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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

Mireille D'Ornano

Prospects and challenges for the EU apiculture sector
(2017/2115(INI))

Amendment 1
Pavel Poc, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. *Considers that honeybees are a crucial part of biodiversity and that they constitute an irreplaceable universal heritage on which animal pollination largely depends;*

Amendment

1. *Emphasises that beekeeping as an economic and social activity plays a crucial role in the sustainable development of rural areas, creates jobs and provides an important ecosystem service via pollination, which contributes to the improvement of biodiversity by maintaining the genetic diversity of plants;*

Or. en

Amendment 2
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. *Considers that honeybees are a crucial part of biodiversity and that they constitute an irreplaceable universal heritage on which animal pollination largely depends;*

Amendment

1. *In a situation whereby, according to the UN, 40% of pollinators might disappear, considers that honeybees - but also wild bees and bumblebees - are a crucial part of biodiversity and that they constitute an irreplaceable universal heritage on which animal pollination largely depends, thus making them an important element in food production for present and future generations;*

Or. fr

Amendment 3
Boleslaw G. Piecha

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Considers that honeybees are a crucial part of biodiversity and that they constitute an irreplaceable universal heritage on which animal pollination largely depends;

Amendment

1. Considers that honeybees are a crucial part of biodiversity and that they constitute an irreplaceable universal heritage on which animal pollination largely depends;

Notes that bee health is affected by multiple stressors including parasites, infectious agents and pesticides, which vary significantly according to geographical zones and climactic conditions;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Considers that honeybees are a crucial part of biodiversity and that ***they constitute an*** irreplaceable universal heritage on which animal pollination largely depends;

Amendment

1. Considers that honeybees are a crucial part of biodiversity, ***that they must be recognised as productive and pollinating insects but also as a wild species,*** and that ***as such they are particularly vulnerable and are part of the*** irreplaceable universal heritage on which animal pollination largely depends;

Or. fr

Amendment 5
Eleonora Evi, Piernicola Pedicini, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. *Considers that* honeybees *are a* crucial *part of* biodiversity *and that they constitute an* irreplaceable universal heritage on which animal pollination largely depends;

Amendment

1. *Emphasises the importance of* honeybees *as environmental health indicators, as crucial factors in* biodiversity *as a whole and as* irreplaceable universal heritage on which animal pollination largely depends;

Or. it

Amendment 6
Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Considers that honeybees *are* a crucial part of biodiversity and that they constitute an irreplaceable universal heritage on which animal pollination largely depends;

Amendment

1. Considers that honeybees *represent* a crucial part of biodiversity and that they *help to maintain the ecological balance and* constitute an irreplaceable universal heritage on which animal pollination largely depends;

Or. ro

Amendment 7
Michèle Rivasi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Considers that honeybees are a crucial part of biodiversity and that they constitute an irreplaceable universal heritage on which *animal* pollination largely depends;

Amendment

1. Considers that honeybees *and other pollinators* are a crucial part of biodiversity and that they constitute an irreplaceable universal heritage on which pollination largely depends;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Eleonora Evi, Piernicola Pedicini, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Points out that the practice of so-called nomadic apiculture has many positive aspects but also a number of critical ones, in particular regarding compliance with the rules to prevent risks from spreading; whereas, therefore, more careful monitoring needs to take place;

Or. it

Amendment 9
Michèle Rivasi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recognises that while crop pollinators, including honey bees, pollinate over 80% of all crops and wild plants and contribute at least 22 billion euros each year to the European agricultural industry, bee populations are falling at an alarming rate;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Highlights the importance of pollination for food security in Europe and in the world, given the impact of bees and pollinators (domestic and wild) on farming, agricultural production, biodiversity and environmental sustainability;

Or. ro

Amendment 11
Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Considers that farming and beekeeping share the same land and are mutually beneficial, for which reason cooperation between the two sectors needs to be boosted to further synergies and reduce risks;

Or. es

Amendment 12
Kateřina Konečná, Jiří Maštálka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses that bees can also serve as an indicator and as a means for monitoring the state of the environment in view of their great sensitivity to pollutants, such as arsenic, pesticides or radiation;

