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FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP FOR ENERGY MANAGEMENT :

France Galop « Champion of Champions » In the category of Sport Facilities



France Galop, the association which organises horse racing in France, received an award in its first participation in the CUBE competition, a French championship for Energy Management, launched with the support of the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion. France Galop was awarded the most coveted « Champion of Champions » prize in the Sport Facilities category, which includes stadiums and head offices of sports federations.

This prize recognises all 200 measures taken by France Galop as part of its major energy-saving plan, which was initiated in 2022 at its five premier racecourses, including Auteuil, Chantilly, Deauville, ParisLongchamp and Saint-Cloud.

For the purposes of the competition, throughout 2023, France Galop shared a rigorous monthly update of the energy consumption and GHG (Greenhouse Gas) emissions at its racecourses. At the end of the year, the five racecourses showed significant energy savings :

- Saint-Cloud racecourse: 20,1 % energy savings
- Chantilly racecourse : 17,1 % energy savings
- Deauville-La Touques racecourse : 13,2 % energy savings
- Auteuil racecourse : 11,9 % energy savings
- ParisLongchamp racecourse (refurbished in 2018) : 11,3 % energy savings

France Galop, however, did not wait for the CUBE Championship to start thinking about reducing its energy impact. In fact, the association has been committed to reducing its environmental footprint for several years already. For example, the France Galop managed Parisian racecourses have been ISO 14001-certified, an international environmental management standard, for almost 20 years.

During its complete refurbishment in 2018, the ParisLongchamp racecourse, for example, integrated renewable energy production equipment (photovoltaic panels and geothermal installations), as did its new headquarters in the Themis building in Paris, which was inaugurated in 2023. Both sites have been awarded the HQE®, High Quality Environment certification, for their buildings and innovative facilities.

In 2023, France Galop also reinforced its internal energy-saving plan. This ambitious initiative, which involved all France Galop teams at the different sites, comprised 200 measures. The majority of these measures were the same at each of the five racecourses. On a case by case basis, specific measures tailored to the characteristics of each site were added. This plan has helped to establish a lasting change of behaviour and practice that is increasingly respectful regarding energy consumption. Finally, since 2023, all France Galop managed racecourses have been awarded the equine EquuRES environmental and animal welfare label.

Henri Pouret, Chief Operating Officer of France Galop, was at the awards ceremony and said : « *I am proud that France Galop's responsible approach to energy consumption has been recognised at the 2024 renewal of the French Championship for Energy Management. The award in the category of Sports Facilities recognises the mobilisation of all the teams at our Auteuil, Chantilly, Deauville, ParisLongchamp and Saint-Cloud racecourses encouraging energy efficiency. This competition between sports facilities has collectively inspired us and raised our awareness towards a common goal : to do everything possible to reduce the energy consumption even further and to adopt new behaviours in our day to day life. This will be, by the way, one of the main objectives of the RSE Commission, which was established by the President of France Galop, Guillaume de Saint-Seine. And best practices will be shared by the entire horse racing industry in France.* »

Learn more about France Galop



France Galop is an association with a public service mission. It organises and regulates horseracing in France with the aim of improving the racehorse breed (flat and jumping) by promoting the breeding industry and training of racehorses. It is placed under the authority of the Ministry of Agriculture, Budget and Interior. Its main mission is to : establish the fixture list of French racing, ensure the regularity of racing, fight against doping, ensure the operation of the five most important racecourses (Auteuil, Chantilly, Deauville, ParisLongchamp and Saint-Cloud), and to organise major events at these premises.

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