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# Output 8 Horse care and harness racing in Europe Axxell Brusaby



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## Format overview

### Axxell Brusaby

### Equine

CONTACT INFORMATION	ACTIVITY CONTENTS
Axxell Brusaby	Equine -
Number of Unit	08
Title of the Unit	Horse care and harness racing in europe
Name of member	Axxell Utbildning Ab/Axxell Brusaby
Name of Team partners	AERES (NL), VONK (NL), Skjetlein vgs (NO)
LEARNING OUTCOMES	DESCRIPTION
	<p><b>KNOWLEDGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caring for harness racing horses</li> <li>• Driving and exercising harness racing horses</li> <li>• Basics about Finnhorse breeding; four different breeding goals</li> <li>• How racing tracks function</li> </ul>
	<p><b>SKILLS</b></p> <p>Horse driving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have knowledge of safe handling of trained horses in different ages and situations</li> <li>• Have the knowledge and uses the right basic tack for harness racing horses</li> <li>• Drives a trained horse in walk and trot in horse training areas (racing track, training roads)</li> <li>• Shares knowledge about harness racing, history and current state in Finland, the Netherlands and Norway</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Breeding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is familiar with the basics of Finnhorse breeding and the breeding goals</li> <li>• Is familiar with the history of the Finnhorse</li> <li>• Is familiar with the breed typical behavior</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluates the horses' exterior, leg formation and movements according to breeding goals</li> <li>work together with students from foreign (European) countries in English</li> </ul>
	<p><b>COMPETENCES</b></p> <p>By the end of this learning unit successful students are competent in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>working in a foreign culture</li> <li>working in a foreign language</li> <li>taking part in transnational workshops</li> </ul>
<p><b>Stages and results</b></p>	<p><b>Project description:</b> Target group: equine students level 3-4</p> <p><b>Aim</b> Get acquainted with harness racing in Europe in general, learn to drive a trained horse at the practice racing track and become acquainted with the Finnhorse.</p>

EXAMPLE SCHEDULE	DESCRIPTION
<p><b>DAY 1</b></p>	<p><b>Arrival in Finland, settling in at the boarding school in Axxell Brusaby</b></p>
<p><b>DAY 2</b></p>	<p><b>Theory and getting familiar with the school</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome + introduction of the schedule, school rules and tour of school, getting to know each other.</li> <li>Stablework; learning the routines and getting to know the horses</li> <li>(evening: Spare time/ Boarding School Activity)</li> </ul>



<b>DAY 3</b>	<p><b>Theory and practical work</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theory about harness racing and general horse driving</li> <li>• Stableroutines and theory</li> <li>• (evening: Spare time/ Boarding School Activity)</li> </ul>
<b>DAY 4</b>	<p><b>Theory and practical work</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stable work and driving horses</li> <li>• Driving theory and Finnhorse theory</li> <li>• (evening: Spare time/ Boarding School Activity)</li> </ul>
<b>DAY 5</b>	<p><b>Excursion day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visiting Finnhorse breeder(s)</li> <li>• Visit to the Metsämäki - racetrack and stables</li> <li>• (evening: Spare time/ Boarding School Activity)</li> </ul>
<b>WEEKEND</b>	Free time and possible excursions
<b>DAY 6</b>	<p><b>Theory and practical work</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Driving horses, stable duties</li> <li>• Theory about driving and training physiology</li> <li>• (evening: Spare time/ Boarding School Activity)</li> </ul>
<b>DAY 7</b>	<p><b>Excursion and practical work</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visiting Finnhorse breeder</li> <li>• Driving horses</li> <li>• (evening: Spare time/ Boarding School Activity)</li> </ul>
<b>DAY 8</b>	<p><b>Whole day excursion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday races at Vermo racingtrack and harness racing school in Espoo</li> </ul>



<b>DAY 9</b>	<b>Theory and practical work</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stable duties and driving horses</li> <li>• Preparations for following days driving event &amp; reflections over visit</li> <li>• (evening: Spare time/ Boarding School Activity)</li> </ul>
<b>DAY 10</b>	<b>Practical work and finishing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stable duties and driving skill show on the racetrack</li> <li>• Evaluation of the learning unit</li> <li>• Evening activity together</li> </ul>
<b>WEEKEND</b>	Trip back home

<b>Key Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow classes at the college</li> <li>• Working together with our students and take care of our horses in the stables</li> <li>• Learning basics about harness racing and driving horses</li> <li>• Joining study visits to breeders, racing tracks and harness racing school</li> </ul>
<b>EQF level</b>	4
<b>Duration of activity</b>	Two weeks, 10 days at school
<b>ICT Tools</b>	Own laptop + smart phone
<b>Organization of the activity</b>	Housing of the students Boarding school of Axxell Brusaby
<b>Number of students/staff involved</b>	Max of 6 students from other schools
<b>Minimum knowledge that the students must know</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic knowledge about horses required</li> <li>• English verbal &amp; written skills needed</li> </ul>
<b>Period in which the module is offered</b>	Might be changeable/negotiable every year. Preferred time is weeks 40 and 41.



