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Under the national Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) Strategic Plans, beekeepers can benefit from specific apiculture support with an annual EU budget of EUR 60 million, which is at least doubled with national co-financing to support measures aimed at strengthening the sector in response to challenges including climate change. These include training and advisory services to adopt climate resilient practices, investments and actions to prevent damage caused by adverse weather and to adapt to climate change, restocking of beehives and bee breeding as well as cooperation for research.

Under the Cypriot CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027¹, over EUR 1.69 million (public expenditure) have been earmarked to support beekeepers through targeted interventions for apiculture. In addition, rural development interventions in the plan can also support farmers, including beekeepers, for investments to mitigate the impact of events or restore productive potential from natural disasters.

To enhance transparency and address honey adulteration, the Commission has strengthened official controls through coordinated actions, reinforced import requirements (including authenticity attestations² and listing of authorised establishments³), and enhanced traceability rules. Following the 2024 revision of the Honey Directive⁴, the Commission will adopt – by 14 June 2028 – implementing acts laying down analytical methods to detect honey adulteration, and – by 14 June 2029 – delegated acts on methods and criteria to determine the place where honey has been harvested and Union-wide traceability requirements. All these measures aim to create fair conditions for EU producers.

¹ https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/cap-my-country/cap-strategic-plans/cyprus_en.

² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/36 of 11 January 2022 amending Annex III to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235 as regards model certificates for the entry into the Union of consignments of certain live aquatic animals and products of animal origin. C/2022/18 OJ L 8, 13.1.2022, p. 36–91 ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2022/36/oj.

³ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/2652 of 15 September 2023 amending and correcting Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292. OJ L, 2023/2652, 28.11.2023, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2023/2652/oj.

⁴ Directive (EU) 2024/1438 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 amending Council Directives 2001/110/EC relating to honey, OJ L, 2024/1438, 24.5.2024: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2024/1438/oj/eng>.