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to the Commission**

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Subject: Developing ways of tackling varroatosis

The varroa mite is a parasite that has been attacking bees since 1980 in Europe and is contributing to the development of other diseases, weakening bees considerably.

Given that our control measures are currently very limited, mainly because of problems with resistance to certain molecules, beekeepers are waiting for new methods of curbing this problem to be developed.

Can the Commission produce a summary of research being conducted in Europe on varroatosis?

Since new avenues of research have recently been opened on varroatosis, will the Commission consider providing EU support within the framework of a European Horizon 2020 research programme?