



# **FEI™ PARA EQUESTRIAN FORUM**

25-26 February 2025

Birmingham (GBR)

Where are we now ?

# FEI Para Equestrian Technical Committee

Amanda Bond - Chair (HKG)

Suzanne Cunningham – Deputy Chair (AUS)

Mike Tomlinson (USA)

Rodolpho Riskalla (BRA)

Adrienne van Waardenberg-Nooren (NED)

Erin Orford – Athlete Rep (GBR)

Sharyn Gregory – Head Classifier (AUS)

Kerri Sowers – Deputy Head Classifier (USA)

## Committee Activity

- 1 x per month meeting via video calls
- 1 x per annum in-person meeting
- Ongoing email dialogue / decisions

# FEI Para Equestrian Headquarters Team



**Ronan Murphy**  
Director

**Chloe Harty**  
Para Equestrian  
Project Manager



**Thya Moritz**  
Education and  
Officials  
Administrator

**Larissa Rossi**  
Para Sports  
Manager



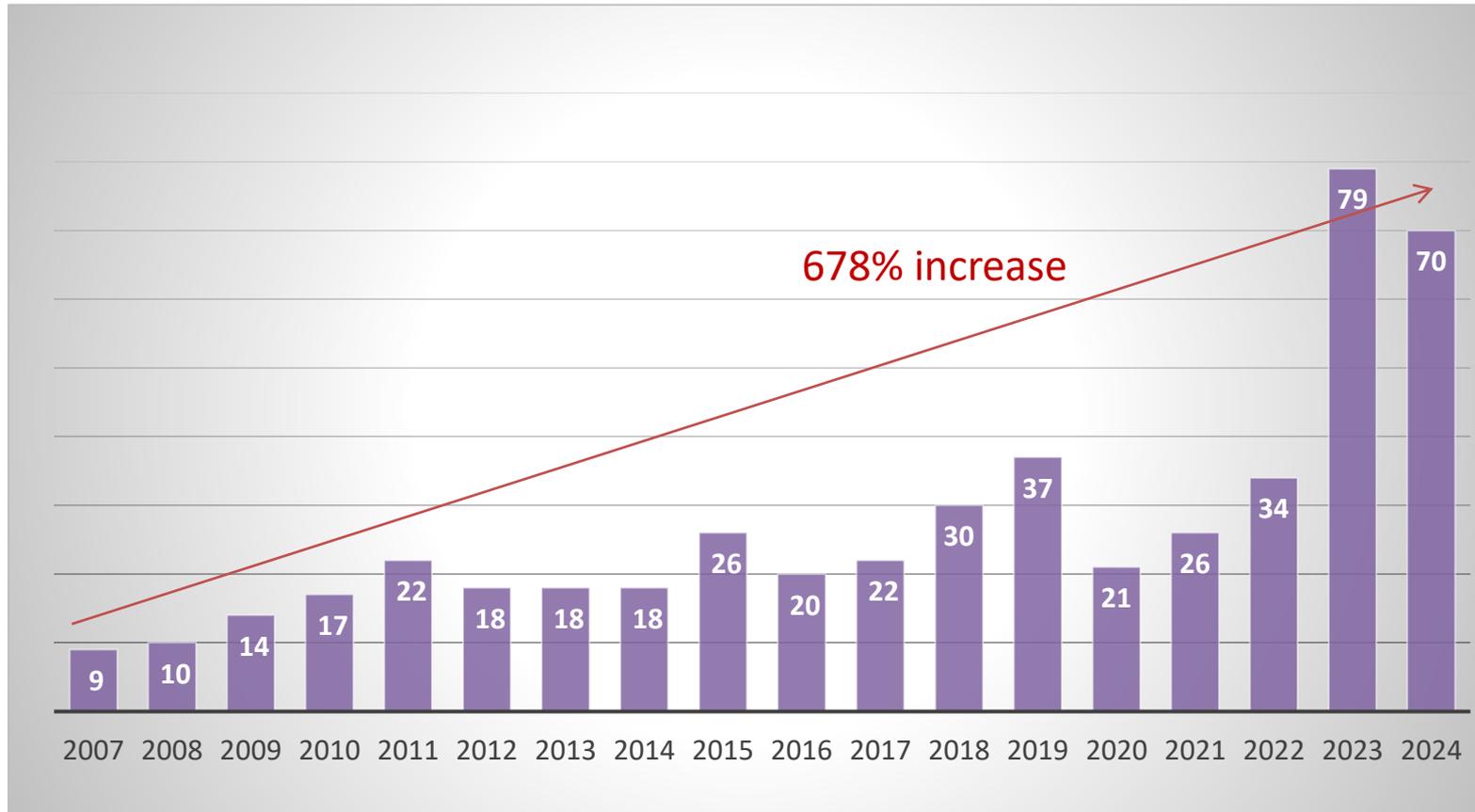
# FEI Para Equestrian – working groups

**Classification  
Working  
Group**

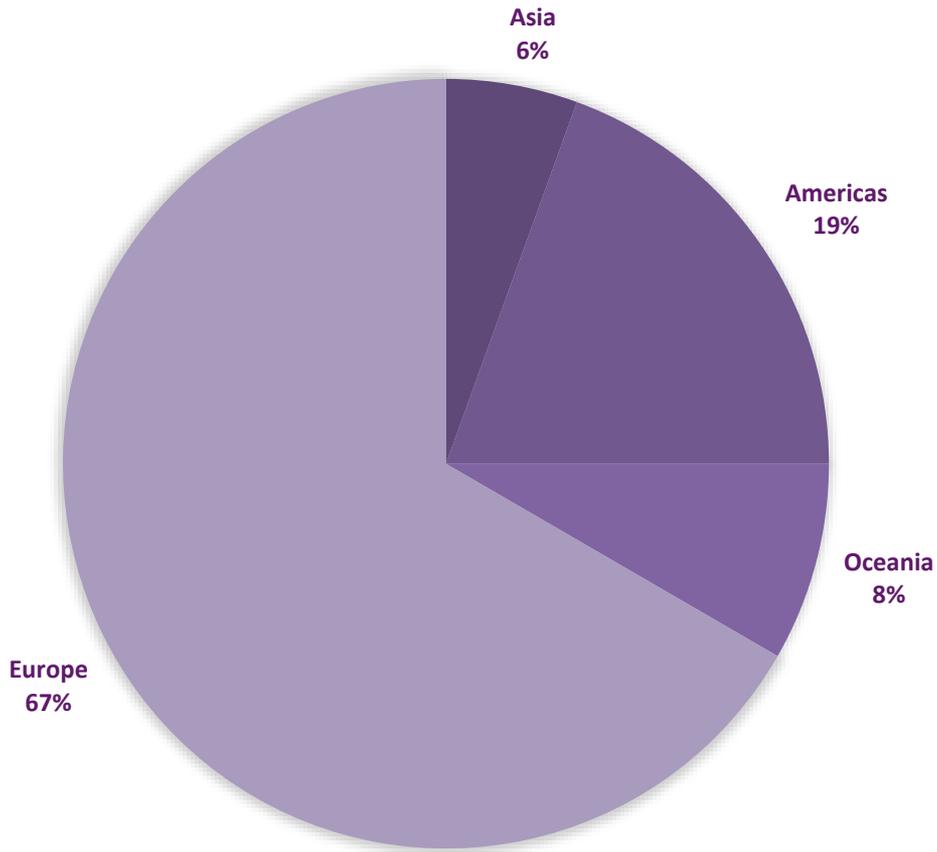
**Compensating  
Aids Panel  
(CAP)**

**Tests Working  
Group**

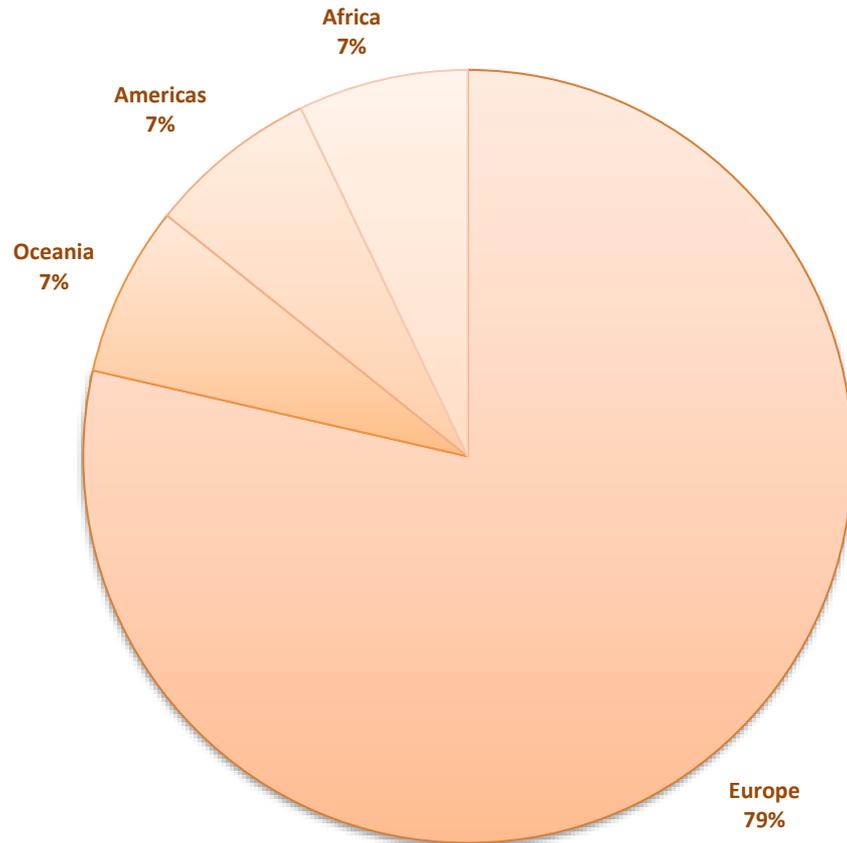
# Number of Para Dressage Events 2007 - 2024



