

**Question for written answer E-002025/2025  
to the Commission**  
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**Subject:** Direct support schemes for bee-keeping under the CAP: access to finance and inclusion of the industry in strategic planning

The bee-keeping sector in the EU plays an important role both in sustainable agriculture and in biodiversity conservation. However, Europe's bee-keepers are facing a number of challenges, ranging from the impact of pesticides and climate change to diseases and habitat loss, that are leading to a decline in bee populations and hampering the sustainable development of the sector.

The Common Agricultural Policy 2023-2027 includes mechanisms that could be used to support bee-keeping, but small and medium-sized bee-keepers often face difficulties in accessing finance and participating in strategic measures.

In this connection, I would like to put the following questions:

1. What specific measures is the Commission considering to improve access to European funding for small and medium-sized bee-keepers, especially in less-developed regions, within the framework of the CAP strategic plans?
2. Is the Commission considering action to promote the establishment of transparent and effective consultation mechanisms with representatives of the apiculture sector in the Member States in order to better involve stakeholders in the design and implementation of CAP measures?
3. Does the Commission intend to develop a targeted strategy or sub-sector policy to support bee-keeping in the context of the future development of the CAP, bearing in mind its importance for sustainable agriculture and the environment?

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