little more flexibility but keeping security as a key objective and criteria.

In **DRIVING**, the new series which was developed in 2022 was officially launched at the beginning of this year, with an application deadline set for 1<sup>st</sup> April. Various attempts were made to promote the series and offer potentially interested NFs a chance to ask questions about the format, during Webex meetings and the FEI Driving Forum in Kronenberg (NED), but only 3 National Federations applied to host the event this year (BRA, GRE and SVK), two of which have since cancelled their event. Looking back at the first year of the FEI Vaulting World Challenge which only had one event, we are confident that with time NFs keen on developing the discipline



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of Driving in their country will see the potential of this new series and will apply. We are looking forward to the first event which will be organised by SVK in December and to the feedback we will receive.

In **PARA DRESSAGE**, the series was also finalised in 2022 and launched at the beginning of this year. Although we received interest from a number of National Federations, namely: ARG, COL, MEX and NZL, none have applied. The FEI Para Dressage Department promoted the series through various communications and we reached out to all National Federations organising the FEI Dressage World Challenge in order to promote it as well and suggesting to organised a joint event, combining both series together. Some NFs were interested in the concept but had already made their plans for this year, but will be looking into this possibility for 2024.

#### FEI COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Communications Department has been working closely with FEI Solidarity since the beginning of 2023 to find ways of promoting the work carried out through department funded projects around the world.

The focus has been on identifying and amplifying the stories of human-interest which resonates not just with the equestrian community, but also with the wider public.

One major focus has been the young Ukrainian Vaulting team, who first received FEI Solidarity funding in March 2022 to train in Bernalokova (SVK), not long after war broke out in their country. In July 2023, two out of the five initial team members qualified to compete at the FEI Vaulting World Championship for Juniors in Flyinge (SWE).

With support from the Flyinge Organising Committee, there was a special press conference organised for the two girls, their mother, their coach and the Secretary General of the Equestrian Federation of Slovakia. The following morning, the story was featured in the sports section of the Skånska Dagbladet, a Malmö based newspaper.

The Communications team have also been producing regular updates on the status of the FEI Solidarity Relief Fund for Ukraine, and has worked with the FEI Solidarity Department to identify other key announcement like the allocation of FEI Jumping Challenge Final 2023 to South Africa. An inter departmental effort is currently underway to organise the digital and media communication around the FEI Jumping Challenge that will take place in Polokwane (RSA) from 3 to 8 October.

Information on other Solidarity projects are communicated through the year in newsletters sent out by the FEI Communications Department in conjunction with the FEI Solidarity Department. The two departments are also working together to raise the profile of the department's information on Inside.FEI.org.

#### FEI VETERINARY DEPARTMENT REPORT

In the past year the FEI Veterinary Department has been involved in the following activities related to FEI Solidarity:

Biosecurity course



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- Radiography (X-ray) equipment to Palestine
- National Head Veterinarian Conference 2024
- Veterinary treatment scholarship
- International movement of horses

#### **Biosecurity course**

The objective of this course is to improve biosecurity at equestrian events and in home stables. The course is open to all stakeholders and developed and run by Equiways from France in collaboration with the FEI Veterinary Department.

A course was successfully held in Namibia in July.

#### **Veterinary Capacity Building - Palestine**

The Veterinary Department provided expert advice to the Solidarity Department in their purchase of a portable X-ray machine for Palestine and training of Palestinian vets.

The X-Ray machine has been sent to Sharjah Equine Hospital where three Palestinian vets will receive training on it. The machine will go back to Palestine with the vets.

#### **Veterinary treatment scholarships**

The objective of the scholarship is to allow veterinarians in developing countries to improve their clinical skills and expand networks. After the Solidarity Department took over the responsibility for the scholarship there has been a major improvement:

- 1 Vet from Madagascar to Clinic des Bréviaires (FRA) 21.11.2022 29.01.2023
- 1 Vet from Ivory Coast to Clinic des Bréviaires (FRA) 01.08 22.09.2023
- 1 Vet from Ivory Coast to Clinic des Bréviaires (FRA) 02.10 15.11.2023
- 3 Vets from Palestine to Sharjah (UAE) 04 29.09.2023 (X-ray)

#### National Head Veterinarians (NHVs)

NHVs are key contacts and the link between FEI Vet. Dept. and FEI Veterinarians. They are often also involved in the production of Testing Plans within the EADCMP. In case of outbreaks of infectious diseases or in the preparation of such, NHVs are a resource to their NF as well as to the FEI. They are also often the link to the national veterinary authority, etc.