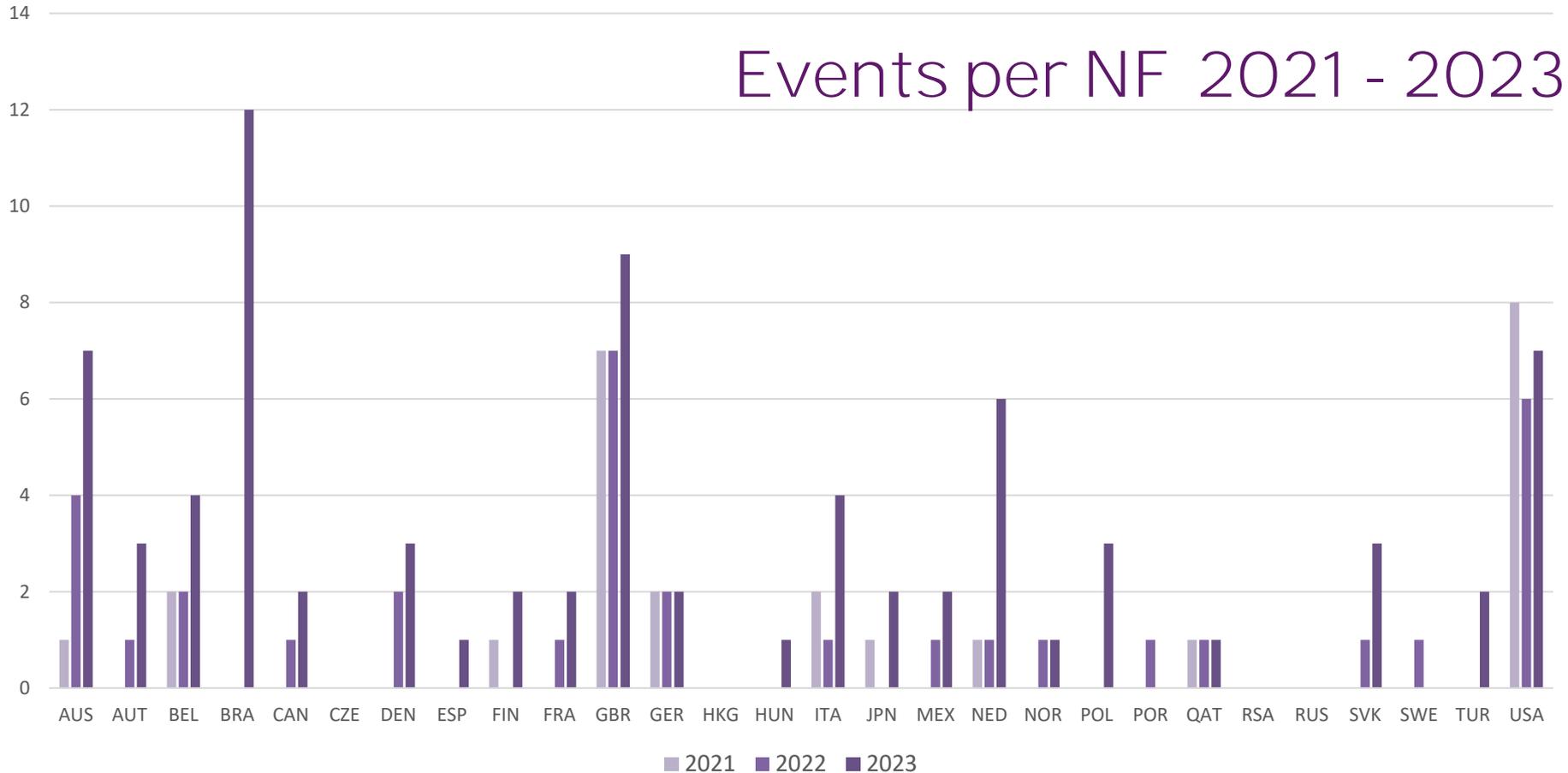
### Number of Events per Continent 2024



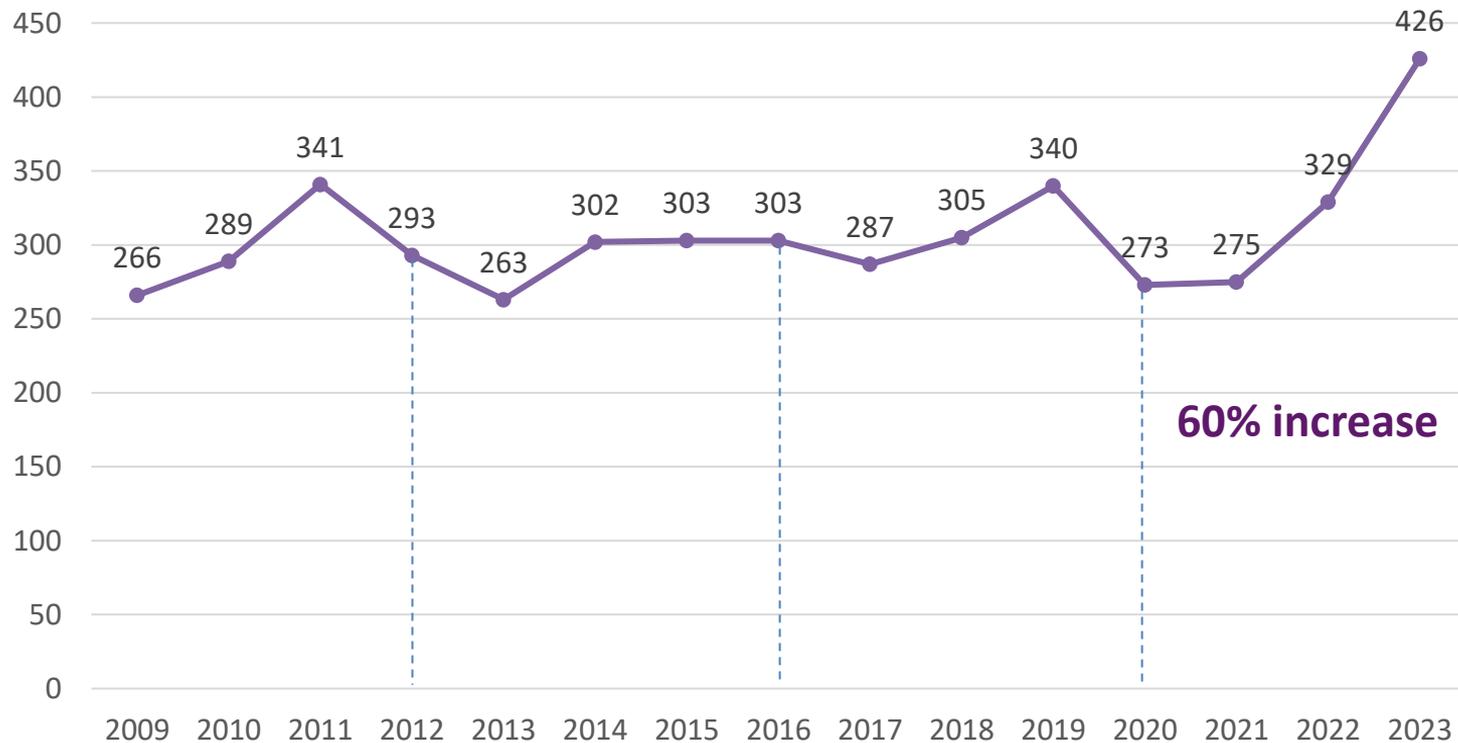
### Number of Events per Continent 2009



# Events per NF 2021 - 2023

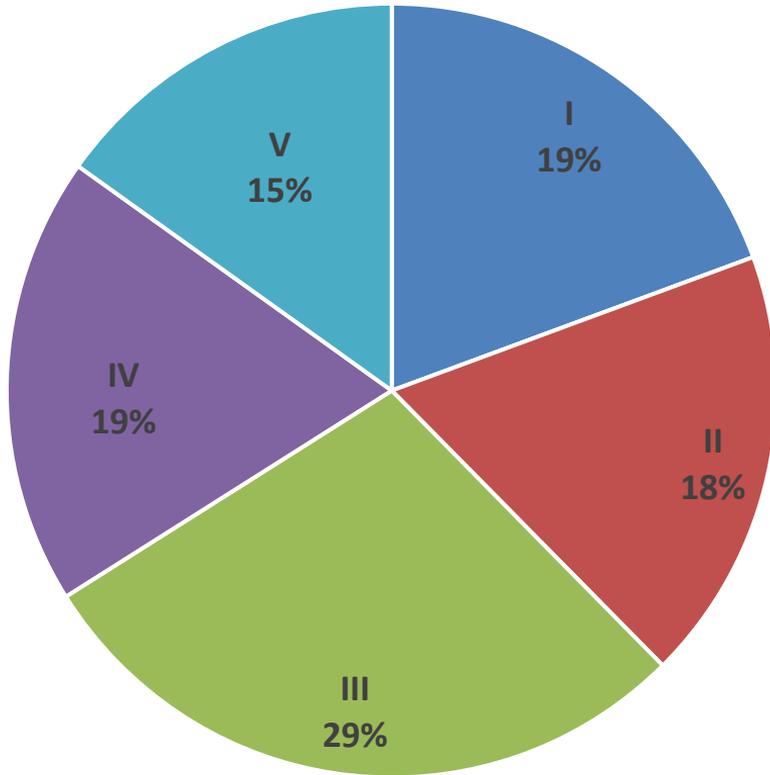