<b>Hereby I give my permission to be contacted by interested parties</b>	Yes
<b>Name / email</b>	international@axxell.fi

## List of possible excursions

Possible excursions which connects to the unit

Name of the company	Kind	Address	Contacts	Excursion / Masterclass/ Workshop
<b>Vermo racingtrack</b>	Racing track and harnessracing school	N/A	N/A	Excursion
<b>Stall Hagman</b>	Finnhorse breeding (racing)	N/A	N/A	Excursion
<b>Kylämäki Finnhorses</b>	Finnhorse breeding (racing- and ridinghorses)	N/A	N/A	Excursion
<b>Metsämäki racing track</b>	Racing track and stables	N/A	N/A	Excursion

Possible excursions which is related to bonding and culture

Name of the activity	Address	Contacts / special days
<b>Visit to Kasnäs Spa</b>	Kasnäsintie 1294, 25930 Kemiönsaari, Finland	Open daily
<b>Visit to Storfinnhova gård</b>	Finnhovantie 163, 25860 Björkboda, Finland	To be announced
<b>Turku City</b>	-	During the free time on weekends
<b>Helsinki/Korkeasaari Zoo</b>	Blåbärslandsstigen 12, 00811 Helsinki	During the free time on weekends



# Info brochure start unit

## Information about selecting criteria

- Students must participate in the virtual assignment
- Students can write and speak English

## Student invitation

### Horse care and harness racing in Europe

Axxell Brusaby, date

Welcome to Axxell Brusaby!

When our students graduate, they are broadly trained for all kinds of functions related to management and care of horses. The aim is that those educated from Axxell will always have the animals best interest and wellbeing in the centre of their work. They have developed knowledge and skills in how to interpret animals' behavior and health.

This learning unit is for you who is interested to learn the basics of practical harness racing and care of racing horses. We want you to have an open mind, be flexible and willing to work outside office hours.

During the two weeks you will work in our stables taking care of the horses together with our students and participate in other activities. Example:

- Lectures at Axxell Brusaby
- Excursions to stables, breeders and racing tracks connected to harness racing and Finn horses.
- Social and cultural activities together with students from Axxell and other VET

**Where:** Axxell Brusaby (closest airport: Helsinki Airport, Finland)

**When:** .....

#### Selection criteria:

- Students studying in the equine sector who are interested in learning the basics about harness racing
- Students who have participated in the virtual assignment connected to this learning unit

**Accommodation:** The boarding school of Axxell Brusaby

**Instructions for Application:** Create your EuroPass CV and presentation letter and a recommendation letter from your teacher/international coordinator

**Deadline:** The last day for applications is .... Send your application to: ...  
A packing list, instructions etc. will be sent out closer to departure date.





## Welcoming letter to Axxell Brusaby

Welcome to Finland and Axxell Brusaby!

### Date

Through this exchange, you will learn about Finnhorse breeding, harness racing in Europe and care of racing horses. You will meet equine students from other European countries and together visit local horse breeders and racing tracks. You will also practice your horse driving skills at the schools racing track and outdoor areas.

The theme for your visit to Finland is harness racing and Finnhorses. There will be both a practical and theoretical approach to this topic, with classroom lessons as well as study visits and practical work at the stables at Axxell Brusaby.

For the two weeks you'll be staying at the boarding school of Axxell Brusaby located in the small village Kimito located in the Finnish archipelago. You will share room with another student and have cooking facilities available. You are also able to eat breakfast, lunch and dinner at school for a small cost. Breakfast is served from 7.15-8.25, lunch from 11.30-12.30 and dinner from 16.00-17.00. During the weekends the school's kitchen is closed, but if you want you can ask for to have them)

and get packed lunches for the weekend on Friday at lunchtime (remember to ask for the packed lunches if you want

When you arrive at Helsinki airport you will have to take the train to Salo and there you will be picked up by your contact person (you will receive information about who your contact person is a few days before arrival). Please note that there are no alcohol, tobacco or drugs are allowed at the school or the boarding school. Smoking is prohibited on the whole school area.

