

**Question for oral answer O-000051/2023  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Revised pollinators initiative – a new deal for pollinators

1. How does the Commission assess the compliance of common agricultural policy (CAP) strategic plans with the goals of the EU pollinators initiative? How can CAP strategic plans be improved to meet the initiative's goals? How do current CAP measures on enhancing biodiversity contribute to protecting pollinators? Considering the limitations of the current authorisation process for chemicals, such as pesticides and biocides, is the Commission willing to proceed with a transition towards holistic, system-based environmental risk assessments for a broader range of insect pollinators and to mandate the respective agencies to this end?
2. Will the Commission continue to implement the following initiatives in the long term: strengthening pollinator recovery through indicators and monitoring; Insignia-EU; science and technology for pollinating insects; and European monitoring of biodiversity in agricultural landscapes? What have the obstacles to launching a functional CAP pollinator indicator been and how will these be addressed?
3. How will the Commission support capacity-building (professional taxonomists and citizen scientists) to underpin pollinator monitoring and data reporting? How does the Commission intend to improve access to smaller operational grants for individuals and non-governmental organisations?

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