The first and so far only global NHV conference was held in Athens May 2016. Preparations are ongoing in collaboration with the TUR NF to organise the 2<sup>nd</sup> Global FEI National Head Veterinarian Conference in Istanbul in February 2024.

Six Regional Conferences have so far been held in combination with OIE-IHSC Workshops: Johannesburg, Guatemala City, Montevideo 2017, Hong Kong 2018, Rabat and Moscow 2019. A follow up workshop for FEI Group VIII is planned to take place in Phuket in January 2024. This workshop would mainly be funded by China via WOAH. We are considering to organise a regional NHV Conference back to back with the workshop.

#### **International movement of horses**

The International Horse Sport Confederation (IHSC) has in its own capacity carried out the following activities during 2023:

- Successful lobbying regarding legislative status of EHV-1 in the EU AHL
- Lobbying on the EU revised EU legislation on transport of horses



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- High level mission to China in August 2023
- Continued networking on R&D for a new, traceable vaccine against African Horse Sickness (AHS)
- Taskforce addressing the continued production issues with the current live AHS vaccine produced in South Africa.

Within the 5 years agreement with WOAH, IHSC has participated in the following activities:

- Follow up online workshops in FEI Group VII
- The WOAH Asia and the Pacific Consultancy Project (Funded by China
- Support to Thailand and Malaysia to recover AHS free status
- Support to Indonesia and Philippines to achieve AHS free status
- Facilitating the EDFZ for the Asian Games in Hangzhou
- The substantial progress in the IHSC-WOAH Americas project harmonisation of import/export (CGCAN and MERCOSUR)
- Preparation for quality testing of laboratories (Infectious anaemia etc.)
- Ongoing production of information material on Anti-Microbial Resistance in Drugs targeted specifically to non-veterinary stakeholders worldwide.

#### Disease related activities

The WOAH Terrestrial Code Chapters for Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM), Piroplasmosis and Equine Influenza were adopted by the WOAH General Session 2023.

The Code Chapters for Equine Encephalitis Viruses (VEE etc.) are under review.

#### **FEI CAMPUS**

The FEI Campus user number has increased to 38,083 for a total of 125 online courses plus examinations as of today.

The cooperation with the University of Zurich continues and we are able to add high academic level horsemanship courses on FEI Campus. These courses are of high value for the Equestrian Community also start to raise the interest of other education platforms.

A new hub was introduced to the platform: Horse Welfare. It consists of a forward video featuring the President and the Secretary General, three fundamental courses (an updated version of "The Study" and two new courses: "Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse" and "Ethics & Welfare – an introduction") and all horse wellbeing-related courses on FEI Campus.

All FEI Disciplines have a Foundation Course. In 2023, we will add Level 1 courses for all Stewards, in line with the FEI Education Programme to support our Officials' Education.

15 Horsemanship courses were translated into Spanish and we will continue to add more courses in 2023. After the success with one language, the project is enlarged now to Chinese, followed by Arabic. The NFs of Japan, Finland and Turkey signed agreements with the FEI to translate courses and publish them on FEI Campus.

The publication of the FEI Rules and Regulation videos continues to be a success and we constantly improve the format to deliver the most dynamic and concise explanations to our Officials. The development of FEI Campus 2.0 is ongoing and we hope to launch it by the end of 2023.



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#### **UKRAINE - FEI SOLIDARITY RELIEF FUND**

Established in February 2022, the dedicated CHF 1 Million FEI Solidarity Relief Fund for Ukraine has been actively supporting a number of equestrian related schemes across Ukraine and neighbouring nations receiving Ukrainian horses and Athletes. This includes, among other, the creation of a logistical hub in Granat (UKR), located between Lviv and the Polish border, to prepare horses for transfer into the European Union; funding and distribution to regional hubs of critical horse supplies such as feed and bedding; and, the emergency evacuation of a Vaulting team and Training camp to prepare International Vaulting competition.

Athletes training Vaulting – Polina Shovkova and Kateryna (Katya) Panasenko fulfilled a dream they have been working towards for some time now: to represent Ukraine at the FEI Vaulting World Championship for Juniors currently taking place in Flyinge (SWE). Along with three other members of their Vaulting team, the girls first left their hometown of Poltova in March 2022 to escape the war. They lived and trained in Bernolákovo, a suburb of Bratislava (SVK) for many months, where they were welcomed by members of the local Vaulting community and supported financially by the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) Solidarity Relief Fund. By May 2022, this team of five young women was setting a new record, becoming the first team to ever represent Ukraine in international Vaulting when they participated in a one-star competition in Kaposvár (HUN). Since then, it has been Polina and Katya who have been flying the yellow and blue flag high, progressing from one and two-star national events to victories at the international level. At the CVIJ1\* in Samorin (SVK) in June 2023, Polina and Katya both finished on the podium, their first key milestone on their road to the World Championships in Flyinge (SWE). It was also the first time that the Ukrainian anthem was played at an international Vaulting prize giving ceremony.