Or. cs

Amendment 13
Eleonora Evi, Piernicola Pedicini, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Considers that the deterioration of the environment due to the growing impact of human activity, the spread of intensive farming, the increasing use of plant health products, and climate change, are causing high mortality rates among bees and a drastic reduction in the number of bee colonies;

Or. it

Amendment 14
Michèle Rivasi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Is highly concerned that livestock mortality in some countries has reached levels greater than 50% and warns against this loss of honey productivity in hives being concealed by a statistical increase in honeybee populations over recent decades;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Draws attention to the varying sizes of the honeybee population in different agricultural areas: the population is growing in some honey-producing countries, while other countries are facing a decline;

Or. ro

Amendment 16

Eleonora Evi, Piernicola Pedicini, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Stresses the importance of preserving the variety of the bee gene pool, which is a vital resource for ensuring that bee populations are able to adapt to environmental changes and threats to their health;

Or. it

Amendment 17

Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Draws attention to the lack of sufficient information and precise figures on the situation with regard to pollinators at world level, and on the numbers and diversity of pollinators;

Or. ro

Amendment 18
Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1d. Regrets the absence of regional or international programmes to monitor the current status and trends with regard to pollinators;

Or. ro

Amendment 19
Pavel Poc, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Notes that while selection can help prevent certain health scourges it must not lead to an impoverishment of the genetic heritage of bees, particularly of local species;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 20
Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. Notes that while selection can help prevent certain health scourges it must not lead to an impoverishment of the genetic heritage of bees, particularly of local

2. Underlines that protecting the genetic heritage of bees, as well as its diversity, must be seen as a vital priority and that awareness must be raised about

species;

the fact that, while selection can help prevent certain health scourges it must not lead to an impoverishment of the genetic heritage of bees, particularly of local species;

Or. fr

Amendment 21
Luke Ming Flanagan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Notes that while selection can help prevent certain health scourges it must not lead to an impoverishment of the genetic heritage of bees, particularly of local species;

Amendment

2. Notes that while selection can help prevent certain health scourges it must not lead to an impoverishment of the genetic heritage of bees, particularly of local species, ***and thus all such selection processes should be carefully monitored and controlled***;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Notes that while selection can help prevent certain health scourges it must not lead to an impoverishment of the genetic heritage of bees, particularly of local species;

Amendment

2. Notes that, while selection can help prevent certain health scourges ***such as Varroa, moths, Asian hornets and some pesticides***, it must not lead to an impoverishment of the genetic heritage of bees, particularly of local species;

Or. fr

Amendment 23
Eleonora Evi, Piernicola Pedicini, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Notes that while selection can help prevent certain health scourges it must not lead to an impoverishment of the genetic heritage of bees, particularly of local species;

Amendment

2. Notes that while **genetic** selection can help prevent certain health scourges it must not lead to an impoverishment of the genetic heritage of bees, particularly of local species;

Or. it

Amendment 24
Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses that many of the predicted consequences of climate change, such as temperature increase, a change in precipitation patterns and extreme or less predictable weather events, will have an impact on pollinator populations;

Or. ro

Amendment 25
Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop in conjunction with the farming and beekeeping sectors Good Practice Guides that will promote

synergies between both activities and encourage use of the best techniques available;

Or. es

Amendment 26
Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop in conjunction with the farming and beekeeping sectors a labelling system promoting the establishment of a responsible production system for bees;*

Or. es

Amendment 27
Boleslaw G. Piecha

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. *Deplores* the fact that the widespread use of **chemical** pesticides, particularly on melliferous plant species, **threatens** the survival of bees;

3. **Condemns** the fact that the widespread use of pesticides, particularly on melliferous plant species, **can affect** the survival of bees;
Calls on the Commission to work with the sector to develop a code of best practice in beekeeping, supported via access at Member State level to high-quality training;
Calls for increased dialogue and collaboration between all stakeholders (beekeepers, farmers, experts, NGOs, local authorities, veterinaries, plant

protection industries, citizens), in particular in terms of data collection and sharing; notes that the collection of data in relation to bee health should not place an additional burden on beekeepers;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Deplores the fact that the widespread use of chemical pesticides, particularly on melliferous plant species, threatens the survival of bees;

