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SAFEGUARD

Safeguarding European
wild pollinators

Safeguard Annual General Meeting

Sofia, Bulgaria

7 – 10 March 2023

Organiser: *Pensoft Publishers*

[Link for online participants](#)

Meeting agenda

Monday, 6 March – travel day

We propose an informal dinner on the evening of 6. March, 19:00, at [restaurant Aubergine](#) (in close proximity to the conference venue). If you wish to attend, please inform your local host, so we can have an indicative number of people for the reservation (Teodor Metodiev, t.metodiev@pensoft.net, +359 878 312516). This will be a self-paid dinner, so please make sure to bring cash in BGN. The organised dinner which is covered by the conference fee will take place on Wednesday (8. March) in a traditional Bulgarian restaurant!

Tuesday, 7 March

Time (EET)	Session / workshop	Speaker
08:30	Registration - come say hello and pick up your name badge!	On-site participants
09:00	Welcome by the local host	Teodor Metodiev (<i>Pensoft</i>)
09:10	Overview of current Safeguard activities	Ingolf Steffan-Dewenter (<i>UWUE</i>)
09:20	A word from REA	Christophe Coudun (<i>REA</i>)
09:30	Biodiversity of Bulgaria: characteristics, protection and trends	Pavel Stoev (<i>Pensoft</i>)
10:00	Progress update: Where are we and where are we going? (WP1-WP3)	WP leaders
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break	
11:15	Progress update: Where are we and where are we going? (WP4-WP7)	WP leaders
12:15	A word from the EAB	Safeguard EAB
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break	
13:30 - 15:00	WP1 - Reassessing the status and trends of European pollinators	Ignasi Bartomeus (<i>CSIC</i>), Denis Michez (<i>UMONS</i>)
13:30 - 13:45	T1.1 European pollinator distribution and indices of taxonomical, functional and phylogenetic diversity	Ahlam Sentil (<i>UMONS</i>)
13:45 - 14:00	T1.1 Parameters of co-occurrences of European pollinators	Natasha De Manincor (<i>UMONS</i>)

14:00 - 14:15	T1.4 Habitat and pollinator diversity - Methods	Lorenzo Marini (<i>UNIPD</i>)
14:15 - 14:30	T1.3 & T1.5 Update on the progress of the studies	Ignasi Bartomeus (<i>CSIC</i>)
14:30 - 15:00	T1.2 & T1.6 Update on the progress of the data collection of traits and national red list	Denis Michez (<i>UMONS</i>)
13:30 - 15:00	WP5 - Integrative Assessment Framework: socio-ecological concepts, tools and solutions	Henrik Smith (<i>ULUND</i>), Adam Vanbergen (<i>INRAE</i>)
13:30 - 14:15	T5.1 Conceptual framework for urban and intensive agricultural: progress report and plans	Adam Vanbergen (<i>INRAE</i>)
14:15 - 15:00	T5.2 Cataloguing tools and models for decision support: report on progress	Ciara Dwyer et al (<i>ULUND</i>)
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break	
15:30 - 17:00	WP2 - Pressures on wild pollinators and their biotic interactions	Oliver Schweiger (<i>UFZ</i>), Ingolf Steffan-Dewenter (<i>UWUE</i>)
15:30 - 15:50	T2.3 European field site network	Andrea Holzschuh, Jochen Krauss (<i>UWUE</i>)
15:50 - 16:10	T2.4 Resource competition	Douglas Sponsler (<i>UWUE</i>)
16:10 - 16:30	T2.5 Wild plant pollination and dispersal	Christophe Dominik (<i>UFZ</i>)
16:30 - 17:00	T2.6 Emerging pressures: (i) Nitrogen, (ii) Traffic, (iii) Pathogens	Adam Vanbergen (<i>INRAE</i>), Simon Potts (<i>UREAD</i>), Morgan Morrison (<i>RHUL</i>)
15:30 - 17:00	WP3 - Latest news and WORKSHOP on Environmental co-benefits of pollinator interventions - come along to learn and contribute to the next research steps	René van der Wal (<i>SLU</i>), Juliette Young (<i>INRAE</i>), Tom Breeze (<i>UREAD</i>)
15:30 - 15:45	T3.4 What we have learned about worldviews around pollinators	Zafarani Uwingabire, Juliette Young (<i>INRAE</i>)
15:45 - 16:00	T3.5 Giving shape to powerful new ecological-economic models	Connor Russel, Tom Breeze (<i>UREAD</i>)
16:00 - 17:00	T3.2 Workshop on co-benefits of pollinator interventions	Ola Lundin (<i>SLU</i>), Tom Breeze (<i>UREAD</i>)

17:00	Summary of the workshops	Workshop conveners
17:30	PCC meeting	Safeguard PCC
17:30	PhD/Postdoc Meeting	PhD/Postdocs
18:30	Closing of the day	

