

**Question for written answer E-002878/2025**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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Subject: Contamination from microplastics

Contamination from microplastics is becoming an increasingly serious public health issue. Recent studies have revealed the presence of microplastics in various food products, which can have negative effects on human health. Microplastics have also proved to be an emerging threat to bee populations.<sup>1</sup> Honey bees pollinate 80 % of agricultural crops and wild flowers and, together with other pollinators, contribute EUR 22 billion to the EU's agricultural economy.

1. Has the Commission initiated research and implemented regulations to monitor and limit the presence of these contaminants in the food chain?
2. How does the Commission monitor the presence of microplastics and other contaminants in food, and what measures are planned to reduce this risk?
3. Microplastic contamination often originates from third countries that do not manage waste adequately, and citizens are not sufficiently aware of the problem. How is the Commission investing in effective cooperation with third countries, and how is it contributing to public awareness campaigns to prevent contamination of the EU with microplastics originating from waste generated outside Europe?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.rewild.org/press/bees-under-threat-solutions-for-survival>