



CONFERENCE

# *A New Spring for Bees*

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09:00 – 13:00

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## AGENDA

English-French Interpretation

Chaired by **Gaston Franco MEP**

Co-Chair of the European Parliament Intergroup

*“Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development”*

For the third consecutive year since 2012, the European Week of Bees and Pollinators will be taking place in the European Parliament under the patronage of Mr. Gaston Franco. It will be once again the occasion to raise awareness of policy-makers and the general public on the importance of bees and the precious service offered by pollinators at a time of operational application of the future common agricultural policy.

This high-level conference organised by the sustainable development Intergroup of the European Parliament and partners will have the privilege to welcome for the second time in the European Parliament His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco, whose Foundation leads an outstanding battle for the protection of biodiversity, and in particular of wild bees.

The conference will seek to contribute to the assessment of the current state of bee health, present concrete and effective responses to improve the sanitary condition of the bee population, and coordinate actions at EU level in support of the beekeeping sector.



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**08:15-08:50 – Registration, Altiero Spinelli building, Place du Luxembourg**

### **Opening session – Protecting bees: a global challenge for biodiversity, a political responsibility for the EU**

- 09:00-09:05 Welcome and introductory words by Mr. Gaston Franco MEP
- 09:05-09:15 Opening speech by Mr. Tonio Borg, European Commissioner in charge of Health
- 09:15-09:25 Opening speech by Mr. Karl Falkenberg, Director-General in charge of the Environment, European Commission
- 09:25-09:30 Video message by Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- 09:30-09:40 Opening speech by Mr. Piet Wit, Chair of the IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management
- 09:40-09:50 Opening speech by Mrs. Monique Eloit, Deputy Director General of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
- 09:50-09:55 Video message by Mr. Dacian Ciolos, European Commissioner in charge of Agriculture
- 09:55-10:05 Opening speech of H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco

### **Session 1 – Bee Health and Pollination**

- 10:30-10:35 ***Mrs. Mariya Gabriel MEP, Rapporteur for the AGRI opinion on the Honey Directive – Moderator***
- 10:35-10:45 **Bee Health: review of available scientific research**  
*Mr. Gilles Salvat, Director of animal health and animal welfare, ANSES*
- 10:45-10:55 **Presentation of the study by JRC on the pollination potential on European territories**  
*Mrs. Maria Betti, Director of the Institute for Environment and Sustainability, JRC*
- 10:55-11:05 *Dr. Oliver Schweiger, deputy Coordinator of STEP*
- 11:05-11:15 **Health and safety of pollinator insects: OECD's work on the effects of agricultural pesticides**

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*Mrs. Anne Gourmelon, Principal Administrator, Directorate for the Environment, OECD*

11:15-11:50 **Q&A with the audience:**

- *Mr. Samuel Lardoux, ONF*
- *Mr. Martin Dermine, Pan Europe*
- *Mr. Jean-Charles Bocquet, Director-General, ECPA*
- *Mr. Philippe Lecompte, organic beekeeper and president of RBA*

**Session 2 – Products from the hive and support to the European beekeeping sector**

11:50-11:55 ***Mr. Alojz Peterle MEP, Shadow Rapporteur on the Honey Directive – Moderator***

**Honey – a quality product:**

11:55-12:00 *Mrs. Julie Girling MEP, Rapporteur on the Honey Directive*

12:00-12:05 *Mr. Eric Pondelet, Director “Safety of the Food Chain”, DG SANCO*

**Support to the European beekeeping sector:**

12:05-12:10 *Mr. Adrian Siceanu, Institute for Beekeeping Research and Development (Bucarest)*

12:10-12:15 *Mr. Luis Carazo Jimenez, Head of Unit “Animal products”, DG AGRI*

12:15-12:50 **Q&A with the audience:**

- *Mr. Jean-Marc Petat, Head of Sustainable Development, BASF France*
- *Mr. Nicolas Vidal Naquet, Federation of Veterinarians of Europe*
- *Mr. Etienne Bruneau, beekeeper and president of the Honey working group of COPA-COGECA*
- *Dr. Bach Kim Nguyen, University of Liège (Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech), BeeOdiversity*

12:50-12:55 **Conclusion by Dr. Bach Kim Nguyen, University of Liège (Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech), BeeOdiversity**

12:55-13:00 **Closing remarks by Mr. Gaston Franco MEP**

13:00 *Cocktail lunch (tbc)*

14:00 Inauguration of the Bee Village, European Parliament Esplanade (Place du Luxembourg side)

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