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Answer given by Mr Hansen
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. As expressed in the replies to written questions 2466/2024¹ and 2537/2024², the sustainability of the European apiculture sector and fight against honey adulteration are key priorities for the Commission. Towards this end, significant support is provided to beekeepers under the Common Agricultural policy (CAP) as well as through various policy initiatives to safeguard pollinators, including honeybees, and their environment. In addition to the support for the apiculture sector in the CAP Strategic Plans, aid is also available to farmers, including beekeepers, for the adoption of bee-friendly farming practices under eco-schemes and agri-environmental measures. These include the creation of feeding areas for pollinators, cultivation of melliferous plants and reduction of pesticide use, amongst others.

The most recently introduced measures to fight against honey adulteration are detailed in the above-mentioned replies.

2. While an annual pollination subsidy is not currently provided for in the legislation, the Commission will continue to engage with stakeholders and Member States to develop effective strategies for the future of the sector.

3. Under the Greek CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027³, over EUR 61 million (public expenditure) have been earmarked to support beekeepers through targeted interventions for apiculture, including for training and advisory services, research, investments for transhumance and honey analysis to enhance quality and improve marketing. Additional support is also available under various rural development interventions including for agri-environment commitments, with over EUR 18 million (public expenditure) allocated to beekeepers to introduce and maintain organic apiculture practices.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2024-002466-ASW_EN.pdf

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2024-002537-ASW_EN.pdf

³ https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/cap-my-country/cap-strategic-plans/greece_en