



## Meeting of the Selection Board for EFSA's Stakeholder Consultation Group for the review of the Bee Guidance Document

Minutes

Parma, 24 May 2019

### Selection Board:

Chair: Manuela Tiramani – Members: Domenica Auteri, Csaba Szentes, Goran Kumrić – Secretariat: Piera Pozzatti.

### 1. Background

In March 2019, the European Commission (EC) mandated EFSA to revise its 2013 guidance document<sup>1</sup> on the risk assessment of plant protection products and bees (*Apis mellifera*, *Bombus spp.* and solitary bees) (EFSA, 2013), which was republished in 2014 following feedback from MSs collected during a workshop organised by the EC.

EFSA has considered both the complexity of the subject and the stakeholder and public interest of the subject in question, and has decided to establish an ad-hoc stakeholder consultation group composed of relevant organisations that will be consulted at various stages of development of the work to provide input to the EFSA scientific working group.

A call to EFSA stakeholder organisations for nominating stakeholder experts to the ad hoc EFSA Bee Guidance Stakeholder Consultation Group was published on 8 May 2019. The deadline for applications was 21 May 2019.

### 2. Applications

Nineteen (19) nominations were received. According to the call, a maximum of fourteen (14) Stakeholder expert representatives would be selected from the nominations. The secretariat distributed, before the meeting a list of received applications, which are summarised in section 3.



### 3. List of applications received

Name of Organisation	Name of Expert
APIMONDIA	Hatjina Fani
Beelife European Beekeeping Coordination	Noa Simon Delso
Centro de Investigacion en Abejas Sociales (CIAS)	Sandra Karina Medici
Copa and Cogeca	Chris Hartfield
Council for Agricultural Research and Economics (CREA)	Piotr Medrzycki
European Crop Care Association (ECCA)	Bieke Scharlaken
European Crop Protection Association (ECPA)	Mark Miles, Carola Schriever, Helen Thompson
European Federation of honey packers and distributors (FEEDM)	Rubén Parrilla
European Seed Association (ESA)	Anne Alix
Institut de l’Abeille (ITSAP)	Julie Fourrier
International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association (IBMA)	Silvia Hinarejos
International Confederation of European Beet Growers (C.I.B.E.)	Alexander Krick
Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety	Claudia Jilesen
Pesticide Action Network (PAN) Europe	Martin Dermine
Pollinis	Barbara Berardi Tadié
Romanian Maize Growers Association (APPR)	Alina Cretu
University of Neuchâtel	Alexandre Aebi



#### 4. Selection criteria

The selection followed the principles established in EFSA's Stakeholder Engagement Approach and the Decision of the Management Board of EFSA on the criteria for establishing a list of stakeholders and the establishment of the Stakeholder Forum and Stakeholder Bureau.

In particular, EFSA considered the following:

- Interest in the field and expected benefits from the participation of the organisation as expressed in its application;
- Role and remit of the organisation at the EU level;
- Achieving a balanced representation of stakeholder interests;
- Knowledge and expertise of the nominated stakeholder expert, considering the need for the Stakeholder Consultation Group to cover a range of technical and scientific areas including environmental risk assessment, bee biology, agronomy bee health.

Upon the analysis of the 19 nominations, the selection committee unanimously agreed on the selection indicated under section 5. For the organisations not yet registered as EFSA's stakeholders, the selection is pending on the confirmation of the eligibility criteria for the organisation.



## 5. List of selected stakeholders

Name of Organisation	Stakeholder Category	Name of Expert
European Crop Protection Association (ECPA)	Business and food industry	Mark Miles
European Seed Association (ESA)	Business and food industry	Anne Alix
International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association (IBMA)	Business and food industry	Silvia Hinarejos
Pesticide Action Network (PAN) Europe	Environmental/health NGOs and advocacy groups	Martin Dermine
Pollinis*	Environmental/health NGOs and advocacy groups	Barbara Berardi Tadié
Beelife European Beekeeping Coordination	Environmental/health NGOs and advocacy groups	Noa Simon Delso
APIMONDIA*	Farmers and primary producers	Fani Hatjina
Copa and Cogeca	Farmers and primary producers	Chris Hartfield
International Confederation of European Beet Growers (C.I.B.E.)	Farmers and primary producers	Alexander Krick

\* Association is invited to register as EFSA stakeholder organisation.



## 6. List of non-selected stakeholders

Name of Organisation	Name of Expert	Comment
Centro de Investigacion en Abejas Sociales (CIAS)	Sandra Karina Medici	National competent authority from Argentina - not eligible.
Council for Agricultural Research and Economics (CREA)	Piotr Medrzycki	National competent authority from Italy - not eligible.
European Crop Care Association (ECCA)	Bieke Scharlaken	Other industry applications have been selected for more relevant expertise.
European Crop Protection Association (ECPA)	Carola Schriever	A nominee from the same organisation was selected.
European Crop Protection Association (ECPA)	Helen Thompson	A nominee from the same organisation was selected.
European Federation of honey packers and distributors (FEEDM)	Rubén Parrilla	Other industry applications have been selected for more relevant expertise.
Institut de l’Abeille (ITSAP)	Julie Fourier	National competent authority from France - not eligible.
Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety	Claudia Jilesen	National competent authority from the Netherlands - not eligible.
Romanian Maize Growers Association (APPR)	Alina Cretu	National association – corn producers – not eligible – represented by Copa Cogeca/ European Seed Association at EU level.
University of Neuchâtel	Alexandre Aebi	Individual University – not an association – not eligible.



## **7. Final considerations**

The names of the stakeholder experts and nominating organisations will be made publicly available on EFSA's website.

It is worth noting that, for the non-selected organisations, several channels – including public consultations and open plenary meetings of EFSA's Scientific Panels – remain open, should they be interested in interacting with EFSA.

In addition, non-selected organisations could be invited to contribute to the process via selected stakeholder organisations representing their stakeholder category. Finally, depending on the nature of the issue, EFSA has the discretion to invite those organisations to participate as non-registered stakeholders in targeted engagement platforms that may run in the future, where their specific expertise may be useful or where they could benefit from our work.