



PROMOTE
POLLINATORS

Pollinators in the
international policy
agenda

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Cancun 2016: CoW

Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Peru, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, Uruguay

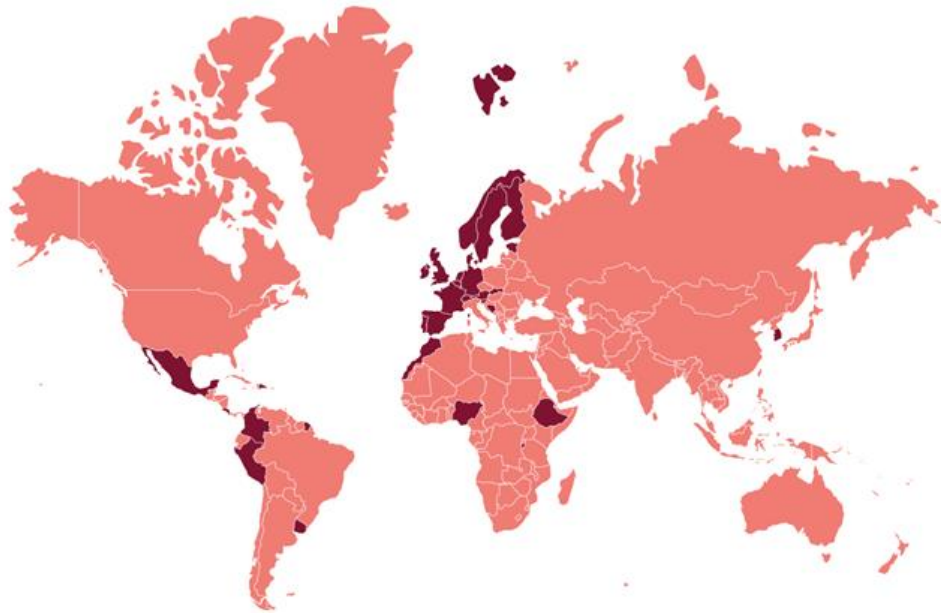


The coalition is accepted as a Cancun commitment for enhanced implementation of the CBD and warmly welcomed by IPBES.

Signed by Nature, environment and/or Agriculture representatives

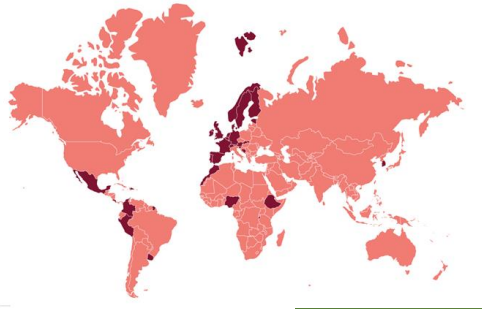


Promote Pollinators, The Coalition of the Willing on Pollinators



- We are a network of 31 countries that strives to meet the key messages of the IPBES report on Pollinators, Pollination and Food Production.
- We believe that country-led politics can foster policy measures and innovative action on protecting pollinators.
- We know that national pollinator strategies are an important tool for the conservation of pollinators.





