

Post-2027 CAP: Turning Complexity into Action for Pollinators and Beekeepers

BeeLife launches a new report and interactive digital tool to help stakeholders understand the CAP, identify opportunities and support a more resilient, pollinator-friendly agricultural future.

Brussels, 8 September 2026 – The future of European agriculture cannot be separated from the future of pollinators. As negotiations on the post-2027 Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) progress, BeeLife European Beekeeping Coordination is launching a new report and interactive digital tool designed to make the CAP easier to understand and to identify opportunities for stronger pollinator stewardship.

Pollination is one of the ecological processes underpinning agricultural production. Yet measures that can benefit pollinators and beekeeping are spread across different areas of the CAP and are not always explicitly recognised for their contribution to agricultural resilience.

With the CAP for 2028–2034 now under discussion, understanding how the policy works, and how it could evolve, is increasingly important for beekeepers, farmers, national authorities, policy-makers and other stakeholders.

From a complex policy framework to practical knowledge

BeeLife's new report provides a comprehensive overview of the current CAP and examines the opportunities and challenges emerging from the European Commission's post-2027 proposals.

It looks at the legal framework, the interventions available to Member States, the choices made through national CAP Strategic Plans and the potential role of pollinator stewardship in the future CAP.

The report also highlights an important point: supporting pollinators is not only about dedicated measures for beekeepers. Agricultural interventions targeting farmers can also contribute to pollinator conservation and, when appropriately designed, support the ecological conditions on which both agriculture and beekeeping depend.

"The future CAP must recognise that agricultural productivity depends on healthy ecosystems. Pollinator stewardship should not be treated as a separate environmental objective, but as part of the foundations of a resilient and competitive agricultural sector" - says Anna Ganapini, President of BeeLife.

From analysis to practical recommendations

The report goes beyond analysing the policy framework. It translates the findings into practical recommendations and priorities for those who will shape and implement the CAP.

For beekeeping organisations, it provides evidence and tools to engage in policy discussions. For farmers, it highlights opportunities to integrate pollinator-friendly practices into agricultural systems. For national authorities, it identifies ways in which existing and future CAP instruments could contribute to pollinator stewardship. For policy-makers and journalists, it provides a clear overview of the policy choices shaping the future of European agriculture.

Explore the CAP through a new BeeLife Digital Tool

The report is complemented by [a new interactive digital tool](#), based on the EU Commission Database, designed to make the complexity of the CAP easier to explore.

The tool makes it possible to navigate and compare interventions across Member States and to identify measures classified by BeeLife as Beekeepers4Biodiversity, Farmers4Biodiversity, Dual and Opportunities.

Together, the report and the interactive digital tool turn a complex policy landscape into accessible information that can support better-informed decisions and more effective engagement.

Knowledge as a starting point for action

The future CAP will depend not only on the final European legislation, but also on how its objectives are interpreted and implemented at national level.

Ensuring that pollinator needs are recognised within this process will require informed participation from all those involved in shaping Europe's agricultural future.

By turning a complex CAP into shared knowledge and practical tools, BeeLife is putting the means to understand, engage and act into the hands of those shaping a more resilient, pollinator-friendly agricultural future.

[Read the report](#)

[Explore the BeeLife CAP Digital Tool](#)

About BeeLife

BeeLife European Beekeeping Coordination is an umbrella non-profit organisation dedicated to protecting bees and pollinators in the European Union. Through research, advocacy, and collaboration, BeeLife promotes a sustainable environment that enables pollinators to thrive, thereby ensuring European biodiversity and food security.

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