# Number of Registered Athletes 2009 - 2023

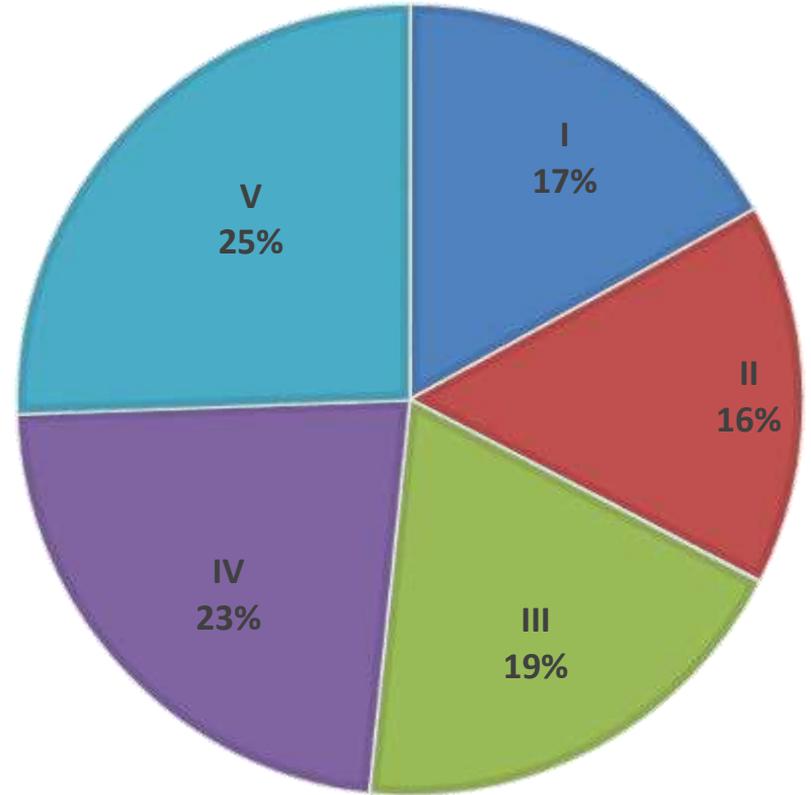


# Split of Grades

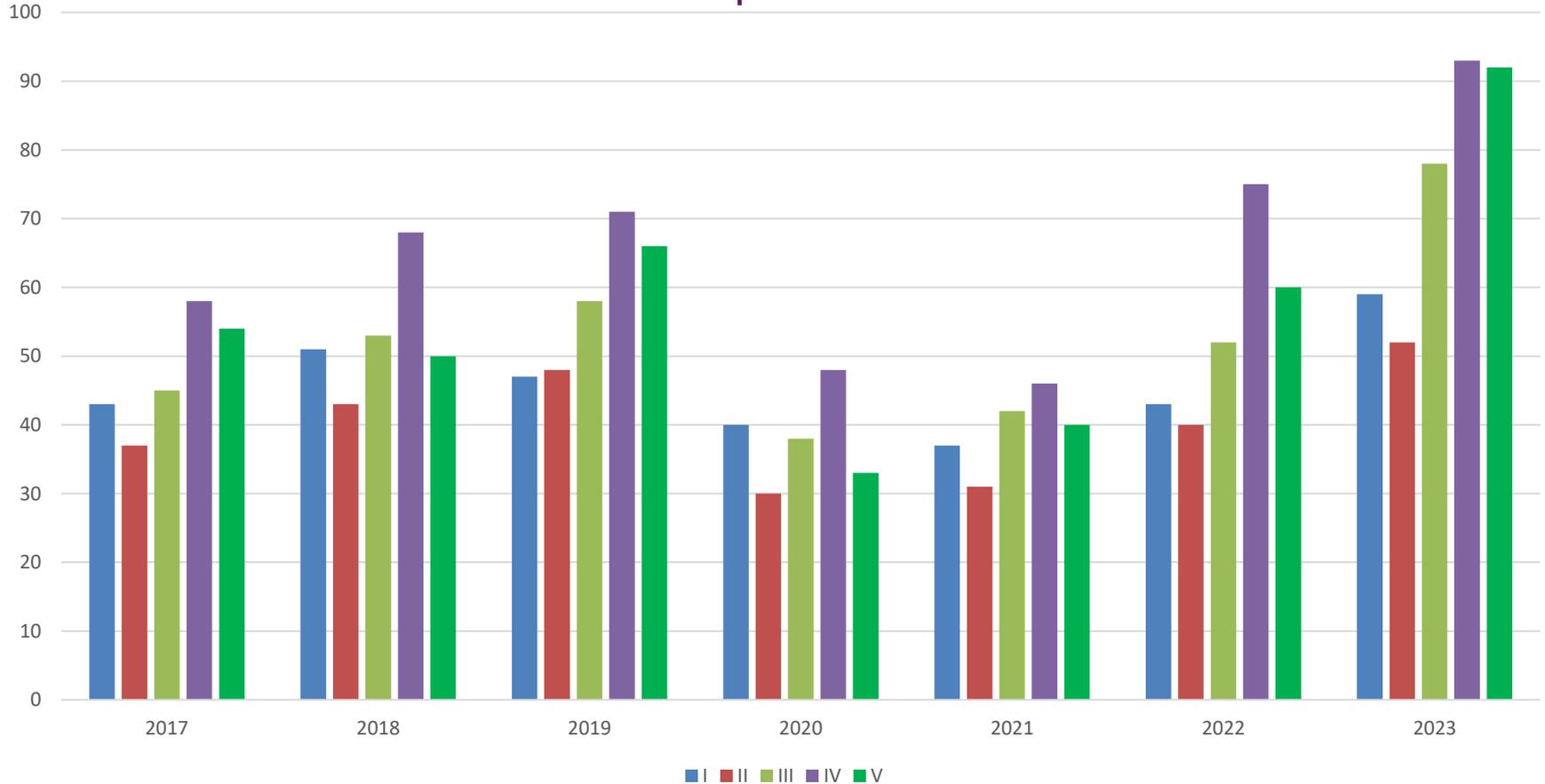
2009



2024

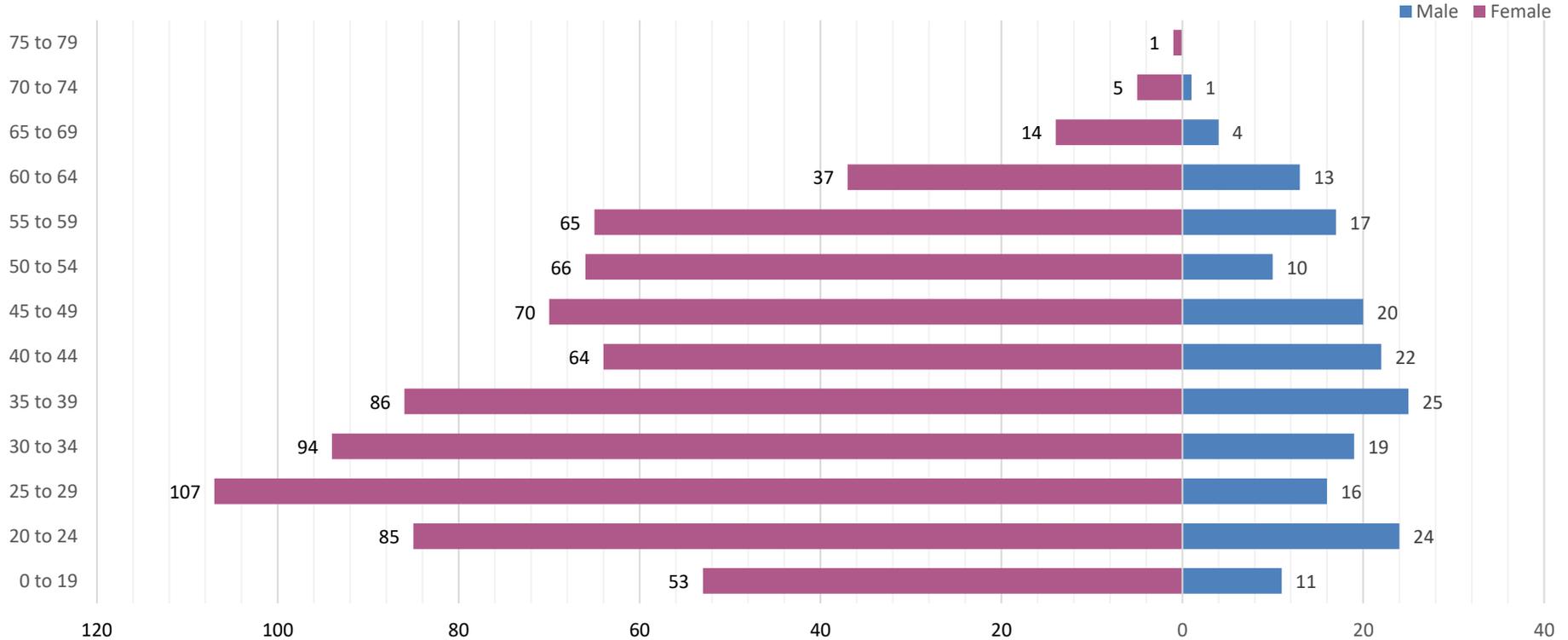


