

EUROPEAN  
FEDERATION  
OF HONEY  
PACKERS AND  
DISTRIBUTORS



FÉDÉRATION  
EUROPÉENNE DES  
EMBALLEURS ET  
DISTRIBUTEURS DE  
MIEL

# EFSA Discussion Group EU Bee Partnership for sharing data

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## About F.E.E.D.M.

### Fédération Européenne des Emballeurs et Distributeurs de Miel

- ✓ **European Federation of Honey Packers and Distributors**
- ✓ Established in 1989, located in Hamburg (Germany)
- ✓ Representing the interests of the European honey business
- ✓ Multinational organization composed of national honey associations or individual companies from 18 EU Countries and 2 EFTA Countries
  - Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, UK, Norway and Switzerland
- ✓ Recognized by the EU Institutions as stakeholder association

## F.E.E.D.M.'s Management Committee

- ✓ Mr George Pittas, President of F.E.E.D.M. and also President of the Greek Association of Packers and Traders of Honey
- ✓ Mr José-Carlos Mestre, Vice-President of F.E.E.D.M.
- ✓ Dr. Helena Melnikov, Secretary General of F.E.E.D.M.

## Memberships and collaborations

- ✓ Apimondia
- ✓ FoodDrinkEurope
- ✓ Registered as interested party at EMA and Codex alimentarius
- ✓ F.E.E.D.M. Technical Working Group



## F.E.E.D.M.'s aims and tasks

- ✓ Defending and promoting honey as a pure and natural product
- ✓ Improving the quality standards of the product
- ✓ Supporting commercial and political beekeeping needs
- ✓ Representing the interests of the honey trade
- ✓ Acting as mediator between trade and politics



The members of F.E.E.D.M. commit themselves to the integrity and quality of the products, which are subject to their business

## Beekeeping in the EU

- ✓ around 17 million beehives
- ✓ around 600,000 beekeepers
- ✓ 96% of beekeepers have less than 150 hives
- ✓ For the majority of beekeepers in the EU beekeeping is not a business activity

## Honey Trade in the EU

- ✓ EU honey production covers only 60% of internal demand
- ✓ The EU and the US are the biggest honey importing markets
- ✓ Members of F.E.E.D.M. deal with European and imported honeys

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# Thank you

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