The usual school day at Axxell is 8.30-16.00. Mostly we will follow the regular schooldays. But some days we will have different starting or ending times. We will inform you when that will be. You are also very welcome to take part in the evening activities arranged for the students at Axxell Brusaby

**Assessment:** Besides following lessons and doing practical work, you will get assignments that you can do individually or in mixed groups, with students from the different schools. On the last day there will be a practical presentation of acquired skills where students drive the horses on the racing track.

### Packing list:

- Passport
- If necessary Covid-QR code
- 'Everyday' clothes for all days.
- Bring clothes to be outside in all weathers.
- Toiletries
- Working clothes for the practical lessons and working with hores.
- Laptop/smart phone for schoolwork
- Chargers
- A small backpack for daytrips.





**Participant list**

Name	School	Country

In addition to this list, there are more students from our school who (might) also participate parts of this course.

**Teams meeting**

On .... We will have a teams meeting for all the students traveling to Finland.

Our students and we are looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you better and have a nice time!

Greeting from .... , Teachers at Axxell Brusaby, Finland



# Overview of unit material

## Teacher manual

### 1. Introduction

This is the manual of the Horse care and harness racing in Europe given at Axxell Brusaby. In this project there are students involved from the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Finland. The students run along their own program with lessons and projects in a second or third year studying on EQF level 4. The students have their own subjects and lessons where Axxells' students are involved. The content of this unit is developed together with the other partner schools.

In this manual you will find a suggestion of the program for the Learning Unit from day to day and a description of the theoretical lessons.



## 2. Program

A program for learning unit 02 can look like this:

Program LU 04 Axxell Brusaby <b>Date</b>		
Sun	Arriving in Finland – Settling in at the boarding school	
	<b>First week</b>	<b>evening</b>
Monday	<b>Morning:</b> Welcome, get to know each other Guided tour in the stable and at the school, overview of 2 weeks program <b>Afternoon:</b> Working in the stable, learn the horses, feeding the horses	Activity: dinner together with all participants
Tuesday	<b>Morning:</b> Stable routines and theory <b>Afternoon:</b> Horse care and driving theory	Activity: Students preparing food for each other and presenting their food culture
Wednesday	<b>Morning:</b> Stable routines and driving horses <b>Afternoon:</b> Driving theory	Activity: Spending time with other students + Free time
Thursday	<b>Morning:</b> Driving horses <b>Afternoon:</b> Finnorse theory	Activity: Spending time with other students + Free time
Friday	<b>Morning:</b> Excursion to Finnhorse breeder <b>Afternoon:</b> Going to the races	Activity: Spending time with other students + Free time
Weekend	<b>Possibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visit to weekend horseraces</li> <li>- Visit Helsinki or to Turku</li> <li>- Visit to Kasnäs Spa</li> <li>- Walk in the Finnish nature/forest (everybody is allowed to walk in the forests and pick berries and mushrooms)</li> </ul>	
	<b>Second Week</b>	<b>Evening</b>
Monday	<b>Morning:</b> Driving horses, stable duties <b>Afternoon:</b> Theory, driving / training physiology	Activity: Finnish Sauna Evening
Tuesday	<b>Morning:</b> Visiting Finnhorse breeder <b>Afternoon:</b> Driving horses	Activity: Spending time with other students + Free time
Wednesday	<b>Whole Day Excursion:</b> Wednesday races and harness racing school in Helsinki	Activity: Spending time with other students + Free time
Thursday	<b>Morning:</b> Working in the stable, driving horses <b>Afternoon:</b> Theory and reflection over visit	Activity: Farwell party
Friday	<b>Morning:</b> Stable duties, driving final “exam” <b>Afternoon:</b> packing and preparing diner together	Activity: Departure to Helsinki where the participants will spend the last night



### 3. Theoretical lessons

There are 5 different topics for theoretical lessons:

- Horse driving theory (history and how to)
- Finnhorse theory (breeding and use)
- General harness racing
- Training physiology
- General horsecare

The theory lessons given aim to prepare and support the students for practical assignments, stable duties, developing horse driving skills.

### 4. Practical lessons and assignment

The aim for the students is to by the end of two weeks independently care for and drive a trained horse on the schools racing track, a normal exercise for the horse. This is be the main assignment including choice of tack and pre- and aftercare of the horse.

Smaller practical assignments along the week to prepare for the main goal (described above):

- evaluate horses exterior during studyvisits and at the school stable, (Finnhorse), based on gained theoretical knowledge
- choosing and suggesting the right tack for different horses

