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The summit takes place at Flyinge, 13-14 Sep 2024.

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[Tickets are booked through Tickster!](#)

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Titel/title:	Equine farmer´s needs and solutions to improve resilience of their farms in the area of equine health and welfare
Sammanfattning/ Abstract (max 250 word)	<p>This research was carried out as part of the collaborative project EUnetHorse, which aims to increase the resilience of horsefarms and improve their performance in terms of a) animal health and welfare, b) socio-economic factors, c) environmental sustainability and to create networks (farmers, trainers, advisors) to share knowledge and experiences. In order to identify both needs and existing solutions in the above-mentioned areas, 40 identical interviews were conducted in all participating countries in all sectors of horse-husbandry/disciplines. The results from Germany show that, in addition to economic challenges (60% of the interviewed farmers), there are particular needs in terms of animal health and welfare (45% of the interviewed farmers). The following were mentioned as priorities: compliance with and enforcement of existing animal-welfare guidelines; training and further education of veterinarians with regard to horses´ behavior and needs; better training of horse-people regarding ethologically appropriate husbandry, feeding and handling of horses; knowledge transfer from science to practice; evidence-based practices with regard to husbandry, feeding and horse-training; unbureaucratic approval procedures for the conversion/new construction of welfare-friendly husbandry-systems. With regard to (mental) health, the solutions already in place were primarily conversions of housing systems into open stables/group-housing, paddock trails, rearing young horses in herds on permanent pasture. Well-managed, this contributes significantly to the well-being and greater balance of leisure, sport, work and school horses. Furthermore, there are already offers for further training in horse behavior and learning behavior of horses, which contribute to the spread of horse-friendly handling and training methods.</p>
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9 countries; 15 project partners
360 interviews with equine farmers



AIMS

Increase resilience of horsefarms and improve their performance in terms of

- animal health and welfare
- socio-economic factors
- environmental sustainability

Create networks to share knowledge and experiences

First results of the German interviews

(n = 40)

45 % of interviewed farmers see a great need of improving welfare

FARMERS NEEDS

- compliance with and enforcement of existing animal-welfare guidelines
- Improving education of equestrians & veterinarians regarding horses' behavior and ethologically appropriate husbandry, feeding and handling of horses
- knowledge transfer from science to practice
- unbureaucratic approval procedures for welfare-friendly husbandry-systems

EXISTING SOLUTIONS

- conversions of housing systems into open stables/group-housing, paddock trails
- rearing young horses in herds on permanent pasture
- offers for further training in horse behavior and learning behavior of horses

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to disseminate the Solutions**