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EUROPEAN WEEK OF BEES AND POLLINATION - 6TH EDITION

# Bees & Biodiversity: new cooperations

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10:00-18:00  
Room PHS 5B001  
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Hosted by

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*"Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development"*

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Since 2012, the European Bee and Pollination Week is held every year in the European Parliament in Brussels. This meeting has become a must-attend event and brings together all stakeholders in the sector: European MPs, representatives of the Commission and European institutions, beekeepers, farmers, scientists, veterinarians, manufacturers, NGOs and citizens. Together, they exchange proposals with public authorities to promote a sustainable beekeeping chain capable of ensuring the sustainability of the valuable service of pollination and its consequences: ecosystem services, biodiversity, production and food security.

After recalling the original multifactorial approach of bee mortality observed throughout the world, after stressing the need for better collaboration between stakeholders through dialogue and mutual respect, the stakeholders historically involved in the European Bee and Pollination Week have called for the establishment of an operational technical platform to improve exchanges between beekeepers and scientists. This edition is marked by the willingness and commitment of EFSA to help stakeholders to set up this platform. The first working groups to define the outlines and the priority needs will be held during this 6th edition of the Bee Week.

This year, the beekeepers of the Mediterranean basin will contribute to enrich our discussions and to draw the outlines of the new operations around the beekeeping chain.

## **OPENING SESSION - 10.00 - 11.00**

Welcome remarks by **Mariya Gabriel MEP**

Keynote video by **Phil Hogan, Commissioner of Agriculture & Rural Development**

Opening address by **Pekka Pesonen, Secretary General of the Copa-Cogeca**

Opening address by **Barbara Pesce Monteiro, UN-UNDP Director in Brussels**



## **Panel 1 – Collaborations for solutions**

**Chaired by MEP Marijana Petir**

This panel emphasizes the necessary multi-actors cooperation: scientific, technical, sanitary, environmental, cultural, economic... Relying on the conclusions of the preparatory work to the operational establishment of an exchange platform led by EFSA, the speakers could illustrate concretely the needs but also give examples of effective responses.

- 11:00-11:05** Introductory remarks by **MEP Marijana Petir**
- 11:05-11:15** Presentation of bee science event – “Collecting and sharing data on bee health: Towards a European Bee Partnership  
**Agnes Rortais, EFSA, Scientific Committee and Emerging Risks Unit**
- 11:15-11:25** Pollinators, Pollination and Food Production  
**IPBES / Simon G. Potts**
- 11:25-11:35** IPBES Recommendations: proposals for integration in EU policy linked to Agriculture, Environment and Health  
**Humberto Delgado Rosa, DG ENVI - European Commission**
- 11:35-11:45** Sanitarian cooperation  
**François Diaz, World Organisation for Animal Health**
- 11:45-11:55** Needs of cooperation: Mediterranean basin  
**Vincenzo Panettieri, President of Fedapimed**
- 11:55-12:05** Needs of cooperation: new bee-friendly cities  
**Francesco Panella, President Bee Life**
- 12:05-12:15** Innovation: bee-friendly machinery  
**Gilles Dryancour, CEMA**
- 12:15-12:40** Follow up questions  
**Q&A with the audience**
- 12:40-12:45** Closing remarks by **MEP Nathalie Griesbeck**

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## **Panel 2 – Beekeeping & agriculture: A sustainable win-win. Focus on pollination**

**Chaired by MEP Michel Dantin**

The second panel focuses on the win-win relationships between beekeepers and farmers. The pollination is ensured by the crops of others that allow the bees to feed and to produce honey. This process of pollination can only be adequately understood by taking into account wild pollinators. Through field examples, the question of the Common Agricultural Policy, meaning the policy and regulatory common framework, will be asked.

- 14:15-14:20** Introductory remarks by **MEP Michel Dantin**
- 14:20-14:30** Modernising and simplifying the CAP  
**Mihail Dumitru, DG AGRI - European Commission**
- 14:30-14:40** Pollinators in the EU: a need for action  
**Alberto Arroyo Schnell, IUCN**
- 14:40-14:50** Beekeepers and farmers needs of cooperation. Conclusions of the forum  
**Etienne Bruneau, Copa-Cogeca**
- 14:50-15:00** Evolution of farmland and rural environment: which impact on bees  
**Philippe Lecompte, professional organic beekeeper, Bees Biodiversity Network**
- 15:00-15:20** Workshop for innovations with beekeepers and farmers  
**Yvan Hennion (FNSEA) & Laurent Bourdil (FOP, ANAMSO)**
- 15:20-15:35** Follow up questions  
**Q&A with the audience**
- 15:35-15:40** Closing remarks by **MEP John Procter**

## Panel 3 – Economic cooperations for sustainable honey production and biodiversity

Chaired by MEP Mairead McGuinness

No sector can be sustainable without resting on strong economic balances. It is the stake of this last panel that intends to address, without taboos, the economic questions related to the market, the expectations of the consumer, the constraints of producers and the distributors. The structural financing of elements that are difficult to make profitable or can't be redeemed is also posed: from taking responsibility for the research of veterinary solutions to that of environmental policy able to offer a quality bee bowl for bees. We shall try to find an answer to a question: "who pays?". On this questions rests the future of the sector.

- 16:00-16:05** Introductory remarks by **MEP Mairead McGuinness**
- 16:05-16:15** Scientific research and economic aspects  
**Dr. Bach Kim Nguyen, University of Liège (Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech), BeeOdiversity**
- 16:15-16:25** Official controls to protect the authentic honey supply chain  
**Andrea Gavinelli, DG SANTE, European Commission**
- 16:25-16:35** Fair price and fair market for beekeeping products  
**Frank Filodda, European Federation of Honey Packers and Distributors**
- 16:35-16:45** Evolution of costs of production in apiculture  
**Diego Pagani, CONAPI**
- 16:45-16:55** Search on bees pathologies treatments. Focus on product against Varroa  
**Dr. Benjamin Charles, UPV**
- 16:55-17:10** Follow up questions  
**Q&A with the audience**
- 17:10-17:20** Closing remarks by **MEP Michel Dantin**

