

## PRESS RELEASE

### European State Studs Association e.V. (ESSA)

#### **ESSA performance at Equitana: Save European stud culture and biodiversity!**

**Marbach (March 5th, 2013).** From March 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> ESSA will campaign for the preservation of European stud culture and biodiversity at the world's leading equestrian fair Equitana, which takes place at Essen (Germany) every second year. A quadrille of mounted and carriage tandems will demonstrate traditional horse training and the diversity of breeds maintained in the European state studs. Franches Montagne stallions and Black Forest Coldbloods originating from the Suisse National Stud Avenches and Marbach State Stud in Germany will be perform together with Oldkladrubers from Kladruby nad Labem and Czech Kinsky horses. Topolčianky National Stud in Slovakia will send Lipizzaner stallions and Huculs representing primitive horse breeds together with Konik Polskis from Sieraków National Stud in Poland. The colourful picture will be completed by Breton, Comtois and Cob Normand stallions sent by the French National Studs. There will be a public training on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, the Equitana theme day “education” and two performances on the following days.

ESSA will also be represented by an information stand in hall 11, organised in cooperation with Marbach and the German State Studs. With an exhibition space of 90.000 square meters in 17 halls and more than 200.000 visitors Equitana is considered to be the most influential event of its kind and a perfect opportunity to present the European state studs and their horses.



European Tandem-Quadrille, Photo Lotz