



UNITING BEET GROWERS

CIBE
since 1927

CIBE's contributions to EU Bee Partnership Discussion Group (BPDG)

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CIBE in a nutshell

CIBE DEFENDS and represents the interests of sugar beet growers in Europe since 1927, notably vis-a-vis European Institutions and international organisations. CIBE is composed of national and regional associations from 16 European beet-producing countries. These include 140,000 growers from 15 EU countries and roughly 130,000 growers from 2 non-EU countries.

CIBE FACILITATES contact between Members and provides platforms for information, analyses and exchanges.



1. Collect data of pesticide use in agriculture (in particular in sugar beet growing).
2. Present examples of good agricultural practices favouring bee health.
3. Collect information on how farmers in general and beet growers in particular provide food and habitat for bees on farmland.
4. Preferably in cooperation with beekeepers' associations: Present the development of voluntary initiatives bringing farmers and beekeepers together to help improve conditions for honey bees – *inter alia* keeping beekeepers notified when neighbouring farmers are applying insecticides to their crops.