

Collecting data for a Grass.e Europe !

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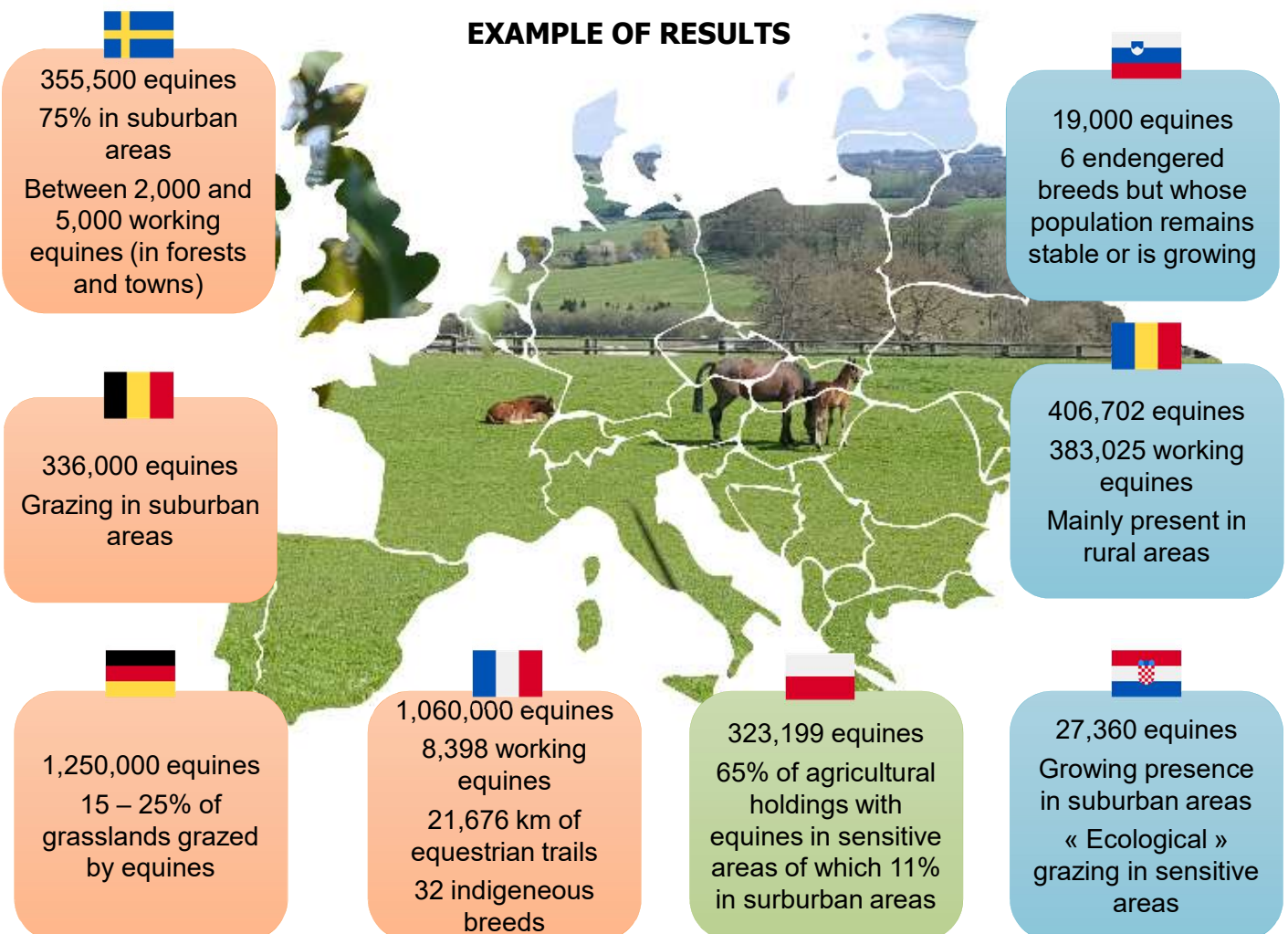
INTRODUCTION

In the absence of centralised statistics on the European equine sector and, in line with the Green Deal, the ODEFI project aims to collect data related to the fields where equines have positive and negative externalities on the environment. The objective is to provide collective knowledge that can be shared between States to better integrate the equine sector into current environmental issues, particularly via the Common Agricultural Policy 2021-2027.

METHOD

The tool consists of 58 indicators divided into 6 groups related to the five green assets identified through bibliographic review: general information, grazing, animal biodiversity, land use, equine work and tourism. The data is filled in by representatives of the sector surveyed and completed by external sources (e.g. Eurostat). Each piece of data should be provided as accurately as possible, specifying the scale, source and other details of its quality.

EXAMPLE OF RESULTS



CONCLUSION

There is considerable heterogeneity between countries regarding the availability of data. However, a first typology can be drawn with three groups of countries : **(1) the horse seen as an agricultural tool bred in extensive conditions or intended for meat market;** **(2) the horse intended for sport or leisure, and a renewed interest in working equines;** **(3) an intermediate situation : a population composed of draft horses but a sector driven by the sport and leisure market.**