



WEBINAR
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16:30

The webinar will present the results of the activity of the EIP-AGRI Focus Group on “Bee health and sustainable beekeeping”



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How can we ensure the sustainability of beekeeping while facing the challenges related to pest control, bee diseases, intensive farming and climate change?

In 2019 a specific working group set up by the European Commission and called "EIP-AGRI Focus Group" addressed the issue of how to ensure the sustainability of beekeeping considering the challenges posed by pest control, bee diseases, intensive farming and climate change and provided an update on the key-factors promoting "**Bee health and sustainable beekeeping**".

The expert group discussed the main issues that need to be addressed in order to help beekeeping get out of the current critical situation which is caused by several negative impacts: farming practices, climate change, spread of diseases and new pests and predators.

The final report (click [here](#) for the original English version and [here](#) for the Italian version) includes an in-depth analysis and also some proposals representing a real contribution to solve the problems affecting the beekeeping sector.

It is necessary not only to bring the content of this document to public attention but also to discuss it with all the relevant stakeholders: beekeepers and beekeeping technicians, farmers and farming technicians, veterinarians and animal health public officers, researchers and teachers, administrators and politicians.

The webinar's main goal is to disseminate it, making sure that all the relevant stakeholders can join the debate and have the opportunity to be heard.

A certificate of attendance will be issued upon request.

The event will be live streamed on Facebook (only in Italian)

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Introduction to the Focus Group

Fabio Cossu, DG-AGRI European Commission

The health of bees: from the hive to the apiary

The hive as a whole is a superorganism in which external and internal factors interact in a complex way: how can the health of a hive be determined? What are the parameters to monitor and evaluate? Which strategies to adopt to improve the resilience and health of bees?

Fabio Sgolastra, University of Bologna

Bees and their interaction with the environment

The environment surrounding the hive super-organism is a complex mix of actors and environmental factors. Knowing their role and impact is crucial to protect the health of bees. In this context, agriculture plays a crucial role.

Simone Tosi, University of Turin

Beekeepers' knowledge and skills for healthy bees

Beekeepers have to keep their bees healthy. Their knowledge and skills are essential to make bees live in the best possible condition. What knowledge is needed and where to find the right information?

Zeid Nabulsi, Association "Le nostre api" (Our bees)

Insights:

Mini-paper 1 "Platform of information at EU level"

Etienne Bruneau, Beekeeping Research and Information Centre (CARI), Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

Mini-paper 2 "Disease control and emergency situations"

Fani Hatjina, Agricultural Organization 'DEMETER', Thessaloniki, Greece

Mini-paper 3 "Developing husbandry staying as close as possible to the natural living conditions of bees"

Anna Dupleix, Université de Montpellier MUSE (LMGC)

Mini-paper 7 "Sustainable beekeeping and breeding"

Frens Pries, Hogeschool Inholland, Amsterdam

18:30

General discussion

19:00

Alberto Contessi - Conclusions

President of the "Osservatorio Nazionale Miele" [*National Honey Observatory*]

Moderator

Giancarlo Naldi

During the webinar a simultaneous interpreting service will be provided.