

**Question for written answer E-003079/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Honey bees

In 2015, the European Food Safety Agency launched a multi-annual project to assess the stress factors and characteristics of healthy honey bee colonies with a view to establishing a framework to make it feasible for the health status of bee colonies to be measured accurately and in a harmonised manner in field surveys.

Give the worrying situation in Galicia (the author's region of origin) with the proliferation of the Asian wasp, as was raised by the author in question for written answer E-006475/2014:

1. What specific progress has been made by the Commission with regard to the above-mentioned studies?
2. Has the impact of the spread of the Asian wasp in Europe been studied?
3. What specific recommendation have been drawn up to improve the viability of honey bee colonies?