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## **4.8 EFSA bee guidance document 2.0**

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### **Abstract**

In 2013, EFSA adopted a Guidance Document on the risk assessment of plant protection products on bees (*Apis mellifera*, *Bombus* spp. and solitary bees), which so far has not been fully implemented due to some lack of consensus between Member States. In March 2019, the European Commission has mandated EFSA to revise this Guidance Document (SANTE/E4/SH/gb(2019)1623216). The work program of EFSA will have to take into account the on-going discussions initiated by the Commission on defining specific environmental protection goals. Also, available relevant guidance developments (e.g. draft Guidance Document on seed treatments) should be considered. In order to have a clear picture on the main procedural aspects and timelines, EFSA has published an outline paper (<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/190705>). As asked by the mandate, several stakeholder consultations and a public consultation are planned. For the execution of the mandate, EFSA has created a working group consisting of experts from academia, regulatory experts and EFSA staff. According to the mandate and the terms of reference, this revision should focus on several aspects for which new scientific evidence may have meanwhile become available. EFSA will review:

- the evidence as regards bee background mortality;
- the different exposure routes;
- the list of bee-attractive crops; and,
- the methodology with regard to higher-tier testing.