FRUIT GROWERS FOR POLLINATORS AND POLLINATORS FOR FRUIT GROWERS

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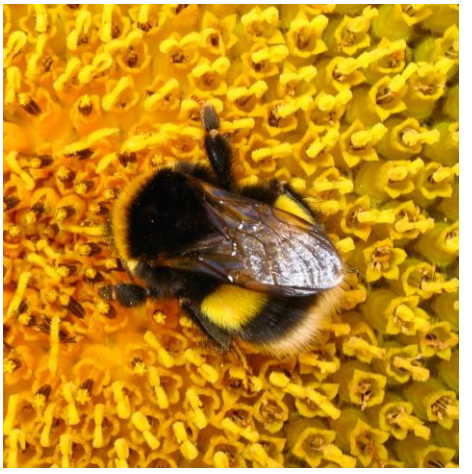
Insect pollinators provide a crucial ecosystem service

- More than ¾ of crops relay to some extents on insect pollination.
- In addition to the honey bee, the role of **wild pollinators** (bumblebees, solitary bees…) is also very important.
- **Biodiversity** of pollinators is essential for reliable agricultural production.
- **Diversity of pollinators is in decline.**



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Project: Fruit growers for pollinators and pollinators for fruit growers

Objectives:

1. to improve transfer of knowledge into practice
2. to improve conditions for pollinators in orchards
3. to increase the reliability and quality of pollination

- **NIB + 13 partners (6 fruit growers)**
- 2019-2021
- Financer: Rural Development Programme 2014–2020 (80 % European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, 20 % Republic of Slovenia)
- European Innovation Partnership "Agricultural productivity and Sustainability" - EIP-AGRI

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Solitary bee nest boxes
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Sowing plants for pollinators
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How to provide bed & breakfast for pollinators?

Slovenia still has relatively high diversity of pollinators and therefore a potential to become a **model for sustainable management of pollinator diversity** for reliable food production and preservation of biodiversity.
Our goal is to make the best of this potential.
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