# Number of Athletes per Grade



# Demographics of Athletes

## Age Pyramid by Gender



# Promotion of Youth

FEI have been exploring ways to encourage more Youth participation and recognize their achievements in para equestrian sport.

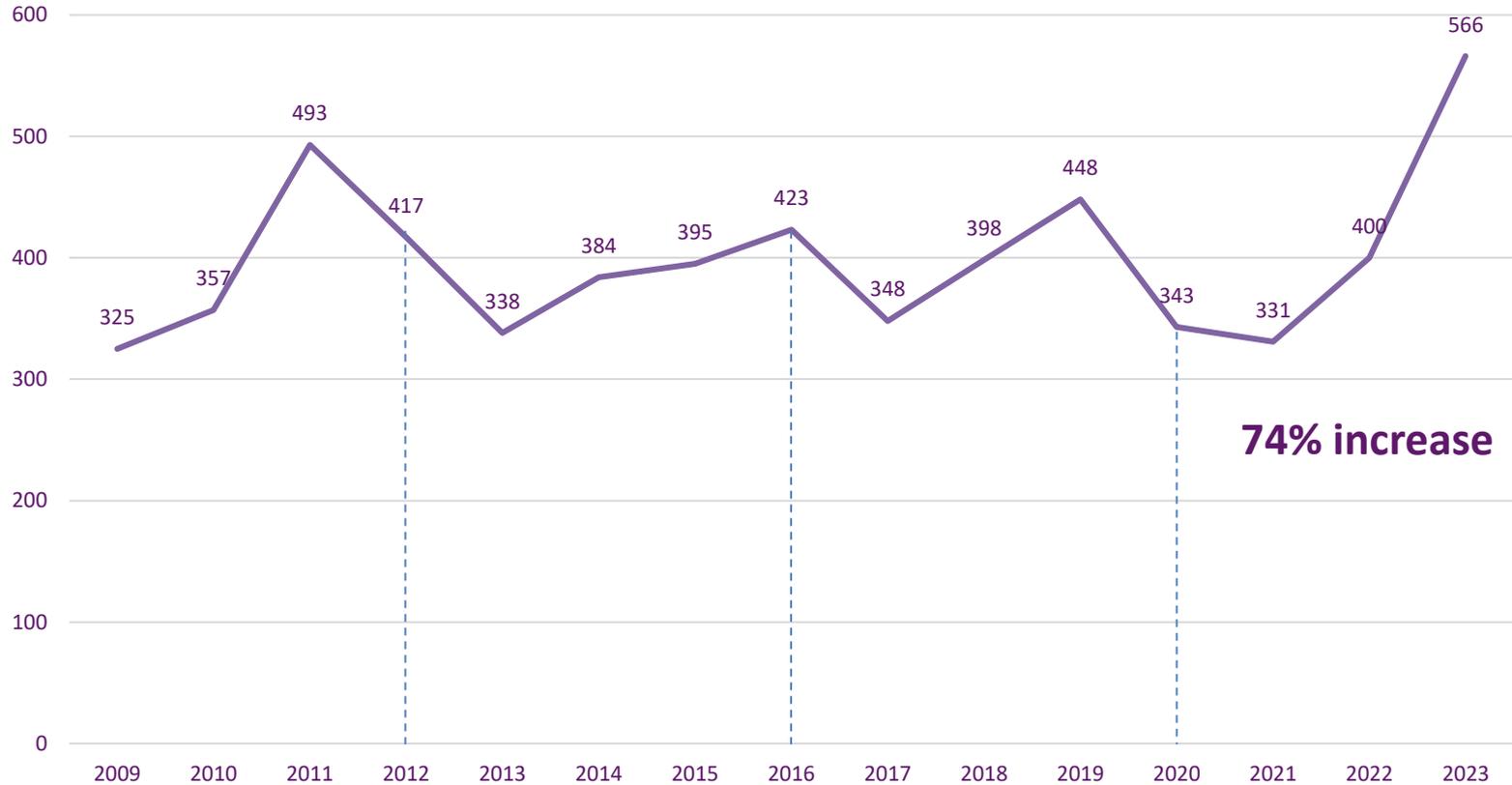
Not easy to have designated Youth classes / categories, as the current numbers do not support this initiative. Therefore:

