



The new CAP will need to address the challenges related to the decline of pollinators in Europe

CAP & Pollinators Pillar 1



Public funds need to support basic ecosystem services and improve agro-environmental conditions



The EU Green Deal and its strategies require effective policies to achieve a real and just green transition

Pollinator ECO-SCHEME

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The Pollinator Eco-Scheme is a proposal for the future Common Agricultural Policy enabling all Member States to introduce a “package” of good farming practices for the protection of pollinators. Pollinator-friendly practices are to become the eligibility criteria for a farmer to benefit from the Pollinator Eco-scheme. It comprehends a number of mandatory practices to be applied by farmers, as well as some other practices that Member States may wish to add to a package of beneficial measures for pollinators. **The Pollinator Eco-Scheme provides an EU-wide tool within the CAP, easily adaptable to national or local levels.**

KEY PROPOSALS

EXPECTED RESULTS

COMPULSORY MEASURES

- **A farmer includes one or more crops interesting to pollinators in at least in 10% of his/her agricultural surface every year, possibly looking for prolonged flowering along the year.**
- **Choose crop varieties with proven nectar and pollen production. Or, habitat for pollinators:** possibility to develop a new BEE-FRIENDLY PLANT BREEDING certification (melliferous potential).
- **Diversify the crop varieties planted in field (at least 3 varieties).**
- **Presence of landscape features in the farm of min. 7%.**
- **No preventive use of pesticides** (incl. seed and soil treatment) and **in case of need, use of non-persistent pesticides** (DT50 lower than 15 days).
- **If pesticides treatment needs to be applied** (proved IPM approach), **apply only after sundown** (when flying activity of pollinators is reduced) **for all pesticides (including herbicides and fungicides).**
- **At least 10 hours/year education for farmers on pollinators.**
- **One-to-one beekeeper - farmer / naturalist - farmer engagement.**



Access to resources for honey bees and wild pollinators (food) all year long. Increase honey production.



Contribution to the improvement of the bees' and pollinator health.



Resilience of agrosystems. Presence of beneficial insects (natural predators) that limit the spread of pests.



Improvement of pollination ecosystem services. Maintain Biodiversity.



Reduction of pesticides pollution in the environment: water, soil, air. Avoidance of chronic intoxication and respect of the “One health” logic.



Avoidance of unnecessary use of pesticides and favors the implementation of alternatives; reduction of bee intoxication and beekeeping products contamination.



Provision of up-to-date science-based knowledge for farmers.



Stimulation of social cohesion and empathy in rural areas, promoting of best practices with sustainable yield growth.

OPTIONAL MEASURES

- Crop rotation (GAEC 8) as 4-7 years.

