



# EurBeST Final Conference

Program - 01.-21. April 2021 -

Restructuring of the honey bee chain and varroa resistance breeding & selection programme

The final conference will be conducted as a multi-day event with pre-recorded scientific presentations by the EurBeST core team and international experts, a virtual workshop week and the closing event as live web streaming. Please visit our website [Eurbest.eu](http://Eurbest.eu) for updates about the program, registration, and availability of the presentations in different languages.

## Scientific presentations: available from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

(most of them available in English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Polish, Greek)

**Overview of the EU market for reproductive material of European honey bees** - Cecilia Costa (CREA-IT)

**Beekeepers appreciation and expectations on breeding stock**- Aleksandar Uzunov (case study coordinator – LLH-DE)

**Selection for varroa resistance: state of the art in resistance breeding** - Marina Meixner (LLH-DE)

**EurBeST expert team and field study design** - Aleksandar Uzunov (case study coordinator – LLH-DE)

**In the field: reports from the EurBeST study in Poland, Greece, France, Italy and Austria**

- Malgorzata Bienkowska (Poland), Michalis Tsigenis (EL), Melodie Perrin (FR), Anna Perner (AT), Raffaele Dall'Olio (IT)

**EurBeST field study results: Colony development, Varroa resistance, Economics of queen production** -

Cecilia Costa (CREA-IT), Marin Kovacic (Eurbest partner HR), Ralph B uchler (LLH-DE)

**Chemical ecology of host - parasite interactions as basis of honey bee resistance** - Yves le Conte (INRAE-FR)

**Selection for mite resistance in North America** - Pierre Giovenazzo (University Laval, Quebec-CA)

**Honey bee diversity as a source of disease resistance genes** - Per Kryger (University of Aarhus-DK)

## Virtual workshop week (in English) - April 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

(in english)

**Mon, 12.04.21** (4:00-6:00 pm CET) **Commercial beekeeping** - Moderation: Aleksandar Uzunov (DE/MK)

**Tues, 13.04.21** (4:00-6:00 pm CET) **Queen production** - Moderation: Marin Kovacic (HR)

**Wed, 14.04.21** (4:00-6:00 pm CET) **Breeding programs** - Moderation: Ralph B uchler (DE)

**Thurs, 15.04.21** (4:00-6:00 pm CET) **Policy and stakeholder implications** - Moderation: Cecilia Costa (IT)

## Closing conference – April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

live web streamed (simultaneous translation provided into German, French, Italian, Spanish, Greek)

- 10:00 Opening & welcome  
*Janusz Wojciechowski - Commissioner of Agriculture, DG Agri*  
*Ralph B uchler - EurBeST study coordinator*
- 10:30 Summary of the main findings of the study  
*Cecilia Costa, Ralph B uchler*
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Recommendations and outcome of workshops
  - (1) Commercial beekeeping – Aleksandar Uzunov (DE/MK)
  - (2) Queen production– Marin Kovacic (HR)
  - (3) Breeding programs – Ralph B uchler (DE)
  - (4) Policy and stakeholder implications – Cecilia Costa (IT)
- 12:00 Discussion
- 12:30 Final remarks / Summary of the conference  
*Kai-Uwe Sprenger - European Commission*
- 13:00 End of event



Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI)  
AGRI-2017-0346