Amendment

3. Deplores the fact that the widespread use of chemical pesticides, particularly on melliferous plant species, threatens the survival of bees; *maintains that neonicotinoid-based pesticides are particularly responsible for the worrying decline in bee populations across Europe, as can be seen from a range of international studies which have formed the basis for petitions from citizens comprising hundreds of thousands of signatures throughout the continent;*

Or. fr

Amendment 29
Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Deplores the fact that the widespread use of chemical pesticides, particularly on melliferous plant species, threatens the survival of bees;

Amendment

3. Deplores the fact that the widespread use of chemical pesticides, particularly on melliferous plant species, threatens the survival of bees, *since it affects their physiology (rate of*

development) and behaviour (leading them to reject food, disrupting their navigation, etc.), as well as their learning processes (difficulty in recognising the nest, flowers, etc.);

Or. ro

Amendment 30
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Deplores the fact that the widespread use of chemical pesticides, particularly on melliferous plant species, ***threatens*** the survival of bees;

Amendment

3. Deplores the fact that the widespread use of chemical pesticides, particularly on melliferous plant species, ***is one of the factors threatening*** the survival of bees, ***as is the case with neonicotinoids, the use of which is not banned systematically; glyphosate, the use of which is still permitted in the EU, is also toxic to*** bees;

Or. fr

Amendment 31
Luke Ming Flanagan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Deplores the fact that the widespread use of chemical pesticides, particularly on melliferous plant species, **threatens** the survival of bees;

Amendment

3. Deplores the fact that the widespread use of chemical pesticides, particularly on melliferous plant species, **threatens** the survival of bees, ***and recommends that such use - and its effects - should be monitored, controlled and - as much as is possible and as soon as is possible - reduced;***

Amendment 32
Michèle Rivasi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Deplores the fact that the widespread use of chemical pesticides, particularly on melliferous plant species, threatens the survival of bees;

Amendment

3. Deplores the fact that, ***as shown by independent peer-reviewed studies***, the widespread use of chemical pesticides ***including neonicotinoids and other systemic insecticides***, particularly on melliferous plant species, threatens the survival of bees;

Amendment 33
Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Deplores the fact that the widespread use of chemical pesticides, particularly on melliferous plant species, threatens the survival of bees;

Amendment

3. Deplores the fact that ***a combination of*** the widespread use of chemical pesticides, particularly on melliferous plant species, ***and the random use of agricultural harvesting machinery at times of honey flow***, threatens the survival of bees;

Amendment 34
Jan Huitema

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Deplores the fact that the **widespread** use of chemical pesticides, particularly on melliferous plant species, threatens the survival of bees;

Amendment

3. Deplores the fact that the **incorrect** use of chemical pesticides, particularly on melliferous plant species, threatens the survival of bees;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Eleonora Evi, Piernicola Pedicini, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Deplores the **fact that** the widespread use of chemical pesticides, particularly on melliferous plant species, **threatens the survival of bees**;

Amendment

3. Deplores the **threat posed to the survival of bees by** the widespread use of chemical pesticides, particularly on melliferous plant species;

Or. it

Amendment 36

Pavel Poc, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. **Deplores the fact** that the **widespread** use of **chemical pesticides, particularly on melliferous plant species, threatens the survival of bees**;

Amendment

3. **Emphasises** that the use of plant **protection products in agriculture should be regarded as a main factor affecting bee health**;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Pavel Poc, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. *Stresses that the long-term effects of systemic plant protection products are underestimated; believes that use of plant protection products should be taken into account in order to clarify to what extent they play a role in bee health; welcomes the recent adoption of a pilot project on Environmental monitoring of pesticide use through honeybees;*

Or. en

Amendment 38
Michèle Rivasi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. *Recognises that a bee's resistance is considerably weakened by cumulative chemical exposure, leaving them unable to deal with stressors such as wet years, a lack of nectar, diseases or parasites;*

Or. en

Amendment 39
Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. *Stresses the need to apply the precautionary principle in order to protect pollinators in general, both domestic and*

wild;

Or. ro

Amendment 40

Eleonora Evi, Piernicola Pedicini, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Points to the growing body of scientific research connecting the extinction of bee colonies to the use of neonicotinoid pesticides;

