



Pollinator Initiative

Section 6

Mitigate the impact of pesticide use on pollinators

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Actions 6.1 and 6.2:

IPM and harmonised risk indicators

- Ensure that professional users of plant protection products implement Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- Assess options for improving the existing harmonised risk indicators, or developing new ones, to better estimate the trends in the risk and use of plant protection products, including the risks for pollinators

Emergency authorisations

- The Commission will continue to monitor emergency authorisations
- Guidance Document on Emergency Authorisations under review:
 - to reflect the judgement in case C-162/21
 - to include further clarifications including on the justification of authorisations and the use of the relevant e-submission tool for processing applications
- Mandate to EFSA ongoing for development of specific protocols to assess justification

Current status risk assessment for bees

- Status quo regarding the risk assessment for honeybees and other non-target arthropods is the 2002 Guidance Document on Terrestrial Ecotoxicology
- The 2013 Bee Guidance Document from EFSA was never fully endorsed by the majority of Member States in the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed despite repeated efforts over several years.
- Commission mandated EFSA in March 2019 to review the 2013 Bee Guidance Document, taking into account scientific knowledge that has emerged since 2013. EFSA published a revised guidance for bees on 11 May 2023.



Endorsement of the updated Bee Guidance Document

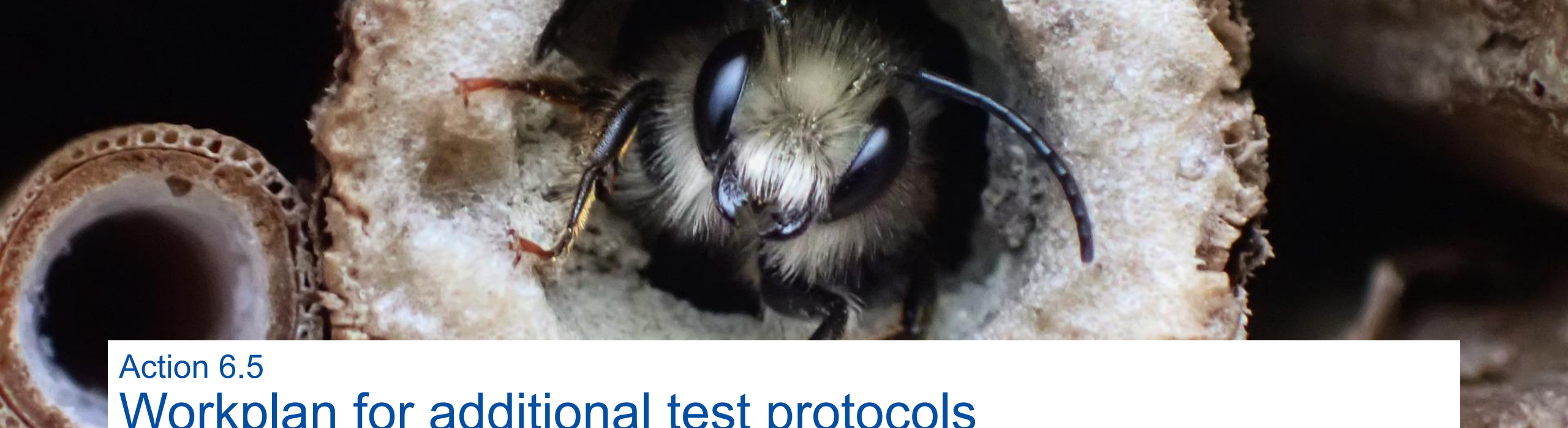
Two-step procedure involving Standing Committee PAFF:

1. Check and if needed update implementing regulations, in particular
 - Commission Regulation (EU) No 546/2011 as regards uniform principles for evaluation and authorisation of plant protection products
 - Commission Regulations (EU) No 283 and 284/2013 setting out the data requirements for active substances and plant protection products respectively
2. Endorse the guidance on the risk assessment of plant protection products on bees (*Apis mellifera*, *Bombus* spp. and solitary bees)

What about non-bee pollinators?



- Generally covered by the risk assessment for non-target arthropods
- An update of the corresponding risk assessment methodologies is identified as a priority
- Mandate to EFSA under preparation. EFSA however already started preparatory work for this task.



Action 6.5

Workplan for additional test protocols

- Currently includes all missing test protocols to perform a risk assessment according the updated Bee Guidance Document so for honeybees, solitary bees and bumblebees
- Includes information of who is developing what and for laboratory studies it includes the major steps for OECD recognition
- Draft workplan is under discussion in the Standing Committee
- Will be updated regularly to include progress
- Other pollinator species might be added after review of the terrestrial guidance document.

Unacceptable co-formulants

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/574 of 13 March 2023 setting out detailed rules for the identification of unacceptable co-formulants in plant protection products in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009
- Ongoing activities can be followed via https://food.ec.europa.eu/plants/pesticides/authorisation-plant-protection-products/assessment-plant-protection-products-ppps_en

Action 9.3

Guidelines for assessing the risks of biocides on pollinators



- A methodology to assess the risk to bees and other non-target pollinators from the use of biocides is being developed by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)
- Endorsed in the Biocidal Products Committee of November 2023

Latest news



Latest news is always available via the website of the European Commission

https://food.ec.europa.eu/plants/pesticides/protection-bees_en

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