



BECOME A MEMBER OF VPETN

THE ASSOCIATION FOR EQUINE EXPORT AND TRANSPORT NETHERLANDS



INVEST IN *THE FUTURE* OF DUTCH HORSE EXPORT

**Together, we build a strong
horse export industry**

The Association for Equine Export and Transport Netherlands has been the trade association for professionals in equine export and transport since 2018. We connect entrepreneurs, government authorities and partners with one shared objective: a safe, clear and workable export and transport chain in which equine welfare is central. VPETN represents the interests of the sector, supports its members with complex export-related challenges, and strengthens the professional position of the Dutch equine export industry.

CONNECTION WITHIN THE EQUINE SECTOR, EXPORT & TRANSPORT

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OUR MISSION IS TO KEEP *EQUINE* *EXPORT* AND TRANSPORT SAFE, CLEAR AND WORKABLE.

The Dutch equine export represents an annual value of approximately € 470 million, with more than 24,000 horses exported each year. Behind these impressive figures lies a complex chain of regulations, certification, veterinary inspections, logistics and international coordination.



€ 470

MILLION



24.000

EXPORTED HORSES

ORGANISATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

The VPETN is structured as a strong, practice-oriented organisation in which members, board and operational team work closely together. The members form the heart of the association: exporters, transporters and related companies that are actively involved in equine export and logistics on a daily basis. Their knowledge, hands-on experience and practical insights form the foundation of VPETN's positions, priorities and activities.

The association is governed by a three-member board consisting of:

- Chantal Gelissen:
Gelissen Horse Transport
- Peter van Nieuwenborg:
Horse Service International
- Ale Schaap:
V.O.F. J. Schaap en Zn

These board members represent different links within the export and transport chain and bring extensive practical experience and entrepreneurship to the association. Through their companies, they have in-depth understanding of the challenges and opportunities within the sector. Together with the members, the board defines the strategic direction of VPETN and safeguards the interests of its constituency.

The day-to-day operations of VPETN are managed by the work organisation:

- Lianne van Dongen:
Independent Chair and veterinary specialist. She is responsible for the strategic and substantive leadership of the association and acts as a key point of contact with government authorities, supervisory bodies and international stakeholders.
- Rianne Aendenrooier:
Secretary and Treasurer. She is responsible for organisational structure, communication, administration and financial management, and provides direct support to the members.

Thanks to this compact and professional structure, VPETN benefits from short communication lines, efficient decision-making and a strong substantive position. This enables the association to act effectively as a connecting link between the sector and government, and to continuously advocate for a safe, clear and workable equine export and transport chain.

AS A MEMBER, YOU BENEFIT FROM:

- Representation of your interests towards policymakers, the Ministry of LVVN, the NWWA and European institutions
- Up-to-date information on export regulations, animal welfare and certification requirements
- Guidance in dealing with changing regulations, both nationally and internationally
- Knowledge sharing and cooperation within a professional network
- Strengthening the quality, reliability and reputation of the sector
- Individual advocacy and tailored support

Together, we demonstrate that the sector is broadly supported and professionally organised.

ROAD TRANSPORTER

For professional road transporters focused on the transport of horses within and outside the Netherlands.

This membership provides access to:

- Sector information and updates
- A network of recognised professionals
- Collective representation of interests regarding the revision of the Transport Regulation
- Positioning as a professional and reliable partner
- Active involvement in policy development and consultation structures

€ 900,00

per year

ROAD TRANSPORTER + EXPORT LOCATION + TRACES

For road transporters who, in addition to transport, are involved in the preparation and management of TRACES documentation and operate an approved export location.

This membership provides access to:

- All benefits listed above
- Substantive support and knowledge sharing related to TRACES and export locations
- Representation in developments aimed at simplifying digital export procedures

€ 2000,00

per year

ROAD TRANSPORTER + EXPORT LOCATION + TRACES + E-CERT

For road transporters fully active in transport, TRACES and e-Cert certification for both EU and third countries, and who operate an export location.

This membership provides access to:

- All benefits listed above
- Up-to-date information on, and substantive involvement in, third-country export certification

€ 3000,00

per year

ASSOCIATIONS

For sector or interest associations that are active within or connected to the equine export and transport sector and support the objectives of VPETN.

This membership provides access to:

- Participation in the VPETN network
- Coordination and cooperation at sector-wide level
- Joint representation of interests towards government authorities and institutions
- Strengthening the position of the sector as a whole

€ 2400,00

per year

USE OF MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

The membership fees of VPETN are used for general and collective association purposes that benefit all members of the association

THESE INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- Advocacy towards political bodies, the Ministry of LVN, the NVWA, and European institutions.
- General support for a professional, reliable, and future-proof sector, for example through a solid legal framework for export locations, the use of multiple laboratories for export testing to third countries, and the relaxation of requirements for the isolation of horses.
- Structural consultation and coordination with the **Sectorraad Paard (SRP) and the Federatie Nederlandse Hippische Brancheorganisaties (FNHB)**.
- Organization of company visits and networking meetings for members with government representatives, political bodies, and/or stakeholders.
- Very direct and up-to-date information provision via, among other things, WhatsApp, in connection with outbreaks of animal diseases such as West Nile virus (WNV) or Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA).
- Promotion and profiling of VPETN and its members:
 - *Mention in press releases and social media communications.*
 - *Logo and link on the association's homepage.*
 - *Logo on banners during working visits and events.*
- Chairmanship and secretarial services of VPETN.

VPETN: THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE EQUINE SECTOR, EXPORT AND TRANSPORT

Join VPETN and work together with fellow professionals towards a strong, future-proof and internationally leading Dutch equine export sector.



INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATION AND TAILORED SUPPORT

Activities that are specifically aimed at the interests of one or more individual members are not covered by the regular membership contribution. This includes, but is not limited to

- Assistance in the event of incidents or emergencies
- Tailor-made processes or individual support

SUCH ACTIVITIES ARE:

- Assessed individually by the Chair and Secretary of VPETN
- Only carried out if they align with the objectives of the association
- Where applicable, invoiced separately or executed based on additional agreements

Through this approach, VPETN ensures careful, transparent and fair use of membership contributions, as well as a clear distinction between collective and individual interests.

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