Promote Pollinators, The Coalition of the Willing on Pollinators

Take action

Develop national strategies
TOC workshops

Share experiences

Regular meetings
updates on developments

Reach out to stakeholders

Newsletters, webinars, events

Develop research

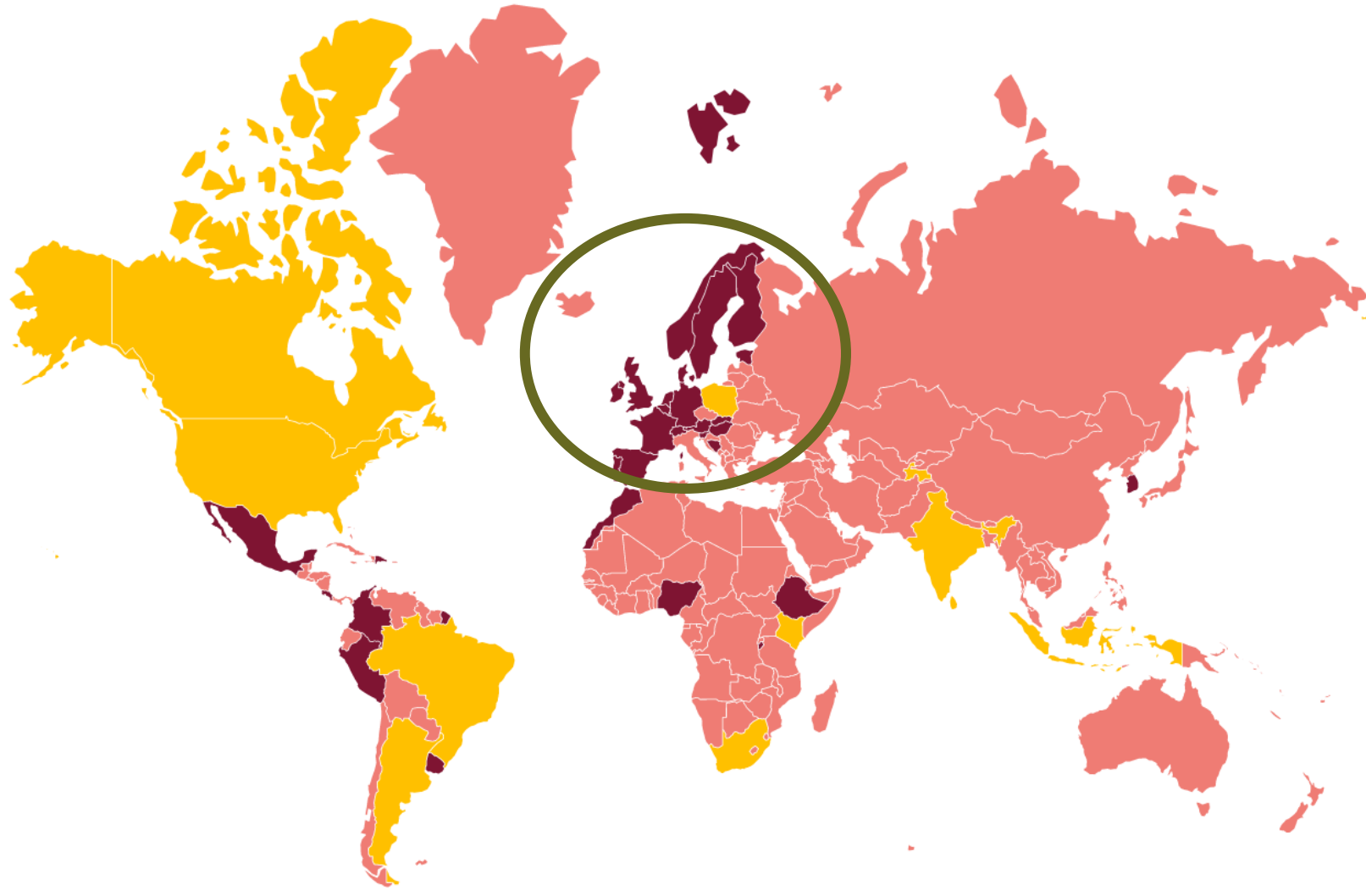
Contribute to Horizon projects
(open for non European initiatives)

Mutually support and collaborate

Other initiatives (IPI, BES-Net, WBSG)



Overview (international) policy initiatives



EU Green Deal

December 2019

- Europe the first climate-neutral continent by 2050
- boosting the economy
- improving people's health and quality of life
- caring for nature
- leaving no one behind

Umbrella for many initiatives on sustainable development: [EU Green Deal overview](#)

20 May 2020

Presentation of the [EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030](#) to protect the fragile natural resources on our planet

Presentation of the '[Farm to fork strategy](#)' to make food systems more sustainable

22 June 2022

[Nature protection package](#)

6 December 2022

EU agrees [law to fight global deforestation and forest degradation](#) driven by EU production and consumption

24 January 2023

Presentation of a '[A New Deal for Pollinators](#)' to tackle the alarming decline in wild pollinating insects in Europe



EU Farm to Fork strategy & EU Biodiversity Strategy

Will by 2030:

- Reduce pesticide use by 50%
- Increase organic growth by 25 %
- Have 30% of land and sea protected
- Plant 3 billion trees
- Halt and reverse the decline of pollinators



Nature protection law (proposal)

Art 8

- Member States shall reverse the decline of pollinator populations by 2030
- Thereafter an increasing trend of pollinator populations, measured every three years after 2030, until satisfactory levels are achieved, as set out in accordance with Article 11(3).
- method for monitoring pollinator populations => standardised approach for collecting annual data on the abundance and diversity of pollinator species and for assessing pollinator population trends.

