

**Question for written answer E-001056/2017  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Dangers of the extinction of bees

Bees play probably one of the most important roles in the ecosystem. Only around 10% of flowering plants on Earth are pollinated by wind; 90% are pollinated by insects. The majority of the insects are bees. Research results confirm that almost 10% of wild bee populations in Europe are in danger of extinction. That percentage rises to 25% if we include bumblebees, very important pollinators from the same family of insects, in the calculation.

What measures has the Commission taken so far to prevent the extinction of bees and what are the results of those measures?