



Revised EU Pollinators Initiative

A new deal for pollinators

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Pollinators in the European Green Deal

European Green Deal

Biodiversity Strategy for 2030

Targets:

- **Landscape features**
- **Organic farming**
- **Pesticide risk and use**

Key Policies:

- EU pollinators initiative
- Nature Restoration Regulation
- CAP
- Organic farming action plan
- Natura 2000

Farm-to-Fork Strategy

Targets:

- **Pesticide risk and use**
- **Fertiliser surplus**

Key Policies:

- Sustainable use of pesticide Regulation (SUR)
- Pesticide data (SAIO)
- Risk assessment of pesticides (EFSA bee guidance document)
- Non-approval of problematic substances
- Low-risk ppp
- CAP
- Nitrate Directive

EU Pollinators Initiative

<i>June 2018</i>	Adoption	<u>COM(2018) 395</u>
<i>May 2021</i>	Review	<u>COM(2021) 261</u>
<i>January 2023</i>	Revision	<u>COM(2023) 35</u>

Inter-institutional feedback

Comprehensive stakeholder consultation

Nature Restoration Regulation

[ECI “Save Bees and farmers”](#) : 1 million signatures



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Nature Restoration Regulation

24 June 2024 Adoption [Regulation - EU - 2024/1991 - EN - EUR-Lex](#)

29 July 2024 Publication

19 August 2024 Entry into force

The monitoring methodology has to be established by a delegated act: work ongoing, public feedback expected to start soon



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Nature Restoration Regulation

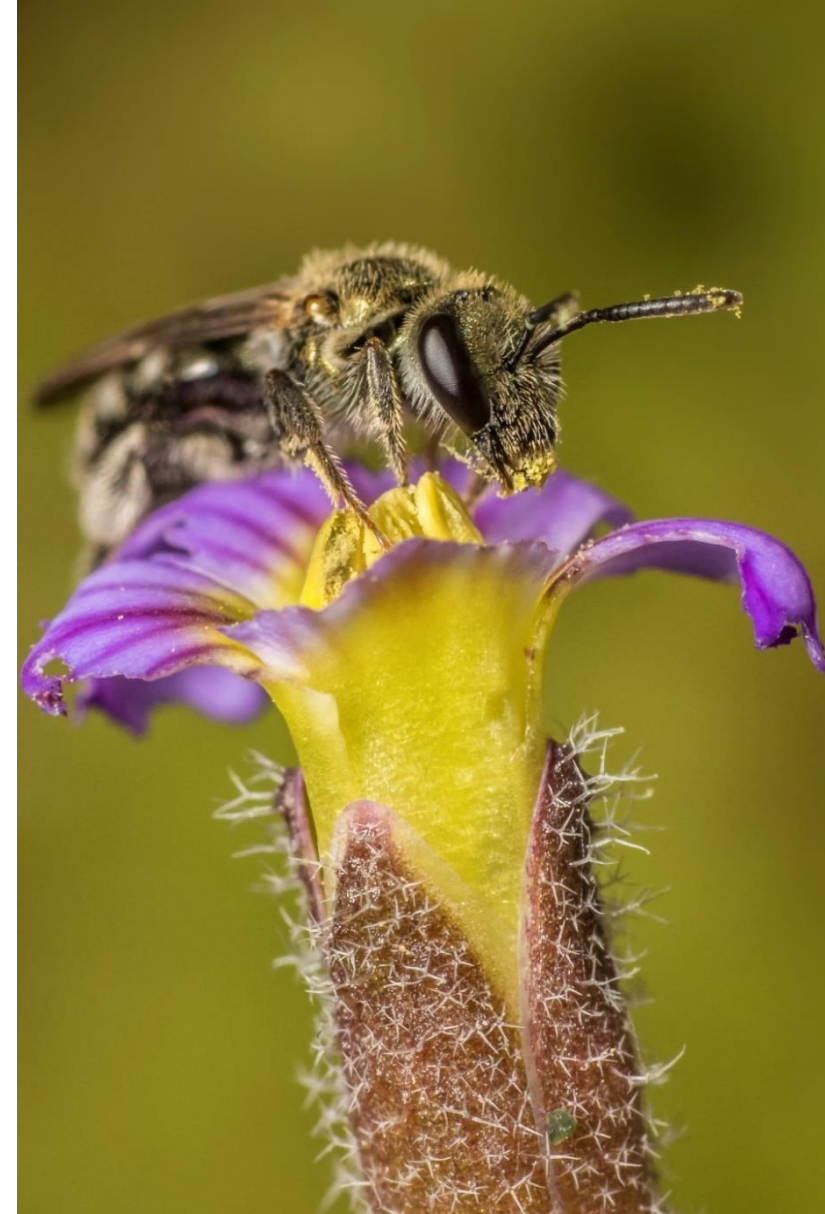
- Article 10: set up a binding target for Member States to reverse the decline of wild pollinators, both in abundance and diversity, by 2030;
- Maintain increasing trends thereafter
- Based on a science-based and standardised methodology



