

Policies for Sustainable Pollination in Europe

A Super-B workshop
Tuesday 03 March
10.00-17.00h local time

Description:

This workshop is a key step in the dissemination work programme for the Super-B COST Action (http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/fa/Actions/FA1307). Super-B is a network of scientists and other professionals working on sustainable pollination for European crops and wild flowers (<http://superb-project.eu/>).

The workshop brings together scientists working on pollinators and pollination with officials from Government or European Departments, working on evidence or policy development in one of the following areas: agriculture, pesticides, livestock trade, honey bee health, human health & nutrition and biodiversity and ecosystem services. The purpose is to inform the activity of the Super-B dissemination working group over the forthcoming three years. We will be promoting and disseminating Super-B research, and building partnerships between researchers, businesses and policy makers. This workshop will help to focus our effort where it is likely to be most useful.

Location: COST office, Avenue Louise 149, Marie Curie Boardroom, Brussels, Belgium

Date: 3 March 2015

Objectives of the workshop:

1. To identify forthcoming policy opportunities at European level in the period 2015-2019, to support sustainable pollination services in urban and rural environments.
2. To anticipate the evidence needs of those policy opportunities, providing timelines.
3. To shape the ideal format for presenting or developing relevant scientific evidence.

The outputs from the workshop:

- A short report or briefing note from the workshop will be published on the Super-B website and disseminated to the Super-B network.
- The findings will be used to shape forthcoming plans for dissemination of existing research and proposals for new research.

The participants:

The participants will be 10-15 key policy officials from the European Commission (DG Environment, DG Agri, DG Research and DG SANCO) and a range of Member State Governments, along with 10 scientists from across Europe, including the Co-Chair and a number of Lead Authors of the forthcoming Intergovernmental Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) Pollinators Assessment (<http://www.ipbes.net/work-programme/objective-3/45-work-programme/458-deliverable-3a.html>)

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10:00	Coffee
10:15	Introduction: aim and outputs <i>Lynn Dicks, University of Cambridge, UK</i>
10:20	The Super-B network – an overview <i>Koos Biesmeijer, Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Netherlands</i>
10:40	International policy mainstreaming of biodiversity and ecosystem services, with a focus on pollination Expert speaker <i>Terra Rose, University of California, Berkeley</i>
11:00	Explanation of breakout groups <i>Lynn Dicks, University of Cambridge, UK</i>
11:10	BREAK OUT SESSION 1 (three groups) What are the forthcoming policy opportunities 2015-2019 where Super-B science could be useful?
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Developing a National Pollinator Strategy for England <i>Liz McIntosh, UK Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs</i>
13:50	Presentation of the policy opportunities and sign up for BREAK OUT 2 <i>Lynn Dicks, University of Cambridge, UK</i>
14:10	BREAK OUT SESSION 2: each group takes a policy opportunity • What are the evidence needs for this policy? • How should the evidence be presented? (ideas will be given) • When is the perfect time to present the evidence?
15:30	Afternoon tea
15:45	Presentation from each group (10 minutes each): Find a way to communicate your ideal scientific output for the policy opportunity you considered.
16:15	Discussion, led by <i>Simon Potts, University of Reading</i> How can Super-B generate this kind of output?
16:55	Closing summary and next steps <i>Lynn Dicks</i>