

DEAR FRIENDS, DEAR NEIGHBOURS,

I urgently need your help! But not only me, above all the bees and other pollinating insects and rural agriculture need your help!

Our food production is in danger! Bees, butterflies and other insects are dying out due to the use of pesticides. Yet they provide a third of our food through pollination. In order to prevent their extinction, many committed bee rescuers like me are collecting signatures for **the European Citizens' Initiative "Save Bees and Farmers"** all over Europe. We need a total of one million signatures, then the EU Commission will have to take into consideration our demands.

In pre-Covid times, we could have met in the street, in the market square or at local community events and I would have collected signatures for the initiative there. I choose this unusual path because at the moment many of these opportunities are on hold. **I want to continue to fight for the ban of toxic pesticides, the preservation of biodiversity and sustainable, ecological agriculture. That is why I have sent you a paper form for signing.**

Please, sign the European Citizens' Initiative "Save Bees and Farmers" and distribute this list and other lists to family members, flatmates and friends so that they can also sign and motivate other people to do the same. **Here you can download and print more lists and this letter:** https://www.savebeesandfarmers.eu/w/files/lettersdearneighbour/letter_ie.pdf

I count on you and your help! Every signature matters!

Fill in all fields correctly and completely (more information on the next page). Please drop the completed signature lists in my mailbox or send them directly to the ECI "Save Bees and Farmers" Office (you will find the address at the bottom of the paper form).

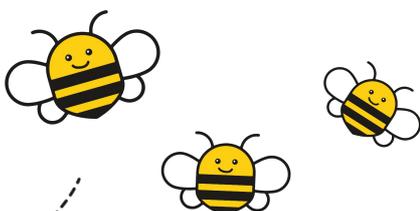
Thank you for your support! *

Your neighbour

Name:

Street & Number:

Postcode:



** You can also easily sign the initiative online and share it on social media.*



European Citizens' Initiative "Save Bees and Farmers"

Collection information:

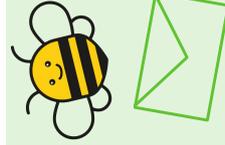
A European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) is an official tool of political participation covered by EU law. If we succeed in collecting one million signatures for our ECI, the EU Commission is legally obliged to respond to our demands.

Please fill in all fields completely (WITHOUT abbreviations) and legibly and sign - only then is your vote valid!

Signatures are collected on official ECI lists. Which data is collected is determined by the respective EU member States. In order for your signature to be valid and counted, You must fill in all fields completely and sign.

What do I have to keep in mind when collecting signatures?

- **All fields must be filled in completely and legibly and you must sign. Only then will your vote be counted.** In the nationality field write "Irish" or "Ireland" DO NOT use abbreviations like "IE" for "Ireland" or „Irish“.
- On the Irish lists, which are marked with "IE" in the top right-hand corner, all adult citizens of an EU member state who are registered in Ireland can sign. In addition, citizens who are registered abroad and have informed the Irish authorities of their residence can sign.
- **The signatures are valid even if only one, two or three persons have signed on one sheet.**



How can I stay informed?

You can also sign the initiative online at www.savebeesandfarmers.eu and subscribe to our newsletter to stay informed about the current status of the campaign.

Information and answers to content-related and technical questions about the ECI can be found online at: www.savebeesandfarmers.eu





European Citizens' Initiative: SAVE BEES AND FARMERS!



Towards a bee-friendly agriculture for a healthy environment



SUBJECT-MATTER:

To protect bees and people's health, we call on the Commission to propose legal acts to phase out synthetic pesticides by 2035, to restore biodiversity, and to support farmers in the transition.

MAIN OBJECTIVES:

Phase out synthetic pesticides in EU agriculture by 80% by 2030, starting with the most hazardous, to become free of synthetic by 2035; restore natural ecosystems in agricultural areas so that farming becomes a vector of biodiversity recovery; reform agriculture by prioritising small scale, diverse and sustainable farming, supporting a rapid increase in agro-ecological and organic practice, and enabling independent farmer-based training and research into pesticide- and GMO-free farming.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE
SIGNATORIES IN CAPITAL LETTERS !**

Provisions of the Treaties considered relevant by the organisers: A.38 et seq.TFEU.A.43 TFEU.A. 114 TFEU.A. 191 TFEU.A. 192.1 TFEU.A. 289 TFEU.A. 291 TFEU.A. 294 TFEU I hereby certify that the information that I have provided in this form is correct and that I have not already supported this proposed citizens' initiative.

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Privacy statement: In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, your personal data provided on this form will only be used for the support of the initiative and made available to the competent national authorities for the purpose of verification and certification. You are entitled to request from the organisers of this initiative access to, rectification of, erasure and restriction of processing of your personal data. Your data will be stored by the organisers for a maximum retention period of 18 months after the date of registration of the proposed citizens' initiative, or one month after submitting that initiative to the Commission, whichever is the earlier. It might be retained beyond these time limits in the case of administrative or legal proceedings. For a maximum of one week after the date of conclusion of these proceedings. Without prejudice to any other administrative or judicial remedy, you have the right to lodge at any time a complaint with a data protection authority. In particular in the Member State of your habitual residence, place of work or place of the alleged infringement if you consider that your data is unlawfully processed. The organisers of the citizens' initiative are the controllers in the meaning of the General Data Protection Regulation and they can be contacted using the details provided on this form. The contact details of the data protection officer (if any) are available at the web address of this initiative in the European Commission's register, as provided on this form: The contact details of the national authority which will receive and process your personal data and the contact details of the national data protection authorities can be consulted at: <http://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/public/data-protection> • European Commission registration number: ECI(2019)000016 • Date of registration: 30/09/2019 • Web address of this proposed citizens' initiative in the European Commission's register: <http://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/public/initiatives/ongoing/details/2019/000016> • Names and e-mail addresses of registered contact persons: Keiri BAR (k@umweltinstitut.org), Helmut BURTSCHER-SCHADEN (h@umweltinstitut.org), Helmut BURTSCHER-SCHADEN (h@umweltinstitut.org), • Names of the other registered organisers: François VELLERETTE, Polyxeni NCOLOPOULOU STAMATI, Annemarie MARKI, Noa SIMON DELSO, Constantin DOBRESCU • Website of this proposed citizens' initiative: www.savebeesandfarmers.eu

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