



Collecting and Sharing Data on bee health: Towards an EU Bee Partnership – **background**

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Bee Week 2017

- **European Parliament tasked EFSA** to organise bee health symposium as part of Bee Week 2017
- The objective : **to deliver** a concrete result
- The result: **an EU Bee Partnership** for collecting, sharing data on bee health involving all stakeholders.

Why EFSA?

- **June 2016** – The EP's Week of Bees and Pollination (Bee Week) 2016 concluded : absence of **harmonised data** across the EU to help inform policy makers on **what is causing increasing bee fatalities**.
- **Oct 2016** - EFSA offered MEPs of the EP's Apiculture and Bee Health WG its advice and expertise based on the work it had so far conducted on honey bees.
- EU is global frontrunner on bee health analysis and monitoring – integration of data collection could strengthen this role

SYMPOSIUM AND RESULT

- **EFSA** co-organised the Bee Week 2017 symposium with key stakeholders–EPBA, BeeLife, ECPA and COPA-COGECA; involvement of NGOs, such as PAN-Europe
- Focus of symposium and subsequent actions was to be first on honey bees, with aim of expanding to include wild bees, bumblebees in future

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