



A new deal for pollinators

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EU POLLINATOR WEEK- 8TH EDITION

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Monday 27 to Thursday 31 September 2021

09.00-17:00

Virtual event

European Parliament, Brussels

Hosted by

Martin Hojsík, MEP

**and MEPs Franc Bogovič, Jutta Paulus, Jytte Guteland, Frédérique Ries, Liudas
Mažylis, Sarah Wiener, Anja Hazekamp, Maria Noichl, Pietro Fiocchi**



EU Pollinator Week is an event that focuses on the importance of pollinators for healthy ecosystems, our wellbeing, and culture. In 2021, it will be an online event held on 27-30 September with the theme "A New Deal for Pollinators".

EU Pollinator Week is organised by Members of the European Parliament under the chairmanship of Martin Hojsík and BeeLife European Beekeeping Coordination, in partnership with the European Commission, the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU, and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

From 2012, the European Bee and Pollination Week, informally named "Bee Week", was held annually in the European Parliament in Brussels. In 2021, the event was renamed to EU Pollinator Week in an effort to achieve a more inclusive framework of cooperation which focuses on all types of European pollinators.

Due to the continuing COVID-19 epidemiological crisis and respective restrictions associated with it, this year's EU Pollinator week will be held online.

EU Pollinator Week brings together all relevant stakeholders: public authorities, non-governmental organisations, scientists, beekeepers, farmers, businesses and citizens. Together, they discuss ideas and exchange proposals to promote public policies and stakeholder actions that protect healthy populations of wild and managed pollinators and the invaluable benefits they provide to the society.

This year's event will discuss how EU actions for pollinators should be stepped up at the turning point for the European policy, following the adoption of the European Green Deal, its flagship Biodiversity and Farm to Fork strategies, the reformed EU Common Agricultural Policy, as well as the ongoing revision of the EU Pollinators Initiative. It will also seek high political support for an ambitious "New Deal for Pollinators", one that will stop the decline of pollinators by 2030.

MONDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2021

Opening ceremony - 09.00 - 10.45

Welcome remarks by **Martin Hojsík MEP**

Keynote address by **Zuzana Čaputová, President of Slovakia**

Keynote address by **Heidi Hautala, Vice-President of the European Parliament tbc.**

Keynote address by **Josef Settele, Head of the Department of Conservation Biology & Social-Ecological Systems, Helmholtz-Centre for Environmental Research - UFZ**



High Level Conference - A New EU Deal for Pollinators – 11.00-13.00

Language: EN

Chaired by Frédérique Ries and Liudas Mažylis MEPs

This panel intends to underline the political priorities and actions helping to stop the negative trends in pollinator populations observed lately despite the attempts to ensure food security, biodiversity and well functioning ecosystems. Both a European and international perspectives are provided and the speakers will be able to illustrate in a concrete manner both the needs and examples of effective responses provided.

1st part of session: A New Deal for Pollinators

- 11:00-11:05** Introductory remarks by **Frédérique Ries MEP**
- 11:05-11:15** Keynote address by **Frans Timmermans, European Commissioner Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal**
- 11:15-11:25** Keynote address by **Jože Podgoršek, Slovenian Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Food**
- 11:25-11:35** Keynote address by **Christiane Paulus, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety**
- 11:35-11:45** Keynote address by **Ismahane Elouafi, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)**
- 11:45-11:55** Keynote address by **Samo Jereb, Dean of Chamber I European Court of Auditors**
- 11:55-12:00** Closing remarks by **Frédérique Ries MEP**

2nd part of session: How would the Deal operate at different governance levels?

- 12:00-12:10** Introductory remarks by **Liudas Mažylis MEP**
- 12:10-12:50** Panel discussion moderated by **Liudas Mažylis MEP**
Brian Nelson, Irish Ministry of Environment
Frida Nilsson, Member of the European Committee of the Regions
Stefan Leiner, European Commission - DG Environment, Oceans and Fisheries



Olivier Diana, *European Commission - DG Agriculture and Rural Development*

Alberto Schnell Arroyo, *Head of Policy and Programme (IUCN)*

12:50-13:00 Concluding remarks by **Liudas Mažylis MEP**

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Policy Conference – Bee Political: High Quality Environment for Pollinators 14.00 – 16.00

Language: EN

Chaired by MEP Martin Hojsík

This panel aims at bringing together national representatives, particularly members of the Standing Committee of Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (ScoPAFF), responsible authorities, European Commission and Members of the Parliament active in the field of pesticides and pollinator protection to facilitate mutual understanding between the three parties. It will be an open discussion on how the EU operates concerning the authorisation and management of pesticides and on whether it ensures sufficient protection of pollinators.