Or. it

Amendment 41

Pavel Poc, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. Points out that special attention must be paid to the use of plant protection products of the neonicotinoid family (Clothianidin, Thiacloprid, Imidacloprid, Thiamethoxam), phenyl pyrazole (Fipronil), pyrethroids and active substances such as Chlorpyrifos and Dimethoate, with lethal effects (mortality due to the acute or chronic toxicity of active substances in plant protection products) or sub-lethal effects (effects on the immune system or on behaviour of bees), directly or via contaminated water, droplet guttation, nectar and pollen that could cause digestive and hormonal disruption;

Amendment 42
Michèle Rivasi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. *Notes that the simplest way to improve bee health and reduce mortality is to cut exposure to products that increase bee mortality, whilst other factors impacting bees, such as climate change, food availability, the dominant intensive agricultural model, parasites and predators, are more difficult and complex to achieve;*

Or. en

Amendment 43
Eleonora Evi, Piernicola Pedicini, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. *Points out that the EU has introduced temporary restrictions on the use of four neonicotinoid insecticides (clothianidin, thiamethoxam, imidacloprid and fipronil) in order to mitigate the impact on bees;*

Or. it

Amendment 44
Michèle Rivasi

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3c. *Notes that a healthy bee is better placed to withstand parasitism, disease and predation; Notes further that parasitism is never the primary cause of death, as parasites have an interest in keeping a host alive;*

Or. en

Amendment 45
Michèle Rivasi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3d. *Welcomes therefore the proposal by the European Commission for a comprehensive ban on clothianidin, imidacloprid and thiamethoxam and calls on Member States to fully support, implement and uphold this ban;*

Or. en

Amendment 46
Michèle Rivasi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3e. *Calls on the EU to formally adopt the guidelines for assessing the impact of plant protection products on bees in order to determine the level of 'acceptable risk' required by Regulation 1107/2009;*

Amendment 47
Pavel Poc, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. *Emphasises that ‘controlled pollination’ helps to restore harmony between beekeepers and farmers and can substantially increase crop yields;*

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 48
Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that ‘controlled pollination’ helps to restore harmony between beekeepers and farmers and can substantially increase crop yields;

Amendment

4. Emphasises that ‘controlled pollination’ helps to restore harmony between beekeepers and farmers and can substantially increase crop yields; ***there is therefore a need to encourage all branches of agricultural training to disseminate and put in place teaching material aimed at strengthening the links between beekeepers and farmers;***

Amendment 49
Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that ‘controlled pollination’ helps to restore harmony between beekeepers and farmers and can substantially increase crop yields;

Amendment

4. Emphasises that ***pollination represents a key service for ecosystems, and*** ‘controlled pollination’ helps to restore harmony between beekeepers and farmers and can substantially increase crop yields;

Or. ro

Amendment 50
Boleslaw G. Piecha

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that ‘controlled pollination’ helps to restore harmony between beekeepers and farmers and can substantially increase crop yields;

Amendment

4. Emphasises that ‘controlled pollination’ helps to restore harmony between ***professional*** beekeepers and farmers and can substantially increase crop yields;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Eleonora Evi, Piernicola Pedicini, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that ‘controlled pollination’ ***helps to restore harmony between beekeepers and farmers and can substantially increase*** crop yields;

Amendment

4. Emphasises ***the contribution*** that ‘controlled pollination’, ***which has been facilitated by nomadic apiculture, makes to increasing*** crop yields ***and honey product output***;

Or. it

Amendment 52
Eleonora Evi, Piernicola Pedicini, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Points to the recent research conducted by the FAO, which shows that increasing the density and variety of pollinating insects has a direct impact on harvest yields and, as such can help small farmers increase their productivity by an average of 24% overall.

Or. it

Amendment 53
Boleslaw G. Piecha

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Notes that ***the fight against*** fraud in the field of bee products ***calls for substantial funding to tackle*** the unfair competition represented by adulterated 'honey' ***in particular***;

5. Notes that ***Directive 2014/63/EU requires the country of origin where the honey has been harvested to be indicated on the label where the honey originates in one Member State or one third country; acknowledges however that further action is required to tackle*** fraud in the field of bee products ***and to address*** the unfair competition represented by adulterated 'honey';
Notes the importance of a robust budget allocation for national beekeeping programmes and given the importance of the sector to agriculture overall, calls on the Commission to ensure its prominence in future agricultural policy negotiations in terms of support, research and innovation and beekeeping education programmes;

