



EU Bee Partnership Discussion Group; background, selection, terms of reference

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Background

- Bee Symposium/EFSA's Strategy 2020/ MUST-B project,
- EFSA pledged to **facilitate the next steps by organising a discussion group** to agree the terms of reference for the partnership.
- importance of greater **harmonised data collection and sharing** and the need for **enhanced dialogue with stakeholders**, Member States and institutional partners in the context of to the EU risk assessment.
- Direct benefits for stakeholders; **creation of synergies**, facilitation of **data sharing and access**, and ultimately increased **evidence and best practice on bee health**.

Background

- EFSA's Stakeholder Engagement Approach (SEA)
- Discussion Groups - "learning systems" that allow EFSA to **capitalise on stakeholders' specialist** knowledge in specific areas
- provide stakeholders with information about different aspects of the Authority's work
- EFSA and stakeholders positive experience with discussion groups on topics such as **emerging risks, data collection, allergenicity of GMOs, endocrine disruptors**

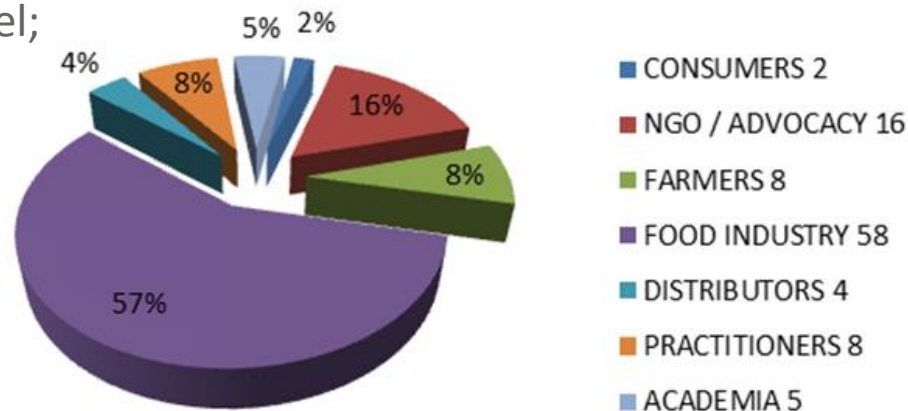


Selection and composition

- Call for expression of interest launched on 20 September – deadline for submission of applications was 9 October 2017.
- In total, 23 organisations submitted nominations
- Selection criteria:

- Interest in the field and expected benefits;
- Role and remit of the organisation at EU level;
- Achieving a balanced representation of stakeholder interests;
- expertise of expert to cover a wide range of technical and scientific areas, including bee health (i.e. beekeeping, veterinary sciences including bee diseases, ecotoxicology, chemical contamination, honey production), climatology and social sciences.

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Organisation	Stakeholder Category
Bee Life – European Beekeeping Coordination	NGOs and Advocacy Groups
PAN Europe	NGOs and Advocacy Groups
Apimondia – International Federation of Beekeepers Associations	NGOs and Advocacy Groups
European Crop Protection Association – ECPA	Business and Food Industry
International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association – IBMA	Business and Food Industry
European Federation of Honey Packers and Distributors – F.E.E.D.M.	Business and Food Industry
Association of Veterinary Consultants – AVC	Practitioners
European Professional Beekeepers Association – EPBA	Farmers and Primary Producers
International Confederation of European Beet Growers – C.I.B.E.	Farmers and Primary Producers
European Network of Scientists for Social and Environmental Responsibility – ENSSER	Academia

Terms of reference

Discussion Group to discuss:

- vision, objectives, scope and deliverables (i.e. what has to be achieved)
- stakeholders, roles and responsibilities (i.e. who will take part in it)
- resource, financial and quality plans (i.e. how it will be achieved)
- work breakdown structure and schedule (i.e. when it will be achieved)
- success factors, risks and constraints (ideally, ToR should also include this).



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