



4 Oct 2021 | 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. (Brussels time)
Online (via Teams)

"Local and regional authorities accelerating the implementation of the EU Pollinators Initiative"

Stakeholder Consultation

Background and objectives

The main measure implemented to handle the decline of pollinators in the EU is the EU Pollinators Initiative, which was published in June 2018 and set targets for 2020. The initiative focuses on wild pollinators, through a series of proposals on how existing tools can be improved and new ones expanded. The focus is on integrating protection measures for pollinators into other EU policies and existing programmes.

Despite the EU's pollinator initiative, which was developed to address the problems set out above, the negative trend concerning wild pollinators continues. The CoR is therefore adopting an Opinion to accelerate the implementation of the existing EU initiative. It wishes also to contribute to the review of the Initiative foreseen in the coming months.

Participants to the stakeholder consultation will have the opportunity to debate on the following questions:

1. What good examples do exist to handle the decline of pollinators in the EU? What systems and platforms exist for exchanging good examples and how can we build on these successes? Where are the possible knowledge gaps that need to be filled concerning the decline of pollinators and their contribution to the rest of society?
2. How can we integrate the work of encouraging wild pollinators with other policies and projects that have already been implemented?
3. How should we divide the responsibility to work with wild pollinators between urban and rural areas in a sustainable way? How can this work be improved in urban areas?
4. How do we ensure that younger generations are well informed about and included in the work to achieve sustainable populations of wild pollinators? How do we engage this group in a simple and effective way?
5. At the global level, there is an ongoing preparatory process towards the post-2020 global biodiversity policy framework that will end in May 2022 at the UN CBD COP15 (part 2) in Kunming China. What messages could the CoR Opinion include to make sure pollinators decline is properly addressed at the global scale?

The rapporteur Frida NILSSON (SE/RE) wishes to discuss these topics with relevant stakeholders.

09.55 **Connecting**

10.00 **Panel**

- **Frida NILSSON** (SE/RE), CoR rapporteur on pollinators and alternate member of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR);
- **Vujadin KOVACEVIC**, Policy Officer, DG Environment, European Commission;
- **Noa SIMON**, Scientific Director and Project Manager, Bee-Life;
- **Martin DERMINE**, Health and Environment Policy Officer, Pesticide Action Network Europe;

10.20 **Panel discussion with the audience**

11.45 **Final remarks**

12.00 **End of the meeting**

Participants may speak in & listen to English only

