



Designated National Authority, Contact Point  
for the evaluation of new and existing active substances under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009

**Call for expression of interest for MS experts for the revision of the EFSA Guidance Document on the risk assessment of plant protection products on bees (*Apis mellifera*, *Bombus spp.* and solitary bees) (EFSA,2013)**

Dear colleague,

In March 2019, EFSA received a mandate for the European Commission (EC) to revise the bee EFSA guidance (EFSA, 2013).

The scope of the mandate is to revise several areas of the current guidance document as indicated in the feedback from stakeholders and considering the new scientific evidence that became available since its publication in 2013. In particular, the European Commission requested EFSA to review the evidence on bee background mortality, by considering realistic bee keeping management and natural background mortality, to review the different exposure routes in particular considering spray application and seed treatment or granular application, to review the list of bee-attractive crops in particular considering presence of bees, guttation and agricultural practices, to review the methodology with regard to higher tier testing.

For addressing the mandate, EFSA will set a scientific working group (WG) composed by EFSA staff and external experts with specific scientific competence on bee regulatory risk assessment and bee biology. In particular, with this call for expression of interest, EFSA wish to collect interested and motivated experts working as risk assessors in MS organisation. Those experts will be considered during the selection of the external experts to establish the WG, solely on the basis of their skills, specific expertise, knowledge and experience on:

- EU regulatory framework for PPP;
- environmental risk assessment;
- risk assessment to bees, including experience in evaluating higher tier studies;
- proven excellent oral and written communication skills in English;
- knowledge and experience in using the EFSA bee guidance (EFSA,2013).

The selection will be performed according to the EFSA rules and standards. The experts that satisfy the criteria above, according to the needs of the WG, may be invited to participate to the WG on their personal capacity.

Expression of interest should be sent by email to [pras.secretariat@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:pras.secretariat@efsa.europa.eu) by completing the nomination form by **23 May 2019**.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex I Nomination form