Amendment 54
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Notes that the fight against fraud in the field of bee products calls for substantial funding to tackle the unfair competition represented by adulterated 'honey' in particular;

Amendment

5. Notes that the fight against fraud in the field of bee products calls for substantial funding to tackle the unfair competition represented by adulterated 'honey' in particular; ***considers that honey is a 100% natural product which should not be supplemented, reduced or blended if consumer confidence is to be ensured;***

Or. fr

Amendment 55
Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Notes that the fight against fraud in the field of bee products calls for substantial funding to tackle ***the*** unfair competition ***represented by*** adulterated 'honey' ***in particular;***

Amendment

5. Notes that the fight against fraud in the field of bee products calls for substantial funding ***and effective border monitoring*** to tackle unfair competition ***and ensure protection from serious health crises, particularly given the existence of*** adulterated 'honey';

Or. fr

Amendment 56
Jan Huitema

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Notes that the fight against fraud in the field of bee products calls for **substantial funding** to tackle the unfair competition represented by adulterated ‘honey’ in particular;

Amendment

5. Notes that the fight against fraud in the field of bee products calls for ***the reinforcement of resources where possible in order*** to tackle the unfair competition represented by adulterated ‘honey’ in particular;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Kateřina Konečná, Jiří Maštálka

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Notes that the fight against fraud in the field of bee products calls for substantial funding to tackle the unfair competition represented by adulterated ‘honey’ in particular;

Amendment

5. Notes that the fight against fraud in the field of bee products calls for substantial funding to tackle the unfair competition represented by adulterated ‘honey’ ***and 'beeswax'*** in particular;

Or. cs

Amendment 58

Pavel Poc, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Notes that ***the fight against fraud in the field of bee products calls for substantial funding to tackle the unfair competition represented by adulterated ‘honey’ in particular;***

Amendment

5. Notes that ***honey is the third most adulterated product in the world and that the adulteration of honey imported from third countries is causing considerable damage to European beekeepers;***

Or. en

Amendment 59
Arne Gericke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Stresses the rejection of any form of patenting of plants and animals; calls for the collaborative honeybee breeding work done by the beekeeping community to be placed under an Open Source licence with a view to protecting the honeybee as a public good against appropriation by commercial undertakings and to ensuring that the general beekeeper can continue to breed the honeybee without a licence;

Or. de

Amendment 60
Michèle Rivasi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Suggests, in order to protect consumers' rights and to help fight against fraudulent practices, that the country or countries of origin of honey should be clearly listed on the label;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Julie Girling

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Notes that there are no common European standards for beekeepers;*

Or. en

Amendment 62
Bolesław G. Piecha

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. *Calls on the Commission to include as one of the objectives of the common agricultural policy (CAP) limits on the objective of increasing productivity to circumscribe crop intensification, in order to provide sufficient and healthy living space for bees;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 63
Pavel Poc, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. *Calls on the Commission to include as one of the objectives of the common agricultural policy (CAP) limits on the objective of increasing productivity to circumscribe crop intensification, in order to provide sufficient and healthy living space for bees;*

6. *Welcomes that the compulsory greening measures of the new Direct Payment Regulation, in particular crop diversification and ecological focus areas, could contribute to a better environment for bees; stresses however that bees and other pollinators shall be at the heart of the EU food production system and more needs to be done to establish agricultural systems that respond to the needs of*

pollinators, while guaranteeing food production that contributes to the well-being of European citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to include as one of the objectives of the common agricultural policy (CAP) limits on the objective of increasing productivity to circumscribe crop intensification, in order to provide sufficient and healthy living space for bees;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to include as one of the objectives of the common agricultural policy (CAP) limits on the objective of increasing productivity to circumscribe crop intensification, in order to provide sufficient and healthy living space for bees; ***underlines that the EUR 36 million allocated to beekeepers is paltry when set against the challenges faced by the sector and cannot possibly resolve the problems confronting them in an effective and lasting way; adds that the greening of the CAP is inadequate in that it does not alter the overall aims of the CAP;***

Or. fr

Amendment 65
Eleonora Evi, Piernicola Pedicini, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to include as one of the objectives of the common agricultural policy (CAP) ***limits on the objective of increasing productivity to***

