



IBMA

Stakeholder's contribution to
EU Bee Partnership DG

Meeting of the Discussion Group on EU
Bee Partnership for Sharing of Data

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International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association (IBMA)

- **IBMA (International Biocontrol Manufacturers' Association)** is a European focused association of biocontrol industries producing microorganisms, macroorganisms (bumblebees included), semiochemicals and natural pesticides for plant protection, animal housing, home and garden and public health uses.
- **IBMA** was created in 1995 to represent the views of these biological control producers, with diverse origins and structures.
- A large percentage of IBMA members are Small, Medium Enterprises (SMEs).
- See <http://www.ibma-global.org/> for more information.



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KEY ACTIVITIES

- **IBMA** represents its members in International Organizations such as EU, OECD, FAO, etc.
- **IBMA** members share their expertise, and IBMA promotes collaboration among members
- **IBMA** partners with other organizations defending biopesticides to strengthen its positions.



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How can IBMA contribute to EU Bee Partnership Discussion Group?

- **IBMA** members (in particular Biobest and Koppert) have sound expertise, knowledge and abundant and extensive data on bumblebees.
- **IBMA** members, especially the producers of bumblebees, have decades of experience in testing compatibility of chemical PPPs with bumblebees.
- **IBMA** members own data on the side effects of biopesticides on honey bees, required for approval of active substances and placing of PPPs on the market.
- **IBMA** members are active in different EU member states, and can thus provide expert advice and help in identifying suitable sources of data, which may already be available on a national level.

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How can IBMA nominee contribute to EU Bee Partnership Discussion Group?

- The expert nominated by IBMA has been doing research on pollinators (honeybees, bumblebees and especially solitary bees) for more than 25 years. Research topics included biology of wild pollinators, use of pollinators for pollination and protection of cultivated crops, and studies on the effects of PPPs on honeybees, bumblebees, and solitary bees.
- Relationships with scientists in several European and non-European countries working on pollination and bee health, which are still in place.

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Sharing data: IBMA's expectations and needs

- to protect pollinators
- to help to «speed up» and improve the process of risk assessment for pollinators, including bumblebees and sublethal effects
- to understand the combined effects of exposure to multiple PPPs
- to understand interactions between bee exposure to PPPs and other stressors (nutrient stress)

Issues that need to be addressed

- Confidentiality of data
- Ownership of data





Thank you for your attention

