



## **Launch of European Red List of Bees: The status of European bees & their critical role in pollination**

**20 April 2015, 9.30 - 12.45**

**European Economic and Social Committee, 2 rue Van Maerlant, Brussels  
Room VMA 3**

### **Agenda**

- 9.30 Welcome  
**Georges Cingal, Member of the EESC & Bas Eickhout, Member of the European Parliament**
- 9.40 A bigger picture: The importance of bees for biodiversity and ecosystem services  
**François Wakenhut, Head of Unit, Biodiversity, DG Environment, European Commission**
- 9.45 IUCN Red List status of European bees  
**Ana Nieto, European Biodiversity Conservation Officer, IUCN EU Representative Office**
- 10.00 What are the main threats to European bees?  
**Stuart Roberts, Visiting Research Fellow, University of Reading, UK**
- 10.10 More than just the honeybee - Status and trends of European domesticated and wild pollinators  
**Simon Potts, STEP Project Coordinator; Professor for Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services, University of Reading, UK**
- 10.20 Wanted: European bee experts. The need for more knowledge on the status of and threats to European bees and resources  
**Denis Michez, University of Mons, Belgium**
- 10.30 Q&A
- 10.40 Opportunities for future research  
**Sofie Vandewoestijne, Policy Officer, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission**
- 10.45 Protecting our bees: Measures beneficial to bees in the Common Agriculture Policy  
**Krzysztof Sulima & Emmanuel Petel, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission**

10.55 State of play of the implementation of the EU Directive on Sustainable Use of Pesticides –  
**Patrizia Pitton, Pesticides and Biocides, DG Health and Food Safety, European Commission**

11.00 **Alojz Peterle, Member of the European Parliament**

11.10 Coffee break

11.30 **Panel discussion: Protecting our bees through bee-friendly farming**

**Chair: Michael Hamell**, Adjunct Professor of Agriculture at University College Dublin

**Panelists:**

**Simon Potts**, STEP Project Coordinator; Professor for Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services,  
University of Reading, UK

**Noa Simon-Delso**, Project Manager, Apiculture Wallonne et Bruxelloise (CARI); Technical-  
Scientific Advisor, Bee Life

**Faustine Defossez**, Senior Policy Officer, Agriculture and Bioenergy, European Environmental  
Bureau (EEB)

**Sebastien Windsor**, Farmer, COPA-COGECA

**Thierry de l'Escaille**, Secretary General, European Landowners Organisation (ELO)

**Valentin Beauval**, Farmer, Via Campesina

12.45 Light lunch & networking