

INVITATION

Presentation & debate

Insect Atlas

Facts and figures about friends and foes in farming

Date: Friday, 26 June 2020

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 CET

Place: Online platform Zoom

The Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union cordially invites you to the online presentation and expert debate on the recently launched [Insect Atlas 2020](#). The Atlas shows the importance of insects for farming, the impact of farming on insects and the important political steps to strengthen insect friendly farming systems in Europe.

Insects keep the planet's ecological system running and ensure our food supply – 75% of our most important crops depend on pollination by insects. Insects also improve soil quality. However, insect species and pollinators are in severe decline across the world mainly because of pesticide-dependent industrial farming systems.

We will explore the most important reasons for the European and global decline of insects in numbers and diversity as well as how the EU can support climate and insect friendly models of farming. We will focus on the role the EU Biodiversity Strategy, the Farm-to-Fork Strategy, and the Common Agriculture Policy should play in this regard.

Agenda

10:00 - 10:05 Welcome

10:05 - 10:20 Presentation of the Insect Atlas

- **Dr. Christine Chemnitz**, Head of International Agricultural Policy Division, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung Berlin

10:20 - 10:30 Keynote speech

- **Humberto Delgado Rosa**, Director, Natural Capital Unit, DG Environment, European Commission

10:30 - 10:50 Comments on the Insect Atlas by

- **Martin Häusling**, MEP, The Greens/EFA
- **Vujadin Kovacevic**, Policy Officer, Biodiversity Unit, DG Environment, European Commission
- **Guy Pe'er**, German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv)

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- **Veronika Feicht**, Member of the circle of organizers of the European citizens' initiative "Save Bees and Farmers" and Agricultural Policy Campaigner at Umweltinstitut Munich

10:50 - 11:25 Discussion with Q&A, Vujadin Kovacevic, DG Environment, European Commission

11:25 - 11:30 Conclusions

Moderation by **Lisa Kuch**, Head of International Climate, Energy & Agriculture Policy Programme, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union

Working languages: English/German (simultaneous translation)

Please register by 25 June 2020 using the following [link](#).

We are looking forward to your participation!

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