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to include as one of the objectives of the common agricultural policy (CAP) ***that of halting increased productivity through the use of***

circumscribe crop intensification, in order to provide sufficient and healthy living space for bees;

chemical inputs, while simultaneously encouraging the changeover to agro-ecological methods through the use of the organic and biodynamic crop production practices needed to ensure a healthy living space for bees;

Or. it

Amendment 66
Jan Huitema

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to include *as one of the objectives of the common agricultural policy (CAP) limits on the objective of increasing productivity to circumscribe crop intensification, in order to provide sufficient and healthy living space for bees;*

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to *investigate the possibility to* include objectives *within* the common agricultural policy (CAP) *that* provide sufficient and healthy living space for bees;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Luke Ming Flanagan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission *to include* as one of the objectives of the common agricultural policy (CAP) limits on the objective of increasing productivity to circumscribe crop intensification, in order to provide sufficient and healthy living space for bees;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission, as one of the objectives of the common agricultural policy (CAP), *to include* limits on the objective of increasing productivity to circumscribe crop intensification, in order to provide sufficient and healthy living space for bees;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Michèle Rivasi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to use bees as an indicator of environmental quality and as instrument for assessing the effectiveness of the implementation of the CAP objectives, specifically via residue analysis and botanical diversity of pollen sampled in beehives and other beekeeping matrices/products;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that farm subsidies from the various CAP budget lines take account of bee-friendly practices, such as for example ecological focus areas or growing wild flowers favoured by bees on land left fallow;

Or. es

Amendment 70
Eleonora Evi, Piernicola Pedicini, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission, when reviewing the common agricultural policy post-2020, to award priority to measures that guarantee the environmental integrity required to ensure the optimum state of health of the bee population;

Or. it

Amendment 71
Kateřina Konečná, Jiří Maštálka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls for a considered procedure to expand the list of invasive plant species that could lead to a reduction in the diversity of bee pastures in the European Union;

Or. cs

Amendment 72
Michèle Rivasi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Urges the Commission to progress on the implementation of the pilot projects on bees and other pollinators as indicators of environmental and habitat health;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Pavel Poc, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. *Underlines in particular the role of research relating to the causes of the reduction in life expectancy of queen bees, which is a worrying phenomenon;*

deleted

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 74
Kateřina Konečná, Jiří Maštálka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Underlines in particular the role of research relating to the causes of the reduction in *life expectancy of queen bees*, which is a worrying phenomenon;

Amendment

7. Underlines in particular the role of research relating to the causes of the *large-scale* reduction in *the immunity of bee colonies*, which is a worrying phenomenon, *and of common action when looking for appropriate treatments and measures against bee parasites (in particular the Varroa destructor mite);*

Or. cs

Amendment 75
Julie Girling

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Underlines in particular the role of research relating to the causes of the reduction in life expectancy of queen bees,

Amendment

7. Underlines in particular the role of research relating to the causes of the reduction in life expectancy of queen bees,

which is a worrying phenomenon;

which is a worrying phenomenon; *calls for research on the impact of importing live queen bees from third countries;*

Or. en

Amendment 76

Eleonora Evi, Piernicola Pedicini, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Underlines in particular the role of research relating to the causes of the reduction in *life expectancy* of queen bees, which is a worrying phenomenon;

Amendment

7. Underlines in particular the role of research relating to the causes of the reduction in *lifespan* of queen bees, which is a worrying phenomenon;

Or. it

Amendment 77

Arne Gericke

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Welcomes the successes of the ongoing EU programmes such as SMARTBEES (Sustainable Management of Resilient Bee Populations) and calls for further commitment to protecting the biodiversity of wild bees and local breeds, and thus also preventing unbalanced concentration on the breeds that are most commonly kept today, Carnica, Ligustica and Buckfast;

Or. de

Amendment 78
Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Takes the view that European farming policies, and primarily the common agricultural policy (CAP), must incorporate the most recent scientific evidence on the benefits and threats to populations of bees and wild pollinators;

Or. ro

Amendment 79
Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to produce a beehive identification and registration system so that developments in the sector, the market and bee health may be monitored;

