

2021 EU Pollinators' Week

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A new deal for pollinators

#EUPollinators

CDG “Animal product”- Honey
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EU Pollinator week 2021 27-30 September

From the Bee Week to Pollinators Week

From 2012, the European **Bee** and Pollination **Week**, informally named "**Bee Week**", was held every year in June in the **European Parliament** in Brussels.

Organised by MEP (Gaston Franco, Mariya Gabriel, Michel Dantin...) BeeLife as co-organisers since 2015

2021 - From Bee Week to EU Pollinator week
27-30 September, Online



EU Pollinator Week 2021 - The community is growing!

Organisers

MEP Martin Hojsík et others



Programme

Opening ceremony
setting the scene

High Level Political conference
A New Deal for Pollinators

High Level Political conference
Pesticide authorisation and management

Summary session

National sessions
SK, LT

Actions for pollinators in agricultural landscapes

Expert consultation workshop
(upon invitation)

Summary session

Innovation workshop
(upon invitation)

EFSA-ECHA
Environmental Risk Assessment

Scientific projects related to bees and pollinator monitoring

Citizens engagement and monitoring initiatives

Summary session

Beekeeping session
Production trends, International market and honey fraud

Beekeeping session
Labelling and Traceability

Closing ceremony
Conclusions

Programme - Satellite activities

Technology related
activities

**Workshop on
bee-related data
standardisation**
Apimondia

Policy related
activities

**Local and regional
authorities
accelerating the
implementation of
the EU Pollinators
Initiative**
COR

Awareness raising and training activities

Pollinator Park
Commission

**Spreading pollen:
Youth Advocacy for
the protection of
wild pollinators**
YEE

**Online Training
Course for
Beekeepers and
Beginners**
Pollinating Projects

Participations

More than 1.000 participants from 37 countries around the world

Participant profiles:

International (FAO, IUCN, WWF, Greenpeace, etc.)

EU (EP, CoR, Pres. Slovenia, EFSA, ECHA, EEA, JRC, etc.)

National (ministries, research institutions, associations)

Regional entities (regional governments and associations)

Private and public sector organisations

Austria	Germany	Poland
Belgium	Greece	Portugal
Brazil	Hungary	Romania
Bulgaria	Ireland	Slovakia
Canada	Italy	Slovenia
Colombia	Latvia	Spain
Croatia	Lithuania	Sweden
Cyprus	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Czech Republic	Malta	The Netherlands
Denmark	Maroc	United Kingdom
Estonia	Norway	United States
Finland	not specified	
France	Peru	

EFSA & ECHA session

Around **170 participants**

EFSA presented an update on bee health-related work at the two agencies:

- MUST-B opinion
- broadening the scope of its work on environmental risk assessment (ERA) to include wild bees and other insect pollinators.
- “paradigm shift” in ERA to address combined stressors (i.e., biological, chemical, climate change, and agricultural practices) and for risk assessors and managers to adopt a holistic approach

BeeLife presented the EU Bee Partnership Prototype Platform for collecting and sharing bee health data.

ECHA presented an update on the ERA of biocides on non-target arthropods incl. bees

All the documents and videos of the session available:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wduL2_crNRY (session recorded)
- <https://www.efsa.europa.eu> for all the documents

Conclusions of the Week

- 1. Protection, restoration & monitoring**
- 2. Agriculture and related policies**
- 3. Pesticides and other chemical products**
- 4. Apiculture & consumers**
 - Climate change seriously impacts the beekeeping sector and production, due to an increasing variation in the availability of food resources for bees and other insects, reducing the production potential and increasing production costs.
 - Lack of transparency in the honey supply chain and imports from beyond the EU, with a lack of sufficient toolkit to detect and control fraud:
 - Common base of reference for honey is missing and needs to be established as well as compulsory rules of traceability.
 - Large number of honey analysis methods exist, but are in need of further research or validation to be used by authorities to fight fraud issues. Harmonised measures are crucial.
- 5. Research, citizens engagement, and awareness raising**

Full document of Conclusions here: <https://www.pollinatorweek.eu/resources#other>

Pledges for pollinators

Protection and monitoring

- Holistic approach
- Binding restoration targets with concrete measures and resources
- Systematic collection of pollinator data and stressing factors
- Authorities have resources to work

Pollinator-friendly policies

- Pollinator friendly CAP (eg Pollinator index)
- Achieve goals for Biodiv Strategy, F2F, Pollinators initiative
- Remove pesticides harmful to pollinators (alternatives, SUD, PPR Reg. and Biocides Reg.)
- Policy coherence on trade

Beekeeping & Consumers

- Mandatory labelling of country of origin (Honey Directive, also in blends, with %)
- Traceability of honey and other products
- Policy to limit honey adulteration

Research, citizen engagement and collaboration

- Awareness raising
- Exchanges citizens, professionals, scientists, authorities, industry, civil society
- EU/OECD Test Guidelines (sub)lethal effects
- Support collaborative initiatives (EUBP)
- Taxonomic capacity

Full document here: <https://www.pollinatorweek.eu/resources#pledges>

More information?

Please check <http://pollinatorweek.eu>

Resources:

- 1.Videos of all public sessions
- 2.Presentations
- 3.Reports from EFSA-ECHA session
- 4.Report of the week
- 5.Conclusions of the week
- 6.Pledges for pollinators

Thank you for your attention and see you next year at the
#EUPollinators in 2022 !



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