Establishing new **Youth Rankings** for under 18 year old riders

Rankings per Grade and calculated and published monthly

End of the calendar year, an annual winner (per grade) will be announced

# Number of Registered Horses 2009 - 2023



# Officials - Judges

Level	Number of Judges
2	18
3	17
4	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>

Regional Group	Number of Judges
EEF	33
IV	6
V	2
VI	2
VIII	9

EEF – Europe

IV – North America

V – Central America / Mexico

VI – South America

VIII – Australasia

IX - Africa

# Officials - Classifiers

Level	Number of Classifiers
1	1
2	9
3	3
4	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>

Regional Group	Number of Classifiers
EEF	11
IV	4
V	0
VI	1
VIII	4

EEF – Europe

IV – North America

V – Central America / Mexico

VI – South America

VIII – Australasia

IX - Africa

# Officials - Stewards

Level	Number of Stewards
1	75
2	20
3	18
4	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>

Regional Group	Number of Stewards
EEF	68
IV	11
V	3
VI	6
VIII	25
IX	2

EEF – Europe

IV – North America

V – Central America / Mexico

VI – South America

VIII – Australasia

IX - Africa

# FEI Championships

## FEI Nordic and Baltic Championships

- Ypaya, Finland (25 – 29 June 2025)

## FEI European Championships

- Ermelo, Netherlands (3 – 7 September 2025)

## From 2025 FEI Asian Championships

- Pattaya, Thailand (24 – 30 November 2025)

# Paris Paralympic Games



# Paris Paralympic Games

- The MOST iconic venue
- 30 NPC's participated in the Paralympic Games – historic record number
- Continued positive feedback on competition format being easy to understand
- Medals won by 8 different NPC's

Rank	NPC	Total				Rank by Total
		G	S	B	Tot.	
1	USA - United States of America	5	1	1	7	=1
2	NED - Netherlands	2	4		6	=3
3	BEL - Belgium	2			2	=5
3	LAT - Latvia	2			2	=5
5	GER - Germany		3	3	6	=3
6	GBR - Great Britain		1	6	7	=1
7	ITA - Italy		1	1	2	=5
8	DEN - Denmark		1		1	8
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>33</b>

# Paris Paralympic Games – Social Media Reach

	 <b>Total fans</b>	 <b>Absolute Growth</b>	 <b>Growth rate</b>	 <b>Posts</b>	 <b>Impressions</b>	 <b>Video views</b>	 <b>Engagements</b>
<b>Paris 2024</b> <i>Paralympics</i>	<b>4.3m</b>	<b>7.9k</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>1.3k</b>	<b>123.2m</b>	<b>55.7m</b>	<b>2.5m</b>
<b>Tokyo 2020</b> <i>Paralympics</i>	-	-	-	703	113.0m	8.9m	1.4m
<b>Change</b> <i>Paris vs. Tokyo</i>	-	-	-	<b>+83%</b>	<b>+9%</b>	<b>+526%</b>	<b>+73%</b>

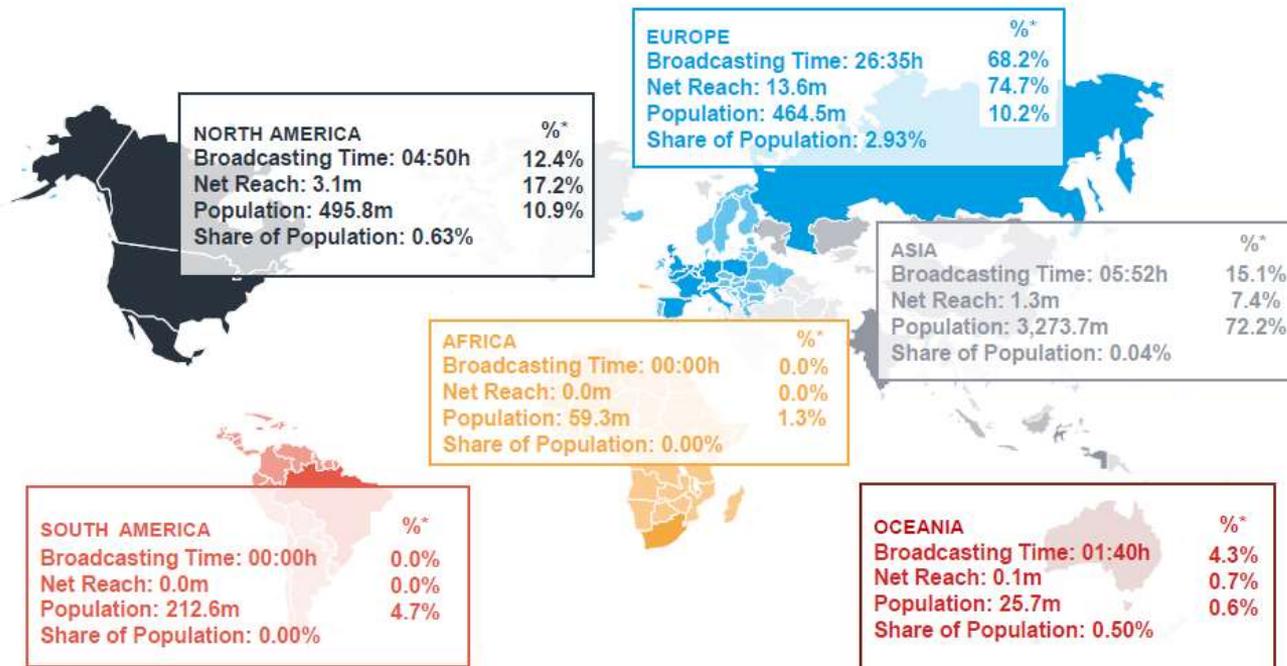
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## WORLDWIDE TV COVERAGE GLOBAL BROADCAST REPORT