Or. es

Amendment 80
Kateřina Konečná, Jiří Maštálka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Calls for the expansion and greater use of cutting-edge information technologies that could help to simplify the process of identifying bee colony

diseases;

Or. cs

Amendment 81

Arne Gericke

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Calls for beekeepers to be involved in local and public construction projects and in the design of public parks in order to ensure that an environment attractive for bees is created, meeting their need for suitable plants and continuous flowering;

Or. de

Amendment 82

Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Calls on the Commission to set up a programme specifically for research, development, innovation, registration and marketing of medicines to tackle bee pathogens;

Or. es

Amendment 83

Pavel Poc, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. *Considers it appropriate to support the development of biological pesticides harmless to bees;*

Amendment

8. *Recalls Directive 2009/128/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 establishing a framework for Community action to achieve the sustainable use of pesticides and especially Article 14 thereof, which makes it mandatory for all farmers to apply the general principles of integrated pest management on their farms as from 2014, and Article 9, which places a general ban on aerial spraying;*

Or. en

Amendment 84
Jan Huitema

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Considers it appropriate to support the development of biological pesticides harmless to bees;

Amendment

8. Considers it appropriate to support *and enhance* the development of biological *and low risk* pesticides harmless to bees; *calls for a harmonised interpretation and faster approval and authorisation procedure for biological and low-risk pesticides.*

Or. en

Amendment 85
Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Considers it *appropriate* to support the development of biological pesticides

Amendment

8. Considers it *necessary* to support the development of *methods and* biological

harmless to bees;

pesticides harmless to bees *and pollinators, in particular by means of granting funding for aid programmes dedicated to research.*

Or. fr

Amendment 86

Eleonora Evi, Piernicola Pedicini, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. *Considers it appropriate to support the development of biological pesticides harmless to bees;*

Amendment

8. *Calls for top priority to be awarded to the development and use of agricultural techniques and plant health products that are harmless to bees and the environment;*

Or. it

Amendment 87

Julie Girling

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Considers it appropriate to support the development of biological pesticides harmless to bees;

Amendment

8. Considers it appropriate to support the development of biological pesticides, *biocides and veterinary medicines which are* harmless to bees;

Or. en

Amendment 88

Bolesław G. Piecha

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Considers it appropriate to support the development of biological pesticides *harmless* to bees;

Amendment

8. Considers it appropriate to support the development of biological pesticides, *biocidal products and veterinary medicines* to bees;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Luke Ming Flanagan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Considers it appropriate to support the development of biological pesticides harmless to bees;

Amendment

8. Considers it appropriate to support the development of biological pesticides *which have been proven* harmless to bees;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Aldo Patriciello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Considers it *appropriate* to support the development of biological pesticides harmless to bees;

Amendment

8. Considers it *necessary* to support the development of biological pesticides harmless to bees;

Or. it

Amendment 91
Pavel Poc, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to accelerate the evaluation, authorisation, registration and monitoring of the use of low-risk plant protection products of biological origin while maintaining risk assessment at a high level in order to offer an even larger range of alternatives to farmers;*

Or. en

Amendment 92
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. *Calls on the Commission to propose legislation banning the production, sale and use of all neonicotinoid-based pesticides throughout the EU, with no derogations and as a priority measure, in order to protect bee populations;*

Or. fr

Amendment 93
Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. *Believes that authorised medicines for bees are in short supply, it is difficult to know which molecules each Member State authorises and few new products are*

in development;

Or. es

Amendment 94
Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Calls for public and private funding for research and development on improved practices in the field of organic farming to be stepped up;

Or. ro

Amendment 95
Pavel Poc, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. Calls *for support for the training of beekeepers in order to promote a non-intrusive European surveillance of bees by developing indicators for the vitality of colonies;*

9. Calls *on the Commission to promote sustainable agricultural practices in the CAP, to encourage all farmers to employ simple agronomic practices in line with Directive 2009/128/EC and to strengthen agri-environmental measures specific to the beekeeping sector, in the spirit of the new EU Biodiversity Strategy; calls on the Member States to lay down agri-environmental measures geared to apiculture in their rural development programmes and to encourage farmers to engage in agri-environmental measures supporting ‘bee-friendly’ grasslands on field margins and to employ an advanced level of integrated production, taking a holistic approach to farming and using*

biological control with low risk where possible;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Luke Ming Flanagan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls for support for the training of beekeepers in order to promote a non-intrusive European surveillance of bees by developing indicators for the vitality of colonies;