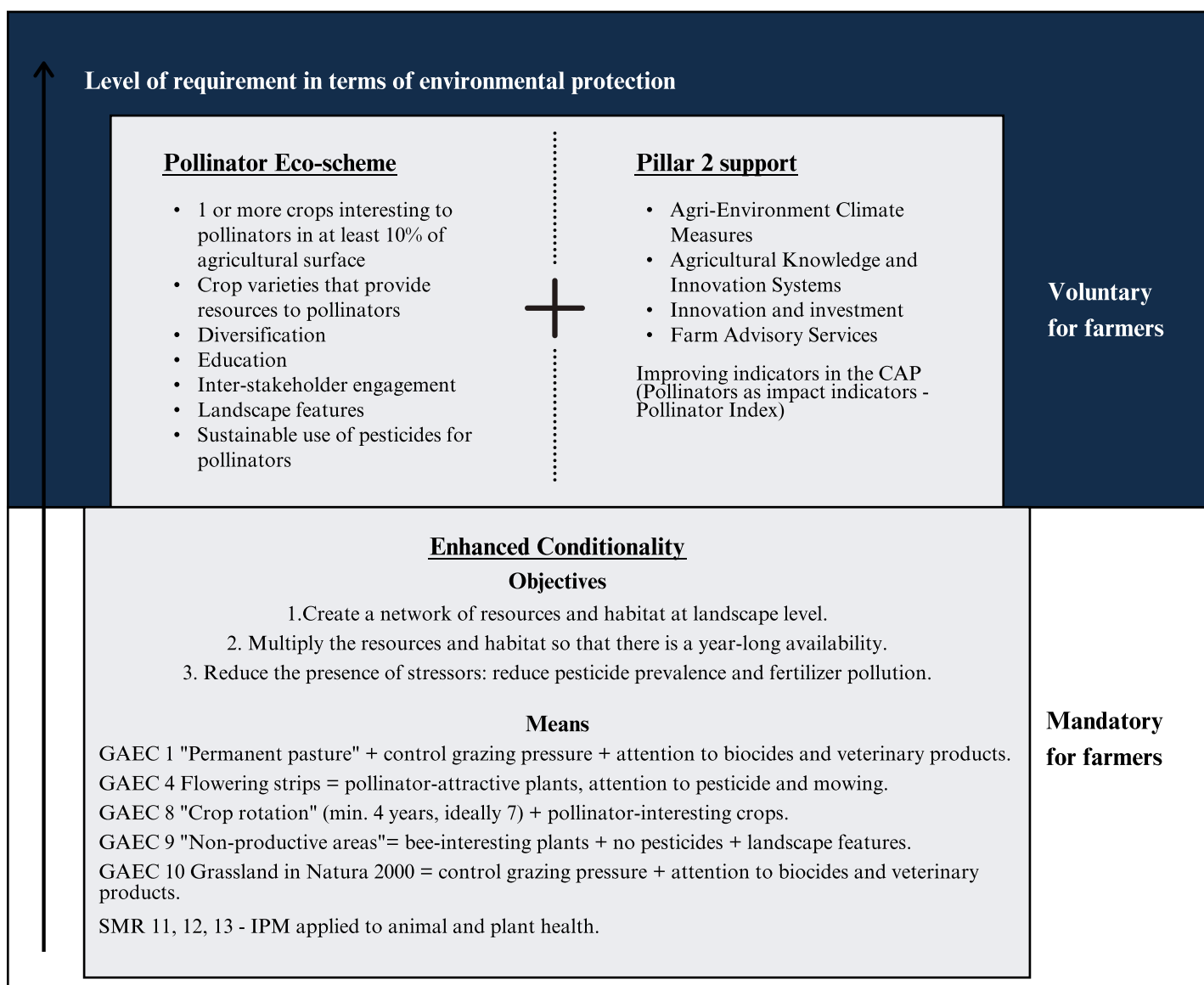
BeeLife proposes farmers and beekeepers/naturalists to receive appropriate incentives if they fulfil the criteria described above.

Member States should be enabled to establish the Pollinator Eco-Scheme as a pluriannual contract in their strategic plans.

POLLINATOR ECO-SCHEME OBJECTIVES

- **Bringing nature back into the agricultural landscape** for increased resilience.
- **Contributing to the achievements of the Farm To Fork and Biodiversity Strategies objectives** within the CAP (i.e., pesticides' uses and risks reduction).
- **Integrating the human dimension by reinforcing the link between different agricultural sectors** for a productive relationship.
- **Supporting and encouraging farmers to transition towards agroecology.**
- Increasing honey production in Europe.
- Contributing to **improve the health of humans and pollinators** and that of the overall environment.
- Contributing to the **accountability of the CAP.**
- Transforming eco-schemes into attractive measures so that they become increasingly popular among farmers.

**Our global vision for the future protection of pollinators within the CAP,
pairing the Pollinator Eco-scheme with a series of measures:**



For more information, please find our full report on the future of CAP and Pollinators at <https://link.bee-life.eu/CAP2020>, or contact Andrés SALAZAR at comms@bee-life.eu