

## Safeguard's First Annual General Meeting



Between 5 – 8 April 2022, consortium members and other stakeholders of the Safeguard project met in Seville, Spain, for the project's <u>first Annual General Meeting</u> (AGM). The threeday-long in-person event was hosted by the <u>University of</u> <u>Seville</u> and entailed informative presentations, in-depth discussions, as well as an overview of the progress, challenges, and future initiatives of the Safeguard project.

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### The effects of arable cultivated land on wild pollinating species in Hungary

An article by Dr. Anikó Kovacs-Hostyanszki (<u>Centre for</u> <u>Ecological Research, Hungary</u>)





outlines the importance of pollinating insects for the health of ecosystems in light of the decreasing number of flower plants. The study attempts to establish the correlation between the area size of flower plants and the health and existence of pollinating communities. The outcomes can feed into agricultural practice that will support farmers and wildlife in the best way possible in Europe and beyond.

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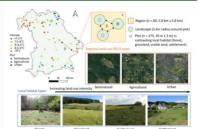


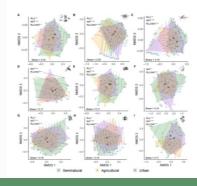
## The interactive effects of climate and land use on pollinator diversity

<u>A new research</u> article published in the <u>Science Advances Journal</u> calls for more research attention to the largely interactive effects of changes in climate and land use on pollinating insects.

Authors of the article, amongst whom partners from <u>University of Würzburg</u>, suggest the use of a multiscale spacefor-time approach to disentangle the ieffects of climate and land use.

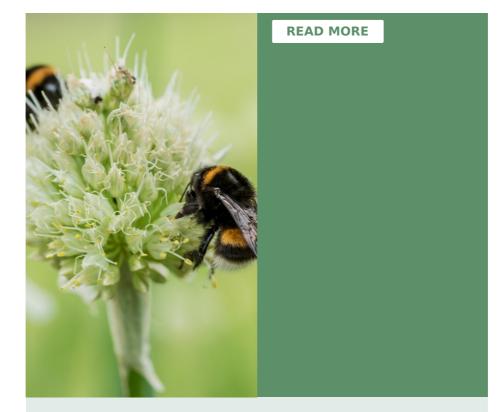
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## Bee highways: how they work and why we need them

<u>A new article</u> published in <u>The</u> <u>Conversation</u> journal outlines the importance of bee highways in putting a stop to the alarming decline in the insect's population. Connecting existing bee-friendly areas would facilitate the pollinators' travel through cities, towns and countryside and hould have farreaching benefits on the production of food crops, and for a large variety of wildlife.



## Join Safeguard!





# Interdisciplinary PhD position at INRAE

INRAE offers a postdoctoral position in the INRAE Agroecology multidisciplinary research unit in Dijon, France. The successful candidate will work as part of Safeguard and will be in charge of

- Assessing the worldviews and socio-cultural values of key stakeholder groups and how these shape decision-making around pollinator conservation across Europe.
- Leading/ contributing to assessing the evidence of impacts of different drivers, policies, and responses on pollinators.

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\*Priority will be given to Ukrainian candidates in the framework of the project.

## Student Conference on Conservation Science SCCS Hungary, 2022

SCCS Europe – Connecting Eastern and Western Europe in conservation biology Balatonvilágos (Lake Balaton), Hungary, 14 - 17 September 2022

We are delighted to invite you to the seventh <u>SCCS Europe in 2022</u>, organised by the Centre for Ecological Research this autumn. The Conference will introduce prominent keynote speakers such as Prof. Lorenzo Marini from the University of Padova, Italy. The event will entail a series of workshops, networking opportunities, fun, and of course, the possibility to present your own research results!

#### More details

## EU Biodiversity Platform meeting

The first meeting of the new EU Biodiversity Platform (EUBP) took place on the 26-27th of April. The platform is an expert group created to support the Commission in its implementation of the actions and commitments outlined under the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2030. It includes members of the European Commission, Member State representatives and a range of other stakeholders. First on the agenda, was the opening and launch of the EUBP and an outline of the organisation of their work including the EUBP rules of procedure as well as new sub-groups and upcoming meetings. Following that, updates on a range of different actions under the Biodiversity Strategy were discussed.

For pollinators, the group discussed an update on the state of play of the EU pollinator initiative. An EUBP subgroup on pollinators will be set up to support the EU's objective to reverse the decline of pollinators

## Nature restoration and pesticides legislation proposals planned for June 22nd

In light of the fall-out of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the European Commission announced a delay in the publication of its upcoming EU Nature Restoration Law and revision of the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive. Both proposals, previously planned for March 23rd, are now due to be tabled on the 22nd of June.

The highly anticipated EU Nature Restoration Law will create legally binding targets for biodiversity restoration. The proposal is expected to include a target dedicated to pollinators as well as targets for restoring key pollinator habitats.

The revision of the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive will propose updates to the current EU rules on the sustainable use of pesticides to ensure they are in line with the objectives of the EU Green Deal. This includes the Green Deal's Farm to Fork Strategy proposes specific targets to reduce the use and risk of chemical pesticides by 2030.

## The public consultation for the EU Pollinators Initiative revision is now open!

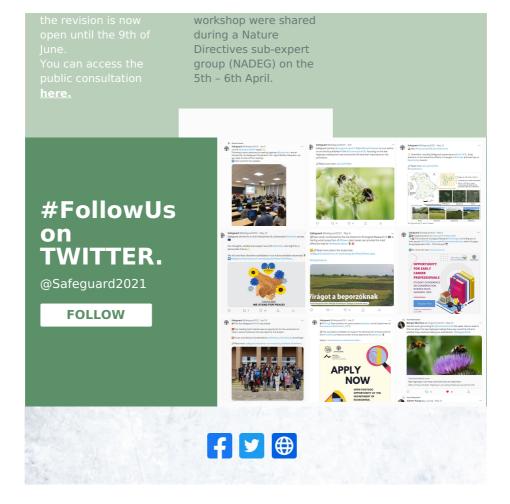
Inteleu pollinators initiative was the EU's response to tackling the serious decline of insect pollinators in Europe. As announced in the EU's Biodiversity Strategy to 2030, the EU has committed to reversing the decline of pollinators by 2030. To meet this target, the Commission will revise its pollinator initiative to strengthen EU action to address the main drivers of pollinator decline. The public consultation on the call for evidence for

## Publication of outcomes from pollinators in protected areas workshop

On January 13 2022, the Commission organised a workshop on "Pollinators in protected areas shaping policy actions". It was part of a series of expert consultations to inform the revision of the EU Pollinators Initiative and aimed to collect inputs from experts on how to strengthen the synergies between pollinator conservation and broader nature protection in the EU, including the Natura 2000 protected area network and other elements of the EU Nature Directives. The outcomes of the

## Convention on Biological Diversity COP 15

Following technical talks ahead of COP 15, which took place during March 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland, the UN secretariat has announced a next inperson meeting in Nairobi from the 21st to the 26th of June 2022. The second part of COP 15, originally planned for April 25th - May 8th, is now planned for August 29th -September 10th.



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