New action framework

42 actions across 3 pillars:

- I. Improving knowledge**
- II. Tackling causes of pollinator decline**
- III. Mobilizing society and strategic planning**



I) Improving Knowledge

➤ Comprehensive monitoring system & indicators

Nature restoration regulation (*main act and secondary legislation*)

➤ Integrated monitoring framework (DPSIR)

➤ Basic and applied research

➤ Red List assessment

Updated European Red List for Moths, Butterflies and Bees (soon)

➤ Mapping Key Pollinator Areas

➤ Capacity building: **experts**, field tools, **infrastructure**, data access



I) Improving Knowledge

Strong pollinator/pollination angle



Bee-Move



Plant health and protection



- Horizon Europe (selection):
 - **BeeGuards & Better-B**: competition wild & managed pollinators
 - **Valor & Butterfly**: dependence of society on pollinators
 - **PollinEra & WildPosh**: pesticide risk assessment
 - **RestPoll**: restoration of pollinators in agriculture
 - Coming up: Pollinators and soil health




Horizon Europe

THE NEXT EU RESEARCH & INNOVATION PROGRAMME (2021 – 2027)



I) Improving Knowledge


- EPIC projects: EUR 3 million for training of new bee/hoverfly/butterfly taxonomists
- European Monitoring of Biodiversity in Agricultural Landscapes (EMBAL)
- INSIGNIA (Final conference)
- Red List of Hoverflies published

 Funded by the European Union

Final Conference

INSIGNIA

Preparatory Action for monitoring of environmental pollution using honey bees



<p>HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT (EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT) 5 December 2024 10:00-12:00</p> <p>Online attendance only: https://europeanparliament.webex.com/europeanparliament/j.php?MTID=m823087403d18c1eaf9862abb479435de</p>	<p>CONFERENCE (EUROPEAN COMMISSION) 5 December 2024 13:30-18:00 Charlemagne building, Room Lord Jenkins Rue de la Loi 170, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium</p> <p>Webstreaming: https://webcast.ec.europa.eu/insignia-meeting</p>
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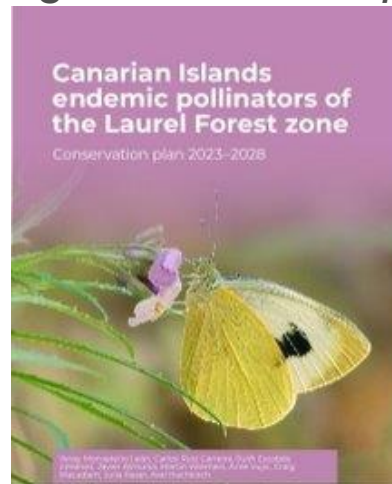
II) Tackling pollinator decline

➤ Agriculture & pesticides

EU CAP Network: [pollinator workshop](#) June 2024

➤ Species actions plans:

Comprehensive actions plans for specific ecological niches or specialist pollinator species



➤ Link with Habitats Directive (HD): PollHab project



Aim to identify pollinator as typical species of all the terrestrial habitats of annex I of the HD and provide recommendations to improve their management

II) Tackling pollinator decline

➤ And also:

Urban greening plans

Key pollinator areas

LIFE projects

Light pollution
(guidelines)

Buzz Lines

Invasive Alien Species – risk assessment & management, promotion of native plants