14:00-14:05 Introductory remarks by **MEP Martin Hojsík**

14:05-14:15 keynote address by ***Stella Kyriakides, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety***

14:15-15:15 Discussion panel: Mr Hojsík will present a number of topics for discussion to the debate panel:

Panelists: PAFF Members: ***representatives from EU Member states***
European Commission: ***Klaus Berend, Head of Unit Pesticides and Biocides***
European Parliament: ***Jytte Guteland, Martin Hojsík, Anja Hazekamp, Bas Eickhout***

15:15-15:55 Follow up questions by MEPs
Q&A with the audience

15:55-16:00 Closing remarks by **MEP Martin Hojsík**

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Day 1: Highlights of the day 16:30 – 17:00

Language: EN

Chaired by Liudas Mažylis MEP

This session is a summary of the activities, impressions and concluding messages of the discussions held during the day. Press members and anyone who missed the activities of the day are welcome to this session.

National sessions 17:00-19:00

Chaired by different MEPs

Some MEPs organise sessions for discussion with their national stakeholders. These sessions are held in national language without interpretation. These sessions envisage to build a bridge between EU citizens and the European institutions.

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TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2021

**Expert Consultation workshop
Agriculture & Pollinators. Introductory session
09.00 - 11.00**

Language: EN

This panel intends to set the ground for the expert consultation workshop, which is held in the two following sessions. In this panel, stakeholders and Member States will share their views about how the future Common Agricultural Policy should be shaped to protect and promote pollinators in agricultural land.

- 09:00-09:05 Welcome remarks by **Helmut Gaugitsch, Environment Agency Austria**
- 09:05-09:15 Keynote address by **Janusz Wojciechowski, European Commissioner for Agriculture**
- 09:15-09:25 Keynote address by **Maša Žagar, Director-General of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, Republic of Slovenia**
- 09:25-09:35 Keynote address by **Franc Bogovič MEP, European Parliament**
- 09:35-10:20 Stakeholders panel: Stakeholder perspectives for the CAP post 2020
- **Alessandra Giacomelli, BeeLife**
 - **Etienne Bruneau, COPA-COGECA**
 - **Mathilde Calmels, IFOAM**
 - **David Kleijn, Wageningen University**
- 10:20-10:55 Member States panel: Member States perspectives for the CAP post 2020
- **Elisabeth Sussenbacher, Austria**
 - **Niall Ryan, Ireland**
 - **Aard Mulders, the Netherlands**
- 10:55-11:00 Closing remarks by **Helmut Gaugitsch, Umweltbundesamt GmbH**



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Expert Consultation workshop Agriculture & Pollinators. Introductory session

11.00 – 13.00

14.00 - 16.00

Language: EN

These sessions are upon invitation only.

Day 2: Highlights of the day 16:30 – 17:00

Language: EN

Chaired by MEP Franc Bogovič

This session is a summary of the activities, impressions and concluding messages of the discussions held during the day. Press members and anyone who missed the activities of the day are welcome to this session.

Workshop Non-invasive pollinator monitoring 17:00-19:00

Language: EN

**Organised by BeeLife in collaboration with the Apimondia WG on bee data -
BeeXML
Upon invitation only**

Interactive workshop dedicated to the industry developing technology for monitoring pollinators, beekeeping, and environmental description and quality. During this technical workshop we will discuss the conditions needed to ensure data-sharing and the needs for data standardisation when collecting or communicating pollinator-related data.

