



FEI™ HYBRID GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEXICO CITY 18-21 NOVEMBER 2023

Sustainability & Accessibility
Supporting National Federations &
Organisers



Key Take-Away

What to do

Staging a sustainable event means that you use resources in an efficient and responsible way. Every action you take and decisions you consider can contribute towards reducing the negative impact of your event on the environment, and render a positive social and economic impact.

Start early and involve everyone

To be as effective as possible, sustainability needs to be an ever-present thought from your very first Event conceptualisation meeting until after the conclusion of your event. At the very start, set-up an ambitious

What to do

Ask these questions for every decision

Do we need this?

Is there a better way of doing this?

1. What is required?
2. Where does it come from?
3. What is it made of?
4. What is it packaged in?
5. What will happen to it afterwards?



Where to find help and information?

FEI Knowledgebase Event Organisers Guide

<https://knowledgebase.fei.org/>

Section 4.9 – Sustainability at FEI Events (including handbook)

FEI Campus

<https://campus.fei.org/>

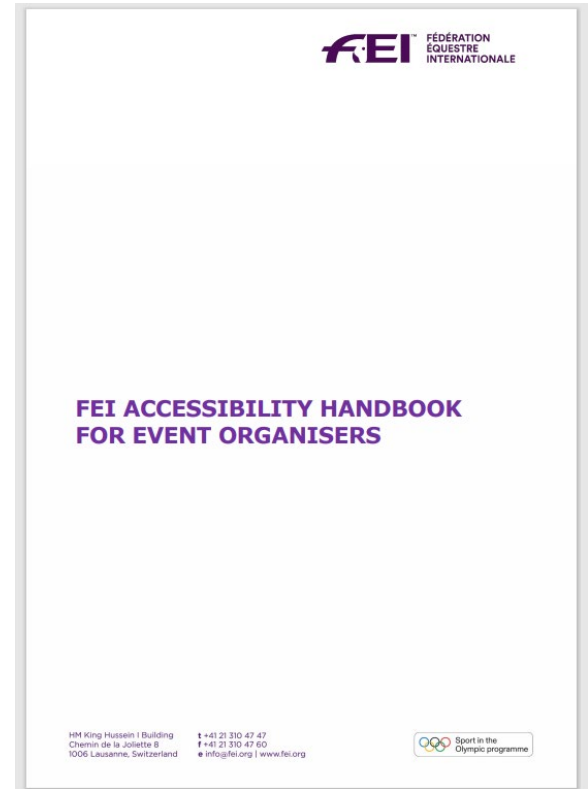
Horses and Sustainability – An Introduction

Sustainability in Equine Husbandry and Management

A new focus on accessibility...

FEI Accessibility Handbook for Event Organisers was created from the lessons learned during the FEI World Championships 2022 in Pratoni and Herning.

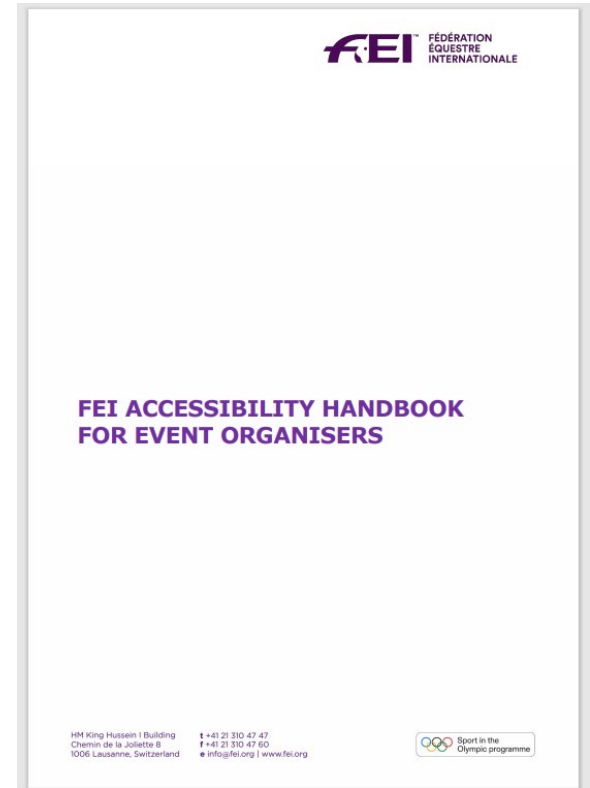
Aim is to **provide a systematic approach to making FEI Equestrian Events (para as well as able bodied events) more accessible** for para athletes and their support staff, spectators, media, volunteers and other stakeholders with disabilities.



Accessibility guidelines

What does it cover?

- How to make all areas of the venue and facilities fully accessible
- Accessible car park facilities and locations
- Disabled toilet requirements and considerations
- Providing information: accessible routes, dedicated services and facilities



How was the Handbook created?

FEI worked with **Ferdinando Acerbi**, Accessibility Consultant for the FEI Eventing and Driving World Championships 2022 in Pratoni and then with other accessibility experts, individuals with disabilities and professionals in the equestrian industry on the first edition.

The FEI is currently working on the second edition.



The Riesenbeck experience

FEI Dressage and Para Dressage European Championships in Riesenbeck (GER) in September 2023 was the first systematic application of the Handbook requirements at an Event.

Former Para Dressage World Champion **Stinna Tange** conducted a site visit with the organisers to ensure all areas of operations were accessible to people with limited mobility



Key lessons learned from Riesenbeck

1. Making accessibility a part of the planning process rather than an after thought is cost effective for organisers in the long term
2. Having someone who is dedicated to Accessibility on the team means that accessibility is considered early and across all aspects of event planning



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Section 3.3 - Accessibility Guidance

FEI Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Hub

<https://inside.fei.org/fei/about-fei/dei>

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Everyone has a part to play...and so many already are!

- Just some of the shows we know have strong sustainability strategies already – Herning, Gothenburg, Helsinki and Equita Lyon
- European Equestrian Federation
 - helping European federations to develop their own sustainability strategies
 - tool for calculating carbon footprint of the professional horse
- British Equestrian Federation and Horse Sport Ireland collaboration to develop baseline understanding of environmental impact leading to strategy and roadmap for positive impact
- A conscious and structured approach to accessibility taken by OCs of FEI World Championships 2022 in Herning and Pratoni – followed by FEI Dressage & Para Dressage European Championships, Riesenbeck 2023

START EARLY AND INVOLVE EVERYONE

EMBED ACCESSIBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY ACROSS ALL ASPECTS OF PLANNING

PLEASE USE AND PROMOTE THE USE OF THESE TOOLS

THANK YOU