Wednesday, 8 March

Time (EET)	Session / workshop	Speaker
09:00 - 10:35	WP4 - Effective responses to counteract wild pollinator declines	David Kleijn (<i>WUR</i>), Lorenzo Marini (<i>UNIPD</i>)
09:00 - 9:50	T.4.1 Effects of interventions on genetic diversity and functional trait composition	
09:50 - 10:20	T.4.2 Making Natura 2000 areas and public space more valuable for pollinators	
10:20 - 10:35	T.4.3 Citizen science as a tool to implement pollinator conservation actions in rural and urban landscapes	
09:00 - 10:30	WP2 - Pressures on wild pollinators and their biotic interactions	Oliver Schweiger (<i>UFZ</i>), Ingolf Steffan-Dewenter (<i>UWUE</i>)
09:00 - 09:20	T.2.1 Multiple and interacting pressures on pollinator communities	Oliver Schweiger (<i>UFZ</i>)
09:20 - 09:40	T.2.2 Multiple and interacting pressures network properties and plant reproduction	Matthias Albrecht (<i>WBF</i>)
09:40 - 10:00	T.2.7 Model community assembly processes	Oliver Schweiger (<i>UFZ</i>)
10:00 - 10:30	T.2.8 Model emerging plant-pollinator networks and crop pollination services	Ignasi Bartomeus (<i>CSIC</i>)
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 - 12:30	WP7 - Communication, knowledge exchange and impact development	Deepa Senapathi (<i>UREAD</i>), Teodor Metodiev (<i>Pensoft</i>)
11:00 - 11:30	T7.5 Ongoing communication & dissemination	

11:30 - 12:30	T7.3 Safeguard Knowledge Exchange Hub (SAFE-Hub)	Teodor Metodiev (Pensoft)
11:00 - 13:00	WP3 - Two-hour Focus group discussion on the IPBES and policies affecting pollinators T3.7. <i>By email invitation only to keep the group size sufficiently small</i>	Florence Damiens, Ola Lundin (SLU)
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break	
13:30 - 15:00	WP6 - Strengthen pollinator-relevant policy and decision making	Evelyn Underwood (IEEP), Simon Potts (UREAD)
13:30 - 13:40	Overview of developments in EU policy landscape re pollinators & discussion (IEEP 10 mins)	
13:40 - 14:40	T6.2 & T6.3 Options for and decisions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy engagement events to end of project - Policy briefs or other policy reports or communications - Final project events in 2025 	Evelyn Underwood, Laure-Lou Tremblay (IEEP)
14:40 - 15:00	T6.4 Relevance of pollinators to UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	Lois Kinneen, Deepa Senapathi & Simon Potts (UREAD)
13:30 - 15:05	WP4 - Effective responses to counteract wild pollinator declines	David Kleijn (WUR), Lorenzo Marini (UNIPD)
13:30 - 14:15	T.4.4 Payment by results as an approach to enhance effectiveness of pollinator promoting subsidies	
14:15 - 14:30	T.4.5 Opportunities and risks of biodiversity offsetting for pollinator conservation	
14:30 - 14:45	T.4.6 The effectiveness of intervention strategies targeting complementary habitats needed by pollinators a species habitat network approach	
14:45 - 15:05	T.4.8 Implementing interventions at the landscape scale a longitudinal analysis of collaborative approaches	
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break	
15:30 - 17:00	WP7 - Communication, knowledge exchange and impact development	Deepa Senapathi (UREAD), Teodor Metodiev (Pensoft)

15:30 - 17:00	T7.3 Buzzing tables - fostering knowledge exchange with multiple stakeholder groups	Konstantin Gospodinov, Susanna Gionfra, Ana Prieto Lopez (IUCN)
15:30 - 17:00	WP8 - Data management workshop: upload your data on the spot	Jie Zhang (UWUE)
17:00	Summary of the workshops	Workshop conveners
17:30	General Assembly	Partner representatives
18:30	Closing of the day	
20:00	Organised dinner	

Thursday, 9 March – excursion day

We will leave from Grand Hotel Millennium at 09:00 and arrive at Plovdiv near 11:00. We will also visit Bachkovo Monastery and return to Sofia at around 19:00.

Friday, 10 March

Time (EET)	Session / workshop	Speaker
09:00 - 10:00	Safeguarding CO2 emissions: feelings, responsibilities, concerns <i>A short workshop to take time and help each other think about this increasingly important societal dimension.</i>	René Van Der Wal
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break	
10:30 - 12:00	Paper/data synthesis workshop (to be arranged)	t.b.d.
10:30 - 12:00	<i>Unconference</i> (free discussion format)	all AGM participants
12:00	Closing of the conference	