

EFSA-ECHA session at EU Pollinator Week Events 2021

Advancing environmental risk assessment for bees and other insect pollinators

Meeting date: Wednesday, 29 September 2021
Time: 09:00- 10:45 (CEST)
Venue: Online event, fully remote
Moderator: Steve Pagani, EFSA

Speakers' short bios



Agnès Rortais

Affiliation: European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

Speech topic: Advancing the Environmental Risk Assessment of Chemicals for Insect Pollinators

Bio:

Agnes Rortais is an ecologist and bee specialist by training. She joined the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) in 2008 and is now a senior scientific officer. She works on the development of methodologies and tools for the detection of emerging risks in food and feed and on the development of integrated (systems-based) approaches on environmental risk assessment (ERA), in particular on bees and pollinators (see MUSTB opinion, the EU Bee Partnership platform and the upcoming new activities at EFSA on advancing ERA for pollinators).



Noa Simón Delso

Affiliation: BeeLife European Beekeeping Coordination

Speech topic: EU Bee Partnership (EUBP) Prototype platform for collecting and sharing bee health data

Bio:

Noa Simón Delso became Scientific Director and Project Manager at BeeLife at the beginning of 2021. She holds a PhD in Agricultural Science and Bioengineering from the Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium), an MSc in Economy, Management and Consumer Studies from Wageningen University (the Netherlands) and she is a DVM from the University of León (Spain). In her scientific career, Noa has specialised in environmental toxicology, particularly on bees, environmental policy and honey bee health, fields in which she has published several papers in peer-reviewed international journals in the field of environmental research, health and toxicology. In 2019 she started diversifying her activities, evolving towards the implementation of data science to pollinators health. In parallel, she has provided technical assistance to Belgian and European beekeepers and decision makers. Since 2009, she has provided scientific-technical assistance to the European organisation BeeLife, following the evolution and implementation of European legislation on the subject of pesticide authorisation, agricultural and environmental policy.



Alessio Ippolito

Affiliation: European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

Speech topic: Current status of EFSA bee guidance review

Bio:

Alessio Ippolito holds a master's degree in environmental sciences (2009) and a PhD in ecotoxicology (2012) from the University of Milano-Bicocca. From 2012 to 2014, he worked at the International Centre for Pesticides and Health Risk Prevention (ICPS) as an expert of pesticide environmental fate and ecotoxicology of plant protection products. Later, he worked for the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the EU Commission, developing the first Watch List under the Environmental Quality Standards Directive.

At the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), he deals with the environmental risk assessment of pesticides. His current activities include coordinating the EU-peer review of pesticide active substances, performing ad-hoc evaluations, and developing new risk assessment methodologies.



Simón Gutiérrez Alonso

Affiliation: European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

Speech topic: Overview and status from ECHA on the development of a guidance for assessing the risks to arthropod pollinators (including bees) from the use of biocides

Bio:

Simón Gutiérrez Alonso works in the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) as team leader and ecotoxicologist in the Biocides Assessment Unit and is deputy chair of the Biocidal Products Committee working group on environment. Simón is currently leading ECHA's work in relation to the development of a methodology to assess the risk to bees and other non-target arthropod pollinators from the use of biocides.

Before joining ECHA, Simón worked in the private sector as a regulatory manager and, before that, worked as a risk assessor and ecotoxicologist for the Spanish national authorities. He has also worked in the Spanish National Reference Centre for Persistent Organic Pollutants. Simón holds a Bachelor's degree in environmental sciences and a PhD in ecotoxicology.