Based on the existing FEI Solidarity Athlete Scholarship scheme, two Ukrainian Jumping Athletes - Oleksandr Prodan and Anastasia Bondarieva - and two Ukrainian Dressage athletes - Danylo Konovalov and Diana Borovyk - have been selected to receive the scholarship grant to support training and competition related preparation with the ultimate goal of representing Ukraine at FEI Championships in 2022 and 2023.

The FEI Executive Board agreed to finance Jumping Athletes of the Ukrainian Team at the following competitions and individual participation for all European Championships, EEF Nation Cup and all the Olympic Qualificative in 2022 and 2023: 2022:

Financial support for Dressage and Jumping Team qualified to compete at the different Young European Championships: CHF 60'000 and financial support for the Ukrainian Athletes refugees in Poland: CHF 25'000.

#### 2023:

- 1. Gorla Minore . CSIO 3\* ( 4 RIDERS /Team Ukraine = EUR 10'000)
- 2. Athens CSIO 3\* (4 RIDERS /Team Ukraine = EUR 10'000)
- 3. Ebreichsdorf. CSIO 3\*(4 RIDERS /Team Ukraine = EUR 10'000)
- 4. Prague /Special Olympic Qualifier (4 RIDERS / Team Ukraine = EUR 10'000)
- 5. Team support qualify for EEF Nation Cup Final/ Warsaw CSIO4\*/ (4 RIDERS/ Team Ukraine = EUR 10'000)
- 6. Milano .CH.EU-Senior (2500 per rider) 2 riders = EUR 5'000 (Alisa Danilova and Oleksandr Prodan)

We sent a total of CHF 40'000 for the first 4 Competitions (Gorla Minore, Athens, Ebreichsdorf and Prague) and following the Qualifications: Ukrainian Team for the Final EEF Nation Cup in Warsaw and the European Championships, we will send the additional funds.



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We financed Ukrainian Jumping Team Head Coach for 2023 in the amount of CHF 30'000.

For 2022 and 2023, FEI Solidarity support Ukrainian Dressage and Jumping Team for a total of: CHF 170'000.

Details of the funds allocated over 1 year:

Young Athletes NF POL	4′410.00
Agripharm	75′047.50
Van Gorp Diervoeders NL	35′605.44
UKR NF Salary	49.500,01
Jumping Team Support / Charity Fund	40.000,00
Vaulting Performance camp UKR team	2.951,08
CVI Kaposvar Vaulting UKR team	5.456,80
Vaulting Performance camp UKR team	1.795,00
CVI Kaposvar Vaulting UKR team	3.450,00
Jumping Team Support / Coach fees	14.550,00
Veterinary Supplies / WorldWide Vet	50.000,00
CVI Samorin Baciak Zuzana	7.286,40
CVI Samorin Anthony Bro Petit Coaching	5.294,39

Total 290'936.62

CHF 444'576.71 have been distributed from the FEI (figures on 23 August 2022).

In total CHF 739'923.33 (CHF 444'576.71 + CHF 290'936.62) have been distributed out of CHF 1'141'085.58.

CHF 401'162.25 are remaining in the FEI Ukraine Solidarity Relief Fund.

#### **GENDER EQUALITY IN EQUESTRIAN SPORT**

#### Call for bids

In a bid to promote and encourage gender equality in equestrian sport around the world, FEI Solidarity offer a grant of CHF 20'000.-, to one specific NF project or programme whose main aim and focus is the promotion of gender equality on and/or off the field. This includes, but is not limited to, programmes in relation to governance and administration, Athletes participation, Coaches, Officials, Grooms, Farriers, etc.

Following a review of numbers of high-quality applications, the Selection Committee has awarded the 2023 FEI Gender Equality Grant CHF 20'000.- to the National Federation of Cambodia to fund a project on vocational training courses for female teenagers and young adults. The



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objective of this vocational curriculum is to train professional equine care givers and provide them with a CEF's certification, attesting to individual skills. Such a certification will allow the new graduate, to apply as a groom for various stables or riding clubs, to take care of horses and facilities' maintenance.

The Committee also decided to allocate the 2024 FEI Gender Equality Grant to the South African National Federation for a project to educate and train 100 Female Grooms across the country. GROW 100 is a gender equality initiative addressing the imbalances in equestrian sport in RSA, in the non-riding sector, breaking down harmful stereotypes, stigmas and environments within the equestrian community that hinder the accessibility for female-identifying participants.