Amendment

9. Calls for support for the training of beekeepers *across all Member States* in order to promote a non-intrusive European surveillance of bees by developing indicators for the vitality of colonies;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Bolesław G. Piecha

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Calls for support for the training of beekeepers in order to promote a non-intrusive European surveillance of bees by developing indicators for the vitality of colonies;

Amendment

9. Calls for support for the training of *professional* beekeepers in order to promote a non-intrusive European surveillance of bees by developing indicators for the vitality of colonies;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Eleonora Evi, Piernicola Pedicini, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. *calls on the Commission, in addition, to introduce and strengthen indirect measures to help increase the bee population, for instance by considering the possibility of sowing melliferous plant species on fallow land or by providing for a mandatory quota of land that each holding must devote to melliferous plants;*

Or. it

Amendment 99
Arne Gericke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. *Welcomes the ongoing trend for urban beekeeping and at the same time calls for close, mandatory integration of regional beekeepers' associations and the authorities, and for minimum standards to stop abusive husbandry practices and prevent the wilful spreading of disease and illness amongst the bee populations;*

Or. de

Amendment 100
Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. *Calls on the Commission to set up a European bee health surveillance and monitoring programme coordinated by Member States with the aim of*

understanding factors affecting bee health and monitoring them over the long term;

Or. es

Amendment 101
Kateřina Konečná, Jiří Maštálka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. *Calls for greater financial support to be given to increasing the level of knowledge among beekeepers in the areas of bee diseases and bee breeding in order to ensure that beekeeping remains part of agricultural production and to care for the landscape into the future;*

Or. cs

Amendment 102
Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9b. *Is aware that not all countries have a beekeeper and beehive registration system that would facilitate monitoring of developments in the sector, the market and bee health.*

Or. es

Amendment 103
Jan Huitema

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

Amendment

10. *Calls for a reinforcement of the resources allocated to the fight against commercial fraud affecting honey products.*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 104
Bolesław G. Piecha

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

Amendment

10. *Calls for a reinforcement of the resources allocated to the fight against commercial fraud affecting honey products.*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 105
Pavel Poc, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

Amendment

10. *Calls for a reinforcement of the resources allocated to the fight against commercial fraud affecting honey products.*

10. *Calls on the Commission to increase the level of support for honeybee-health-related research under the next financial framework and to focus the research on technological developments, particularly on the impact of environmental factors on the bee colony immune system and their interactions with pathologies, on defining*

sustainable agricultural practices, on promoting non-chemical alternatives (i.e. preventative agronomic practices such as crop rotation and use of biological control) and on generally further encouraging Integrated Pest Management techniques;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Calls for *a reinforcement of the resources allocated to the fight against commercial fraud affecting honey products.*

Amendment

10. Calls for *special care to be taken with foreign honeys from hives fed on sugar syrup only, as these low-quality 'honeys' will, under free trade treaties, start competing with European products.*

Or. fr

Amendment 107
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Calls for a reinforcement of the resources allocated to the fight against commercial fraud affecting honey products.

Amendment

10. Calls for a reinforcement of the resources allocated to the fight against commercial fraud affecting honey *and other honey-based products such as propolis, royal jelly and wax.*

Or. fr

Amendment 108
Kateřina Konečná, Jiří Maštálka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Calls for a reinforcement of the resources allocated to the fight against commercial fraud affecting honey products.

Amendment

10. Calls for a reinforcement of the resources allocated to the fight against commercial fraud affecting honey *and beeswax* products.

Or. cs

Amendment 109
Kateřina Konečná, Jiří Maštálka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Calls for continual checks to be carried out on the quality of honey imported from third countries whose legislation permits the treatment of bee colonies with antibiotics;

Or. cs

Amendment 110
Eleonora Evi, Piernicola Pedicini, Marco Zullo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Calls for a definitive ban on the placing of any neonicotinoid insecticides on the European market;

Or. it

Amendment 111
Kateřina Konečná, Jiří Maštálka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10b. Calls for support for and promotion of national and international activities for young beekeepers in view of the high average age of beekeepers in the European Union.

Or. cs