

**Question for oral answer O-000050/2023
to the Council**

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Subject: Revised pollinators initiative – a new deal for pollinators

The revised EU pollinators initiative aims to tackle the alarming decline in wild pollinating insects in Europe.

1. Will the Council establish closer coordination between the Member States in the context of common agricultural policy strategic plans and share best practices for protecting wild pollinators in order to ensure food security? How are the Member States addressing the drivers of pollinator decline, including light pollution?
2. How are the Member States contributing to monitoring wild pollinator populations? Do the Member States plan to provide support for the implementation of existing EU monitoring initiatives by facilitating access to private land? Are the Member States supporting an ambitious EU pollinator monitoring scheme by securing sufficient resources for monitoring and for the collection of representative, reliable and comparable information?
3. What measures are the Member States implementing to increase expertise in taxonomy and faunistics? What measures are the Member States taking to increase citizen capacity for pollinator monitoring, in particular with a view to establishing new monitoring schemes for butterflies and other pollinators and supporting existing ones? What support are the Member States providing in order to increase capacity for butterfly monitoring with a view to strengthening existing monitoring schemes or establishing new ones, and thereby improving the representativeness of the grassland butterfly indicator?

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