



## Concrete initiatives to support the beekeeping sector



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EUROPEANS CARING FOR BEES ?**

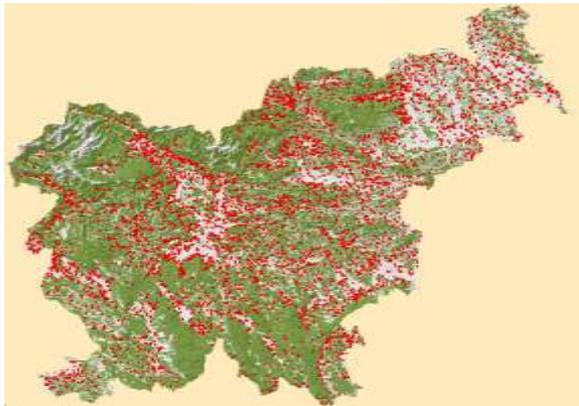
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# Beekeeping in Slovenia

- 10.000 beekeepers - 7.800 members of Slovenian Beekeepers' Association (SBA)
- We have 150.000 honey bee colonies (92 % AŽ beehives).
- *Apis mellifera carnica* in whole country
- SBA has concession for Public advisory service on beekeeping
- SBA is also Approved breeders' organizations





Initiative for:

# The European **HONEY** Breakfast

and

# World Bee Day













Initiative to declare  
20th May for  
**WORLD BEE DAY**  
by the UN

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the Government of the Republic of Slovenia



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# MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> WORLD BEE DAY



Raising public awareness of the importance of bees and apicultural products has an important role in the effort to protect bees and beekeeping sector.

Therefore, the Slovenian Beekeepers' Association, with the support of the Republic of Slovenia, proposes to the United Nations (UN) that

**May 20<sup>th</sup> is declared as WORLD BEE DAY.**



## Do you know that...

- Bees pollinate as many as 170,000 species of plants.
- Without bees, there would not be so many different kinds of fruits and vegetables, or such beautiful colours on the lawn.
- A bee colony is as big as a small town. There are from 30,000 to 60,000 bees in each colony.
- The queen bee is the only one that lays eggs. She lays up to 2,000 eggs per day.
- Out of 20,000 species of bees, only one is widely used for commercial honey production.
- The Carniolan honey bee, *Apis mellifera carnica*, is an indigenous Slovenian race of bee and the second most widespread bee race in the world.
- Honey bees' wings stroke 11,400 times per minute, thus making their distinctive buzz.
- Honey bees are the only bees that die after they sting.
- To make one kilogram of honey, the bees have to visit 4 million flowers and fly four times the distance around the world.



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## Challenges

**Problem:** Varroa control

**Proposal:** Financial support for research programmes for natural agents for varroa control

**Proposal:** Open market for varroa medicines





## Challenges

**Problem:** Poisoning bees from pesticides

**Proposal:** More careful with pesticides registration





## Challenges

**Problem:** Low knowledge transmission from science to beekeepers

**Proposal:** Establishment of beekeeping education center





## Challenges

**Problem:** Lack of nectar and pollen

**Proposal:** Planting honey plants





## Challenges

**Problem:** Honey bees and pollinators are endangered

**Proposal:** Pronounce honey bees and other pollinators for endangered species.





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or not to bee

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