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PAN-EUROPEAN ASSESSMENT, MONITORING, AND MITIGATION OF STRESSORS ON THE HEALTH OF BEES

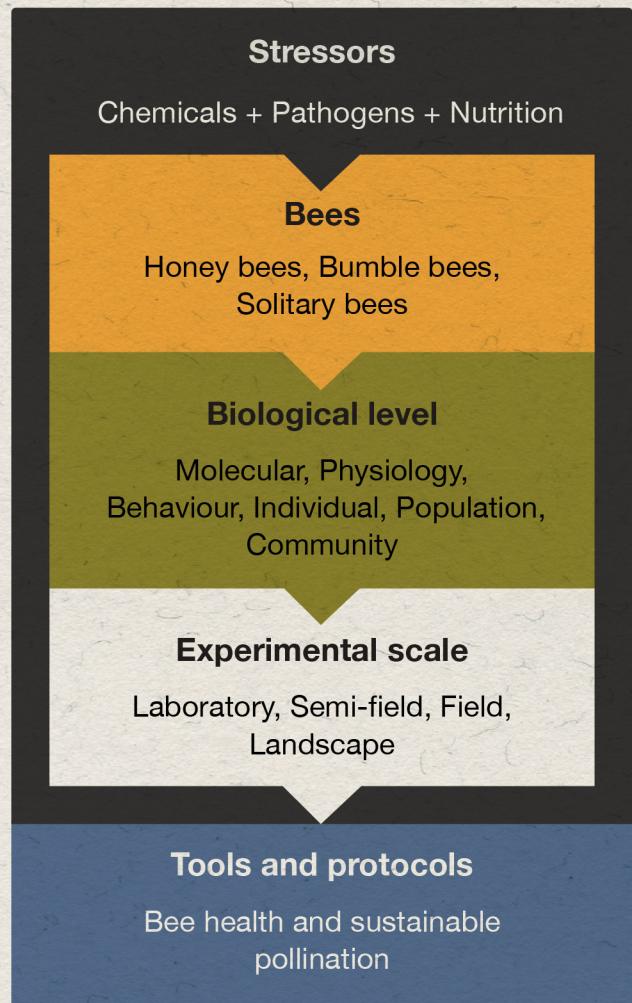
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Background

Bees – honey bees, bumble bees, and solitary bees – pollinate crops and wildflowers and are essential for both human and planetary well-being. However, all around the globe, bees face many threats and are often in decline. While studies suggest that agrochemicals have a negative impact on bee health, their importance and relevance in the real world remains unclear.



PoshBee will



provide the first pan-European quantification of the exposure hazard of chemicals to managed and wild bees;



determine how chemicals alone, in mixtures, and in combination with pathogens and nutrition, affect bee health;



use innovation to meet the need for monitoring tools, novel screening protocols;



provide practice- and policy-relevant research outputs to local, national, European, and global stakeholders;



support healthy bee populations, sustainable beekeeping, and sustainable pollination across Europe.

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Outcomes



Fill a major knowledge gap in the exposure hazard of chemicals for bees.



Provide key information for the development of improved policy and regulations for the safe and sustainable use of agrochemicals in Europe.



Help beekeepers and other stakeholders improve bee health management, and fill a major knowledge gap on how hazards interact to threaten bee health.



Validate landscape-explicit models for risk assessment in honey bees, bumble bees, and solitary bees.



Develop a novel molecular monitoring tool, or 'health card' for bees, that measures chemical exposure, pathogens, immune capacities, and nutritional state.



Create best practice tools, protocols, training resources, and policy support for stakeholders across Europe to promote sustainable beekeeping, bee health, and pollination services.