



PASSIONECAITPR, the National Association for Livestock Biodiversity

PASSIONECAITPR is the Italian association that, for over twenty-five years, has been dedicated to the protection and enhancement of draught and working horses, beginning with the study of native populations that still represent a living genetic and cultural heritage in Italy's rural territories, particularly in the Central Apennines.

In 2023, the association obtained formal recognition from the Italian Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry (MASAF) as a Selecting Body pursuant to EU Regulation 2016/1012, the European regulatory framework governing the breeding and genetic conservation of domestic animal populations.

PASSIONECAITPR's work is not confined to the technical-genetic dimension alone. Through its Centre for Biodiversity Studies and the editorial project #SAVETHEBIODIVERSITY, the association presents draught breeds as active biological infrastructure – not as nostalgic relics, but as living safeguards of agro-silvo-pastoral landscapes that would otherwise be at risk of abandonment. This work extends to the mule and the hinny as well, two further animals of Italy's zoo-technical memory, and has recently led to the founding of the

International Hub for Draught Breeds, based in Barete (L'Aquila).

For PASSIONECAITPR, joining FECTU means being able to share the journey with other European organisations that, like us, believe draught breeds do not belong to the past, but still have a role to play in the sustainable management of marginal territories.

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