



# EFFECTS OF NETWORKING ON HIPPO THERAPY

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## INTRODUCTION

# HIPPO THERAPY TURKEY

**O**ur project "LET'S DEVELOP NETWORK AND CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIPPO THERAPY" is a European Commission funded project which was accepted within the scope of "Consumer Protection and right to Health" lot of "Support to Civil Society Networks and Platforms in Turkey " grant call. The project aims at creating a network consisting of different stakeholders of hippotherapy in the society in order to establish a sustainable hippotherapy system and environment. The project duration is 46-months and it is being implemented in cooperation with national and international partners.

## METHODS

**T**he project aims at establishing an umbrella platform that could gather all stakeholders such as universities, sports clubs, NGOs, rehab centers, special education institutions, public and private institutions. The network to be created will be established and enlarged by local and national networking meetings. The awareness about hippotherapy complimentary treatment will be raised and by the impact of this network, it is aimed to prepare a hippotherapy legislation proposal to be presented to authorities in Turkey.

## RESULTS

**L**ocal networking meetings, in field and online networking meetings, have been held by this time. Provincial Directorate of Health, Provincial Directorate of National Education, Eskişehir Osmangazi University and Regional Directorate of Forestry in Eskişehir Province have been included to the project by a protocol signed by all institutions. By this networking protocol, Hippoterapi Turkey center was granted right to operate academical researches on hippotherapy as the first and the only center which has been granted this authorization by the Ministry of Health in Turkey. This improvement also has given chance to our project to present positive effects of hippotherapy scientifically. The results of these academical researches will play significant role for advocacy of hippotherapy regulation process that will ve conducted with the Ministry of Health.

In addition to this protocol, 47 sports clubs, 7 public institutions, 5 universities, 8 NGOs have been included to the network created by the project. By the effect and impact of these networking activities and good communication, collaboration spirit has also been developed; up to 10 different stakeholders from society have shown interest to be a part of the network officially and know-how gained in the project to be shared.



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## CONCLUSION

**M**ain targets of the project will contribute to The AHA Inc.'s core values as collaborating worldwide on hippotherapy and activities through Turkish and European network to be established, as well as scientific researches. This will be an important contribution in the formation of innovative ideas and projects aimed at strengthening global network.

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**'Let's Develop Networks and Create Opportunities forHippotherapy' adopted by the European Union scope of access to health aims to build the hippotherapy network.**