III) Mobilizing society & strategic planning

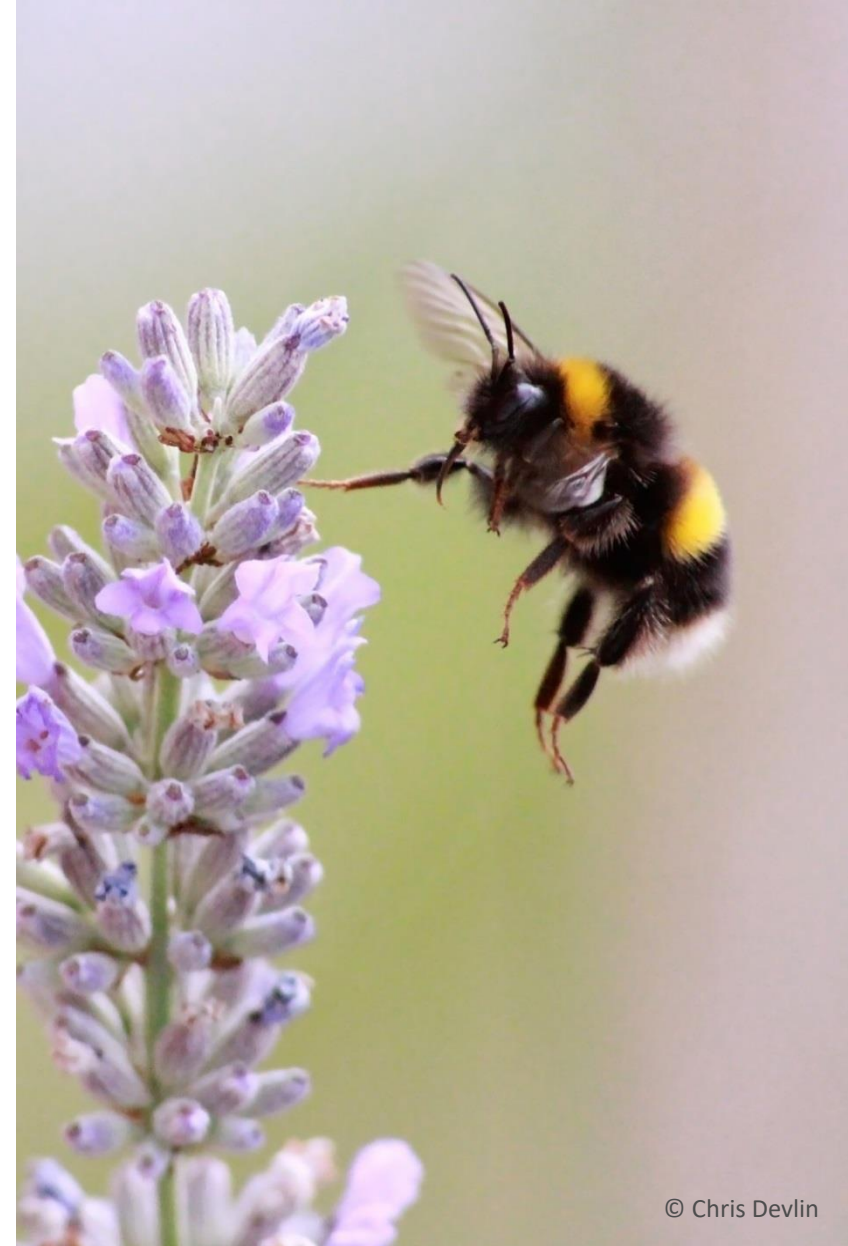
➤ Foster citizen (youth) and business engagement

- **Youth4Pollinators EUR 4.5 million**
- *Young Citizens Assembly on Pollinators: (Q3 2025 - Q1 2026)*
- *Buzzing Schools (2025-2027)*
- *Small Grants Fund for Youth Action on Pollinators (2025-2026)*

➤ National pollinator strategies, regional and local plans

➤ Stakeholder collaboration

➤ Global action: FAO global platform on pollinators



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III) Mobilizing society & strategic planning

➤ Pollinator Park



Thank you for your attention!

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[EU Pollinator Information Hive](#)

A question on the EU Pollinators initiative?

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