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WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2021

**EFSA-ECHA session. Advancing environmental risk
assessment for bees and other pollinators - 09.00 - 10.45**

Language: EN

Chaired by Jutta Paulus MEP

Moderated by Stephen Pagani, Senior Liaison Office EFSA

- 09:00–09:10** Welcome remarks by **Jutta Paulus MEP**
- 09:10-09:15** Brief outline of the agenda and moderated by **Stephen Pagani**
- 09:15-09:25** Advancing the Environmental Risk Assessment of Chemicals for Insect Pollinators by **Agnès Rortais, EFSA Senior Scientific Officer**
- 09:25-09:35** **Q&A**
- 09:35-09:45** EU Bee Partnership (EUBP) Prototype Platform for collecting and sharing bee health data by **Noa Simón Delso, Chair of the EU Bee Partnership, Scientific Director at BeeLife European Beekeeping Coordination**
- 09:45-09:55** **Q&A**
- 09:55-10:05** Overview and Current status of EFSA bee guidance review by **Alessio Ippolito, EFSA Scientific Officer**
- 10:05-10:15** **Q&A**
- 10:15-10:25** Overview and status from ECHA on the development of a guidance for assessing the risks to arthropod pollinators (incl. Bees) from the use of biocides by **Simón Gutiérrez Alonso, ECHA Biocidal Active Substance Unit**
- 10:25-10:35** **Q&A**
- 10:35-10:45** Closing remarks by **Jutta Paulus MEP**

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Scientific-technical session – European Research Projects Monitoring Pollinators and their stressors – 11.00 – 13.00

Language: EN

Chaired by Martin Hojsík MEP

Moderated by Noa Simón Delso, Scientific Director at BeeLife European Beekeeping Coordination

This panel intends to make an overview of some of the EU research projects gathering data of the status of EU pollinators or the stressing factors that can affect them, such as environmental pollutants, pathogens, landscape, weather, etc.

- 11:00-11:05** Introductory remarks by **Martin Hojsík MEP**
- 11:05-11:10** Brief outline of the agenda and moderator by **Noa Simón Delso**
- 11:10-11:20** Overview of the European Environment Agency activities to build knowledge base about pollinators and to reverse their decline by **Katarzyna Biala, EEA**
- 11:20-11:25** **Q&A**
- 11:25-11:35** PoshBee – monitoring bee stressors by **Dalel Askri, BioPark d'Archamps, PoshBee Project**
- 11:35-11:40** **Q&A**
- 11:40-11:50** Monitoring of honey bee health stressing factors within B-Good by **Coby Van Dooremalen, Wageningen University, B-Good Project**
- 11:50-11:55** **Q&A**
- 11:55-12:05** Honeybees as bioindicators. A successful project by **Josef (Sjef) van der Steen, AlveusAB Consultancy, Insignia project**
- 12:05-12:10** **Q&A**
- 12:10-12:20** Landscape evaluation for pollinators by **Rainer Oppermann, Head of the Institute for Agroecology and Biodiversity (IFAB), EMBAL Project**
- 12:20-12:25** **Q&A**
- 12:25-12:35** Monitoring wild pollinators populations by **David Roy, UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, SPRING Project**



12:35-12:40 Q&A

**12:40-12:50 Follow up discussion by MEPs
Discussion with the audience**

12:50-13:00 Closing remarks by Martin Hojsík MEP

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Scientific-technical session – Citizen Engagement and Monitoring Initiatives – 14.00 – 16.00

Language: EN-IT

Chaired by Pietro Fiocchi MEP

This panel intends to show grass-roots initiatives on how citizens engage to inform other citizens about the importance of pollinators and environment and to understand the evolution of pollinators or their stressors.

14:00-14:10 Introductory remarks by **Pietro Fiocchi MEP**

14:10-14:20 Pollinating Projects: Fostering Pollinator Ambassadorship among European Youth and Beekeepers by **Nadine Schuller, *European Bee Ambassador***

14:20-14:25 Q&A

14:25-14:35 Building a Hive: Scaling up Youth Engagement in the Protection of Wild Pollinators by **Venetia Galanaki, *European Bee Ambassador***

14:35-14:40 Q&A

15:40-15:50 Pollinator monitoring to stimulate citizen empowerment by **Yuri Matteman, *Naturalis Biodiversity Center (NL)***

14:50-14:55 Q&A

14:55-15:05 Beekeepers monitoring the quality of their environment by **Eleonora Bassi, *UNAAPI (IT)***