Para Dressage



\*% Share of the global total value



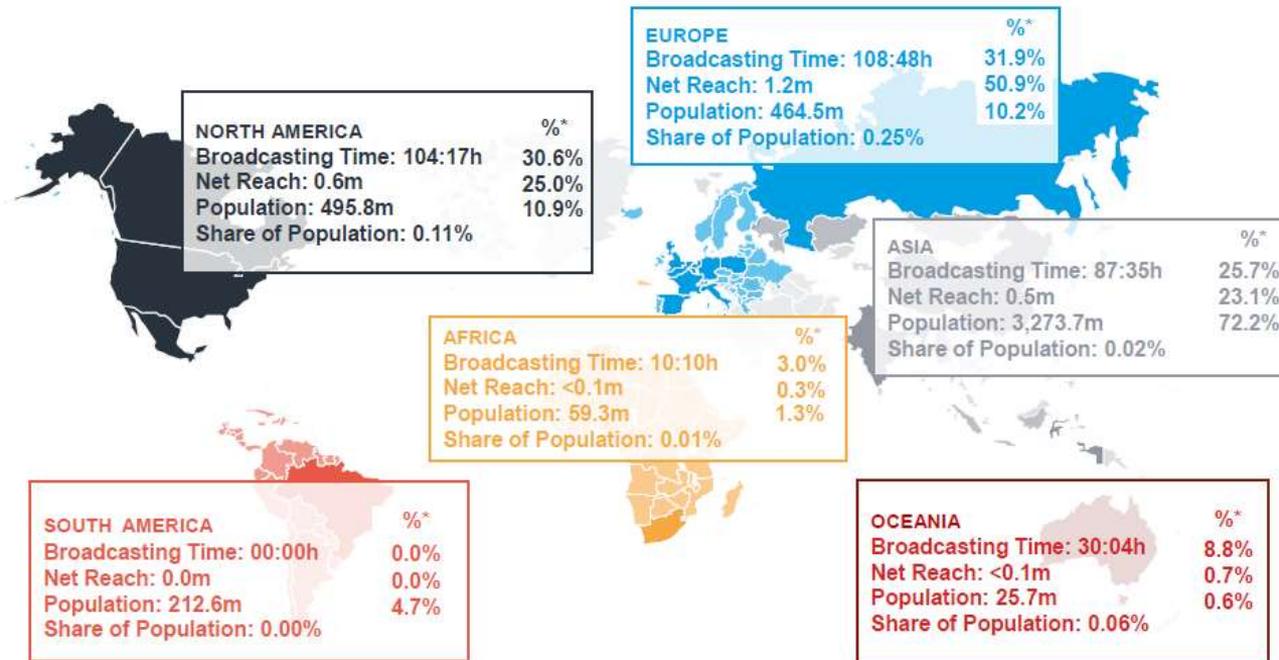
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## WORLDWIDE OTT COVERAGE GLOBAL BROADCAST REPORT

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# Paris Paralympic Games - Reach

WORLDWIDE TV & OTT COVERAGE  
NET REACH TOP 10 & SHARE OF POPULATION

Para Dressage



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Instagram

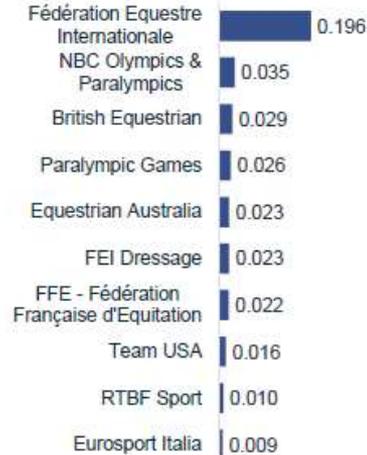


**Total: 2.053m**

Share of Engagement Top 10: 84%



Facebook



**Total: 0.439m**

Share of Engagement Top 10: 88%



X (Twitter)



**Total: 0.069m**

Share of Engagement Top 10: 74%

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**Total: 0.017m**

Share of Engagement Top 10: 99%



**Total: 0.053m**

Share of Engagement Top 10: 100%

# Ongoing areas of focus

- Continued social acceptance of equestrian sport and ensuring equine wellbeing
- Continued inclusion in the Olympic / Paralympic programme
- Completion of the Classification Review
- Implementation of IPC Classification code review
- Attracting and retaining officials
- Finding Organising committees to host events, particularly Championships
- Inclusion of intellectual impairments?