



## The Horse – Spring Newsletter 2026

Dear members, supporters, and friends of THE ! association,



As the pilot of **The Horse project** came to a successful close at the end of 2025, we would like to take this opportunity to look back on an intense and inspiring year full of learning, exchange, experimentation, and growth.

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Over the past year, **The Horse** made significant progress by strengthening existing partnerships, welcoming new partner institutions, and connecting

more than **500 young people** across borders. Discover the **student projects** now showcased on [donthastemy.energy!](https://donthastemy.energy/)

The results of the **2026 evaluation study**, conducted by the [ikik – Institute for Communication and Intercultural Competence](https://www.ikik.ch/) (ost.ch), Eastern Switzerland University of Applied Sciences, OST, under the direction of Prof. Dr. Stefan Kammhuber are now published on [donthastemy.energy](https://donthastemy.energy/).

The past months have been dedicated to reflecting on the many experiences, challenges, and insights gained throughout this pilot phase. We are happy to finally share some highlights and developments with you.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to this journey and supported the development of The Horse. Here are a few highlights from the pilot phase:

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### The Horse Collab – A New Digital Home

After testing tools such as Discord and Edublog, we created **The Horse Collab**: a personalized online workspace designed specifically for student collaboration.

Each student has an individual profile to share ideas through blog posts, propose projects, comment on others' work, and connect with peers from different countries. The platform provides clear guidance, intermediate milestones, and structured directions.

For intercultural teamwork, it offers private group spaces with messaging, shared documents, and a forum for idea exchange. A light gamification rewards students with "gallops" for activity, encouraging participation.

### 3-Month Program 2025 (October–December)

From mid-October to mid-December, **227 students from Indonesia, India, and Switzerland** took part in a short but intense three-month program guided by The Horse

team. The program united many inspiring project ideas. Facilitating the formation of international teams and supporting their organization proved to be a key challenge and learning experience. Three months of intercultural collaboration full of real-life experience and strong intercultural teamwork. A total of **27 student projects** were published on [dontwastemy.energy](https://dontwastemy.energy).

→ Detailed information on the 3-Month Program and recordings can be found on [dontwastemy.energy](https://dontwastemy.energy).



*Weekly overview of The Horse Sessions of the 3-Month Program*

## The Horse 3rd International Conference 2025

On December 16, 2025, we held **The Horse 3rd International Conference**. We were thrilled to welcome **150+ visitors** and showcase **25+ projects** to an international audience, sharing creative ideas and real-life experiences.

→ Read more about the conference on [dontwastemy.energy](https://dontwastemy.energy).

*Flyer of The Horse 3rd International Conference 2025*



## What participants say about The Horse Project



Students [Vannessa](#) (Switzerland) and [Ishika](#) (India), Teachers [Deni](#) ([Universitas Indonesia](#)), and [Mei](#) (Nias), and ambassador [Jael](#) (Switzerland) shared their experience with The Horse.

## Outlook 2026/2027

Training sessions for ambassadors are currently held weekly, and the digital collaboration environment is to be refined in a targeted way – for example in gamification, team-building tools and [icebreakers](#) for international interaction.

The focus is on intercultural student projects, reaching new institutions, broadening participation, and scaling The Horse to increase its impact and reach.

Thank you for being part of *The Horse* journey and for your continued support. Together, we are shaping collaborative, intercultural learning for the future.

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## The Future is Collaborative – Thank You for Your Support!

Do you have questions or are you interested in getting involved? Contact us!

Best regards,  
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