15:05-15:10 Q&A



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- 15:10-15:20** Citizens monitoring wild bees and other pollinators by **Jean-Sébastien Rousseau-Piot, Natagora (BE)**
- 15:20-15:25** **Q&A**
- 15:25-15:35** Butterflies as environmental quality indicators, underpinned by citizen science monitoring (ABLE project) by **Sue Collins, European Butterfly Conservation**
- 15:35-15:40** **Q&A**
- 15:40-15:50** **Follow up discussion by MEPs**
Discussion with the audience
- 15:50-16:00** Closing remarks by **Pietro Fiocchi MEP**

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Day 3: Highlights of the day - 16:30 – 17:00

Chaired by Jytte Guteland MEP

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THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

Policy event – Beekeeping session (I) - 09.00 - 10.45

Languages: EN-FR-DE

Chaired by Sarah Wiener MEP

This first panel on beekeeping issues includes two topics that worries the beekeeping sector, namely the evolution of honey production and the impact of climate change and other issues that affect production and the international market and honey fraud. Field experts will present the problem faced to a panel composed of representatives of the three competent EU institutions, who will through a dialogue explore potential avenues to provide constructive solutions to field practitioners.

09:00–09:10 Welcome remarks by **Sarah Wiener MEP**

1st Panel: Evolution of honey production

09:10-09:25 Field observations of the evolution of honey production in the last years by **Diego Pagani, Professional beekeeper and President of Consorzio Nazionale Apicoltori (CONAPI), Italy**

09:25-09:40 Panel debate

Kai-Uwe Sprenger, Head of Sector, European Commission

Igor Horvat, Slovenian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, Agriculture Markets and Sectoral Plans Division

Maria Noichl MEP and Benoit Biteau MEP, European Parliament

09:40-09:45 Q&A by MEPs and audience

09:45-09:50 Closing remarks from the first panel by **Sarah Wiener MEP**

2nd Panel: International market and honey fraud

09:50-10:05 Situation of the international honey market by **Etienne Bruneau, President of the WG Honey of Copa-Cogeca**

10:05-10:25 Panel debate

Ghislain Marechal, European Commission

Alain Maquet, JRC

Nadja Škrk, Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Food Safety, Veterinary Sector and Plant Protection

Representative from European Parliament

10:25-10:40 Q&A by MEPs and audience



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10:40-10:45 Closing remarks by **Sarah Wiener MEP**

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Policy event – Beekeeping session (II) - 11.00 – 13.00

Languages: EN-FR-ES

Chaired by MEP

This second panel on beekeeping issues includes two topics that worries the beekeeping sector, namely the importance of transparency label honey to provide clear information to consumers and the traceability in the honey supply chain that ensures high quality products into the market. Field experts will present the problem faced to a panel composed of representatives of the three competent EU institutions, who will through a dialogue explore potential avenues to provide constructive solutions to field practitioners.

11:00–11:10 Welcome remarks by **Jytte Guteland MEP**

1st Panel: Labelling

11:10-11:25 Clear labelling engage consumers by **Frank Aletru, French professional beekeeper and President of the European Beekeeping Professional Beekeepers (EPBA)**

11:25-11:40 Panel debate

Irène Tolleret MEP, European Parliament

Kai-Uwe Sprengen, European Commission

Lucijan Cenčič, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food; Food and Fisheries Directorate, Republic of Slovenia

11:40-11:55 Q&A by MEPs and audience

11:55-12:00 Closing remarks from the first panel by **Jytte Guteland MEP**

2nd Panel: Traceability in the honey supply chain

12:00-12:15 Enhancing traceability in the honey supply chain - a necessity driven by customer demand by **Stanislav Jas, Finish professional beekeeper and Vice-President of the WG Honey of Copa-Cogeca**

12:15-12:30 Panel debate

Biljana Borzan MEP, European Parliament

Representative G4/D1 Unit, European Commission



**Mira Kos-Skubic, Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Food Safety,
Veterinary Sector and Plant Protection**

12:30-12:50 Q&A by MEPs and audience

12:50-13:00 Closing remarks by Jytte Guteland MEP

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Closing ceremony – 14.00 – 15.00

Introductory remarks by **Martin Hojsík MEP**

Keynote address by **Borut Pahor, President of Slovenia tbc**

Keynote address by **Virginijus Sinkevičius, European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans
and Fisheries**

Closing remarks by **Martin Hojsík MEP**

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