

# ADULTERATION OF HONEY

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# Background

- *Commission Recommendation on a coordinated control plan with a view to establishing the prevalence of fraudulent practices in the marketing of certain foods*
- *Scientific support provided by Joint Research Centre for the implementation of the part related to honey*



## EU wide coordinated control plan

- *Objectives: establish the prevalence on the EU market of:*
  - ✓ *honey mislabelled with regard to its geographical and/or botanical origin*
  - ✓ *products declared or presented as honey although containing exogenous sugars or sugar products*
- *Samples taken by the MS from various points of the production and supply chain (> 2000 for the whole EU)*
- *Submitted to a multi-tier testing protocol*



## Scientific support from JRC

- *IRMS based tests (Isotope ratio spectrometry analysis)*
- *merits and limits of methods to detect adulteration by added sugars*
- *recommendations on the capacity of  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ -EA/LC-IRMS method for the purpose of official controls*
- *final report expected in May 2016*

***Thank you for your attention!***