Currently under discussion, spec. the non deterioration principle



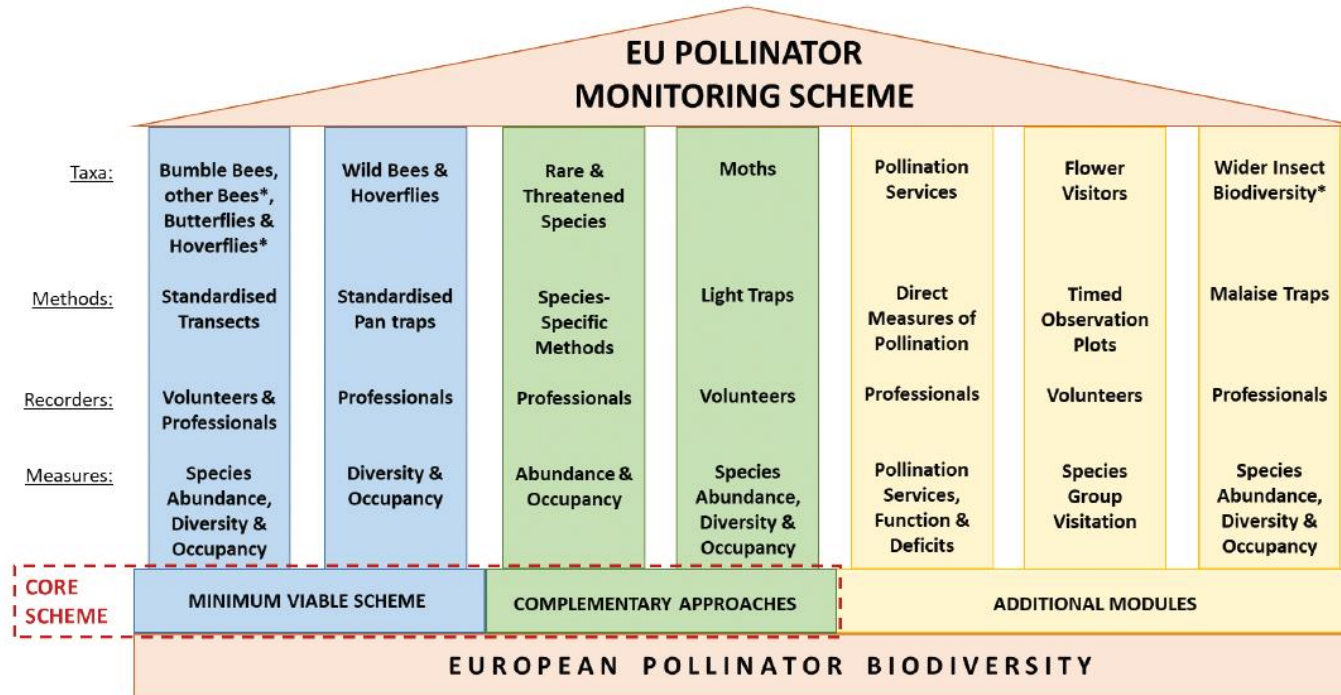
EU Pollinator initiative (2018) & New Deal for Pollinators (2023)

Comprehensive plan of action with deadlines

- I: Improving knowledge of pollinator decline, its causes and consequences**
Monitoring status & trends, tackling causes (relative importance and interaction of threats, consequences (impacts on nature, human wellbeing and the economy)
3 themes, 11 actions
- II: Improving conservation & tackling the causes of pollinator decline**
habitat loss, pesticide use, invasive species, cc, etc
6 themes, 24 actions
- III: Mobilizing society & promoting strategic planning and cooperation**
Raising awareness, engaging society-at-large and promoting collaboration mobilise the scientific community, policy makers, businesses and citizens to act and to cooperate.
2 themes, 8 actions



EU monitoring pollinator scheme (JRC, 2020)



Implementation: Strengthening pollinator recovery through indicators and monitoring (SPRING)



Through the eyelashes

- Bottom up & top down
- Science driven & driving science
 - Baseline establishment
 - Monitoring plans (output & outcome)
 - Research functional relations
- Various policy instruments
 - Inspiration, agenda setting, politicize
 - Communication
 - legislation



Through the eyelashes II

- Addressing drivers of pollinator decline
 - Environmental qualities, area protection & promotion of natural elements
 - Pesticides regulation & implementation of IPM
- Cultural aspects (honeybees, ILK)
 - Values of honey production culture
 - Good opportunity for small enterprises
 - Medicinal use



Through the eyelashes III

- Education & awareness & civil society
 - School curricula
 - General information campaigns
 - Grass root movements (often urban) for development of pollinator friendly environments
- Involvement of agriculture
 - Policy wise at governmental level
 - Through finance (CAP) & other rural development programs



Take home messages

There is so much going on!
The glass is definitely half full.

