

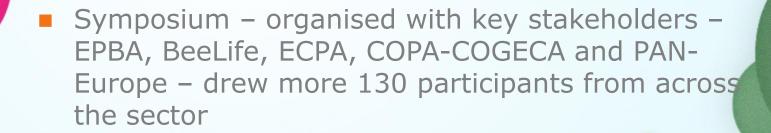
# Collecting and Sharing Data on Bee Health: a European Bee Partnership



European Week of Bees and Pollinators
High-Level Conference
28 June 2018- Brussels

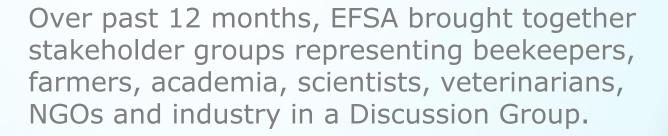
# **BEE WEEK 2017**

European Parliament tasked EFSA to coorganise the Bee Week scientific symposium 2017
 with specific objective – to strengthen
 harmonisation of bee health data across the EU



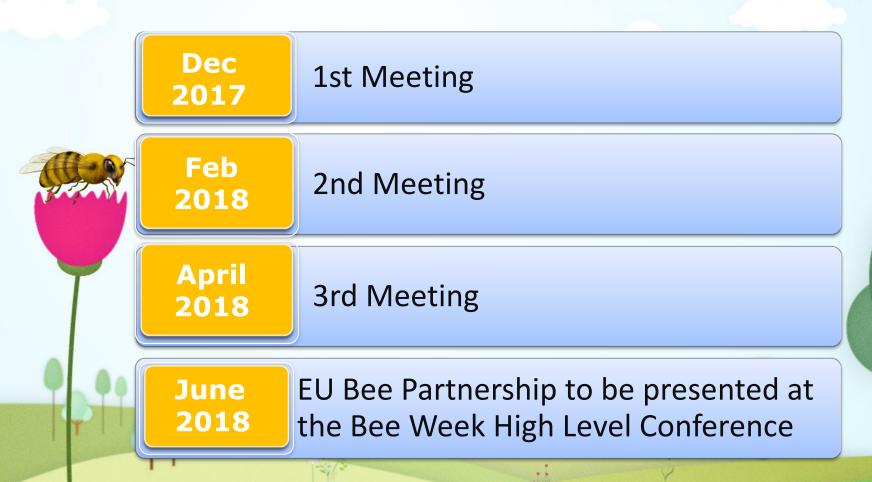
#### **SYMPOSIUM RESULT AND ACTIVITY OVER PAST 12 MONTHS**

Result – symposium concluded with agreement among stakeholders to set up an EU Bee Partnership – a platform for collecting, sharing data to help inform policy makers.



As a first step, the Group has drafted its Terms of Reference.

## **EU BEE PARTNERSHIP – TIMELINES TO SET UP TORS**



# DISCUSSION GROUP - BEE PARTNERSHIP TERMS OF REFERENCE

- Discussion Group agreed Terms of Reference for Partnership:
- Vision: a platform run by stakeholders for the benefit of society to ensure bees can thrive and prosper.
- Objectives to improve data collection, management, sharing and communications to achieve holistic approach to assessment of bee health in Europe and beyond.



- Partnership will consider honey bees, with potential for subsequent expansion to include bumble bees, solitary bees.
- Stressors for bee health shared between species – colony health of managed honey bees can be used as sentinel for population health of wild bees – to identify areas where wild bees may also be at risk.

#### SIX THEMES OF POTENTIAL WORK IDENTIFIED

- 1. developing inventory of data on health of honey bees, bumble bees, solitary bees;
- 2. need for data harmonisation
- 3.development of tools for bee health assessment;
- 4.provision of advice to decision makers about standardised methods for data collection, management;
- 5. dedicated dissemination strategy;
- 6. securing EU resources.

### PHASED APPROACH TO FUNDING - RISK FACTORS

- Stakeholders identified need for both shortand long-term funding;
- Phased approach proposed with clear recommendations that long-term resources needed.
- Risk factors to Partnership:
- Funding, confidentiality of data, time & resource, project coordination, stakeholder motivation.





- Rare to have such diverse group of stakeholders working closely together – bound by common goal of protecting pollinators;
- Real enthusiasm among stakeholders to make the Partnership work. Discussions on pilot phase already under way.
- We now ask for your support.

