

Agreement for Strategic Cooperation in the Equine Industry

Between the Government of the State of Maryland and the Government of the Hauts-de-France Region

To further advance their partnership and cooperation, and considering their respective strengths to facilitate a long-term mutually beneficial, sustainable, and close collaborative partnership, the State of Maryland and the Hauts-de-France Region (together the "Parties") agree to the following nonbinding framework of exchange and cooperation in the equestrian industry ("Equestrian Agreement"):

Section 1

Consistent with their Memorandum of Understanding: Sister State Agreement ("MOU"), signed December 2, 2020, which also refers to the equine industry as a sector of cooperation, the Parties will adhere to the principle of mutual benefit, with the goal of making the horse industry a platform for cooperation.

Section 2

The Parties may carry out cooperation in:

- A. Youth and student exchanges, including professional "shadowing" opportunities;
- B. Development of apprenticeship or working-student programs for horse care professionals in all facets of the equine industry, both in racing and non-racing disciplines;
- C. The design of educational courses within equine science programs at colleges and universities in each of these regions; and
- D. Attendance at festivities and events, including for Horse Month in October in Maryland, and the Prix de Diane and Compiègne Classic in Hauts-de-France.

Section 3

The Parties will act in good faith in implementing the terms of this Equestrian Agreement.

Section 4

This Equestrian Agreement will not preclude either Party from entering similar arrangements with any other party.

Section 5

Each Party is responsible for its own costs and expenses in carrying out the purposes and implementation of this Equestrian Agreement.

Section 6

This Equestrian Agreement takes effect from the date on which both Parties have signed and is valid until December 2, 2025, to coincide with the MOU. It may be renewed to a term extension by written consent of the Parties. In the absence of any consent to an extension of the term the Equestrian Agreement will be deemed to have expired at the end of its term. Notwithstanding the foregoing this Equestrian Agreement may be terminated at any time by either Party with or without cause

Section 7

This Equestrian Agreement is made in duplicate, French and English, with both versions being equally valid. Each copy has the same legal effect.

19 June 2022

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.

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Governor
State of Maryland

Francois Decoster

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Vice President
Region of Hauts-de-France