Working with nature to protect our planet and health

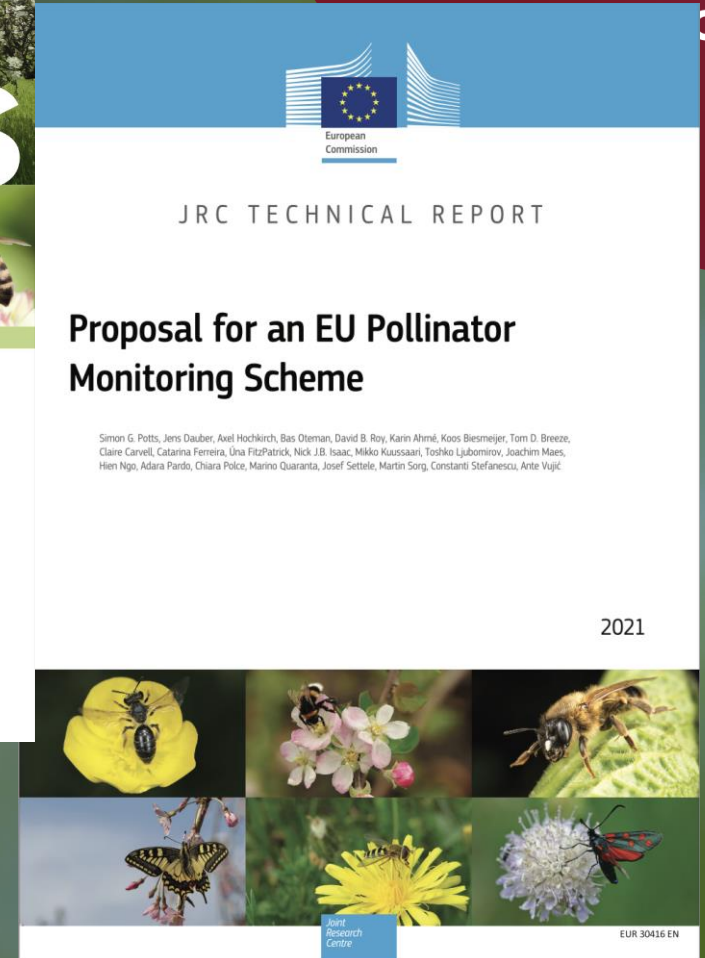
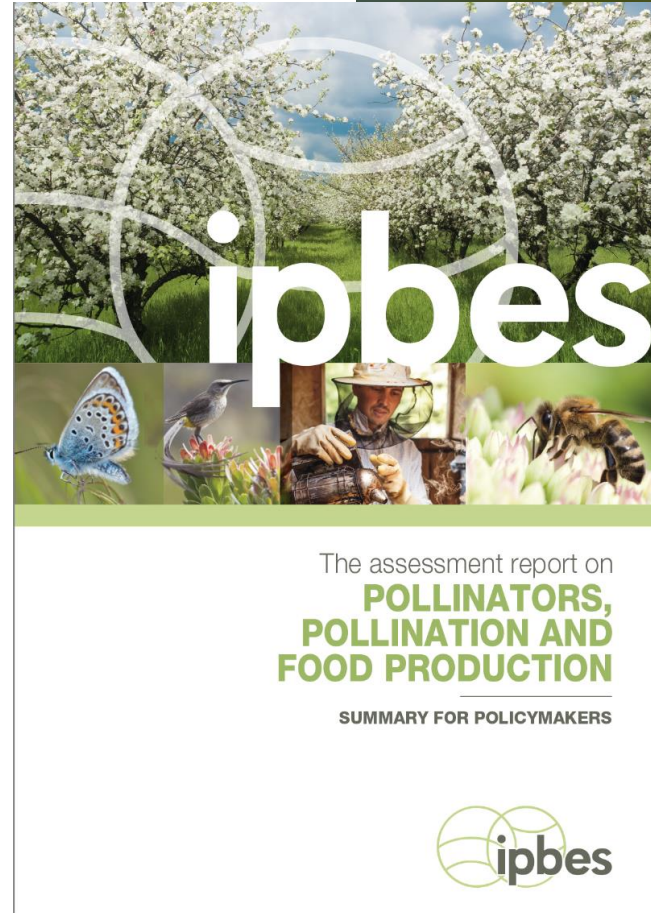


Boosting global climate action



Take home messages

- The glass is definitely half full.
- Science is implemented!
(though maybe not as much as you'd like)



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Thank you!

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