

# POLLINIS

## STOP POLLINATOR EXTINCTION



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### WHO ARE WE?

POLLINIS is a non-profit organisation that aims at stopping the extinction of bees and other pollinators on which all biodiversity depends. We pressure public authorities to urgently restore a favourable environment for all arthropods and we demonstrate how this restoration can be achieved. Our main goal, that is imperative to preserve the environment for future generations, is the transition to an agricultural model that does not use pesticides or other synthetic chemicals contaminating our environment.

We base all of our actions for environmental conservation and transformation of public policy on scientific opinions and reports: throughout the world, insects—which are vital to ecosystems, agriculture and food security—are disappearing at an alarming rate.

Founded in 2012, POLLINIS now has 1.3 million supporters across Europe, committed citizens on whose behalf we take a stand and act.

### OUR MISSION

## STOP THE EXTINCTION IN PROGRESS

**In less than 30 years, the biomass of winged insects has decreased by about 80% in Europe.** At current rates, scientists estimate that these indispensable biodiversity links could disappear within 100 years worldwide. To stop this extinction, POLLINIS is working in France and at the European level to:

- ban all pesticides that are harmful to pollinators;
- accelerate the transition to farming practices that respect the environment and biodiversity;
- study, promote and protect the wide variety of wild pollinators and local honeybees;
- restore a complex and healthy environment for wild pollinators;
- save local honey bees in the natural environments where they have evolved for millennia and
- prevent the release of GMO insects into the wild which could irreversibly disrupt ecosystems.

### OUR VALUES

## PUBLIC INTEREST, TRANSPARENCY AND INDEPENDENCE

SINCE 2018, POLLINIS HAS BEEN AWARDED THE LABEL “DON EN CONFIANCE” (GIVE WITH CONFIDENCE), BY THE COMITÉ DE LA CHARTE WHICH MEANS THAT OUR ASSOCIATION MEETS FOUR MAIN PRINCIPLES: RESPECT FOR THE DONOR, TRANSPARENCY, INTEGRITY AND SELFLESSNESS, SEARCH FOR EFFICIENCY.



Exclusively financed by donations from individuals, POLLINIS does not accept any contributions from organisations representing political or economic interests (companies, institutions, etc...). This model guarantees our complete independence in defending the interests of citizens before the French and European institutions and confronting lobbies.



POLLINIS HAS CHOSEN THE WILD BEE AS ITS SYMBOL BECAUSE THIS COMPLEX AND UNKNOWN POLLINATOR IS BOTH ESSENTIAL TO AGRICULTURE AND A DIRECT VICTIM OF CONVENTIONAL FARMING PRACTICES.

## OUR ACTIONS

### ADVOCACY

To convince the French state and other institutions about the urgency of restoring an environment that is favourable to pollinators and biodiversity as well as defending the interests of citizens against those of the agrochemical and agricultural industries, POLLINIS works with decision-makers and is a stakeholder in various committees in Paris and Brussels. With our expertise, we offer concrete solutions for a swift change in agricultural practices and the banning of pesticides and other synthetic chemical agents that contaminate environments in France and Europe.

### SCIENTIFIC STUDIES

POLLINIS supports independent science by funding research on the status of pollinating insect populations, their diversity and their adaptation to current disruptions as well as on the environments on which they depend, including actual levels of contamination. We also enable renowned academic laboratories to conduct studies on the real effects of pesticides on pollinators and other living organisms in order to force changes to regulations and present farming practices.

### LEGAL ACTIONS

We look to defend all living organisms and the environment in the interest of all, and for the generations to come. To this end, POLLINIS takes legal action to force politicians and national and European institutions to respect their commitments and apply the laws presently in force to protect biodiversity, ensure a transition to ecological agriculture and maintain transparency. We also seek to accelerate the adoption of laws preventing species extinction and environmental contamination. POLLINIS has launched several legal actions, notably against the French government and the European Commission.



The POLLINIS team in October 2021: project managers, scientists, lawyers, counter-lobbying specialists, journalists, editors... © Ph. Besnard / POLLINIS



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### FIELD PROJECTS

In order to create a favourable environment for bees and wild pollinators, POLLINIS initiates, promotes and finances innovative conservation and restoration projects to support necessary large-scale changes. To protect wild and endemic honeybees, and to provide beekeepers with alternatives to the intensive and biotechnological solutions, POLLINIS develops honeybee rewilding projects and supports the work of local bee conservatories. POLLINIS' work is systematically based on scientific knowledge and the results of projects we conduct in partnership with the best international experts.

### INFORMATION AND MOBILISATION

POLLINIS continually mobilises citizens through campaigns and petitions to raise awareness of pollinators' variety and crucial importance as well as the necessary actions to stop their extinction. We inform and educate the public about our actions through our website, newsletters and social media networks which connect more than one million citizens in France and throughout Europe. Through press releases and social networks, we regularly keep the media informed and call on to them.

### OUR PARTNERS

To increase our impact, POLLINIS works in the field and establishes partnerships with associations and institutions. In particular, we are collaborating with the Task Force on Systemic Pesticides and the University of Bologna on the issue of pesticides; the European Federation of Dark Bee Conservatories (FEdCAN) on the preservation of local honey bees; the Stop Gene Drive coalition on GMO insects; the association Notre Affaire à Tous on issues of biodiversity and justice; and the AFAC-Agroforesteries Pays de la Loire on the restoration of landscapes and the planting of agricultural hedges.