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**2018 EUROPEAN BEE AWARD**

**APPLICATION FORM**



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**In order to be eligible for the European Bee Award, please fill in the three sections of this Application form:**

**SECTION I. Contact Information**

**SECTION II. Description of the project**

**SECTION III. Compulsory Annex**

**SECTION IV. Optional Annexes**

***\* Winners are expected to take part in the Award Ceremony in Brussels***

***\* Unsuccessful applicants from previous years are welcome to apply again***

**Send this form + annexes by August 6th to one of the following:**

**By email:**

communication@elo.org

(Subject: Bee Award Application)

**or by post:**

*Bee Award application – ELO*

*Rue de Trèves 67*

*B – 1040 Brussels*

**FOREWORD BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE JURY**

Bees and other pollinating insects make a critical contribution to crop production and pollination of wild plants. Yet there is concern about declines in these important species accross Europe and elsewhere. With sponsorship from CEMA, the European Landowners’ Organization announces the “European Bee Award”, a prize for a new intervention that promotes the protection of pollinators in the farm environment.

The two prizes will be awarded to a farmer, landowner, research institute, private or public organisation, who possibly in partnership, has developed and implemented an innovative practice that helps to reduce the impact of farming operations on bees and other pollinators. The type of interventions that might be considered include managing part of the farm in ways that benefit pollinators, improving the availability of flowers and other resources that pollinators require and changes to agronomic practices or the use of farm machinery that are pollinator friendly. The independent jury will take a broad view of possible interventions and welcomes novel and innovative ideas. It will consider practices that benefit not only managed honeybee populations but also wild bees and other pollinators. Interventions that measurably improve pollinator wellbeing on all farm types will be considered (for example farms producing any type of food, and both organic and conventional farming systems).

In choosing the winners of the prize, the jury will take into account how much difference the intervention will make, how novel it is, and its scalability – the likelihood that it will be accepted by farmers and implemented widely in Europe. The jury will look for evidence of the effectiveness of the intervention, how practical and compatible it is, and will give extra weight to ideas that also benefit non-pollinator biodiversity or that improve the services that pollinators provide for agriculture.

A Jury special mention has been included in 2017 to recognise small-scale projects to reward excellent but smaller farms and initiatives.

**Dr Michael Garratt**

President of the Jury

**ABOUT THE EUROPEAN BEE AWARD**

The European Bee Award was launched in 2014 by the European Landowners’ Organization ([www.elo.org](http://www.elo.org)) and the European Agricultural Machinery Association ([www.cema-agri.org](http://www.cema-agri.org)) with the aim of celebrating novel innovations that benefit bees, pollinators and biodiversity more generally.

**Who can participate?** The European Bee Award rewards **farmers, landowners, research institutes, academia and private and public organisations** who develop outstanding and innovative project to protect bees and other pollinators in the farmed environment.

In 2018, the European Bee Award will reward projects with two main focuses **“Land management practices”** and **“Application of innovative technological solutions”**,each with a prize of 4,000 €. The award also comes with a diploma of recognition and the winning project will be promoted through ELO and CEMA communication channels:

**- Category 1: Land management practices to protect and enhance pollinators in the farmed environment.** The prize will reward developments in farming practices that help create the right living conditions for bees and other pollinators, encouraging their presence in cropped areas while enriching biodiversity in the farmed environment.

**- Category 2: Application of innovative technological solutions to reduce farming operations’ impact on pollinators.** A special focus will be placed this year on projects that new technologies and new applications of technologies to allow bees and other pollinators to be better protected from the impact of farming operations (for example, application of crop protection products or during harvesting).

- As a novelty, a **“Jury special mention”** will be awarded a diploma of recognition for an excellent small-scale project, farm or initiative.

An independent jury chaired by Dr Michael Garratt (University of Reading) and including international experts, members of the European Institutions and NGOs will be in charge of assessing which practices and innovative ideas in agriculture most contribute to the maintenance of good pollinator communities in Europe’s farmed landscape.

**EXAMPLES THAT MATCH THE AWARD CRITERIA THE JURY WILL WELCOME**

1. New crop management practices that benefit both managed honeybee populations and also wild bees and other pollinators
2. New ways to manage non-cropped areas that increase the availability of flowers and other resources for pollinators
3. Innovation in integrated pest management that use modern technology to reduce negative effects on pollinators
4. New farm equipment technologies that reduce the impact of farming operations on honeybees and other pollinators
* Novel and innovative ideas to protect bees and pollinators
* Projects that are scalable
* Technological solutions that can demonstrate efficacy
* Practices that also benefit non-pollinator biodiversity in the farmed environment

**SECTION I. CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Applicant**

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| Short Name | *click here to enter text* |
| Legal Name | *click here to enter text* |
| Legal Status | *[ ]  Public* *[ ]  Private* *[ ]  Natural person* |

**Legal Address of the Applicant**

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| Street | *click here to enter text* | Number | *click here to enter text* |
| Postcode | *click here to enter text* |
| Town / City | *click here to enter text* |
| Country | *click here to enter text* |

**Contact Person Details**

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| Name | *click here to enter text* | Function | *click here to enter text* |
| Phone | *click here to enter text* | Fax | *click here to enter text* |
| Email | *click here to enter text* |

**About the participant Property / Estate / University / Project…**

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| Name | *click here to enter text* |
| Address, City, Country | *click here to enter text* |
| Phone | *click here to enter text* | Fax | *click here to enter text* |
| Email | *click here to enter text* | Website | *click here to enter text* |

**Characteristics of the Property / Estate (if applicable)**

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| Number of hectares | *insert number* | Owned |  *insert number* | Rented | *insert number* |
| Main crops produced | *click here to enter text* |

**Partner’s Information**

Fill in this section if your project is in partnership. (Please, duplicate for more than one partner)

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| PARTNER 1  |
| Name | *click here to enter text* |
| Legal Status | [ ]  Public [ ]  Private [ ]  Natural person |
| Other information about the Partner | *click here to enter text* |

**Contact and Legal address of the partner**

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| Contact Person | *click here to enter text* | Function | *click here to enter text* |
| Email | *click here to enter text* | Phone | *click here to enter text* |
| Address, City, Country | *click here to enter text* |

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| PARTNER 2  |
| Name | *click here to enter text* |
| Legal Status | [ ]  Public [ ]  Private [ ]  Natural person |
| Other information about the Partner | *click here to enter text* |

**Contact and Legal address of the partner**

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| PARTNER 3 |
| Name | *click here to enter text* |
| Legal Status | [ ]  Public [ ]  Private [ ]  Natural person |
| Other information about the Partner | *click here to enter text* |

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**SECTION II. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT**

**MY PROJECT FITS BEST IN THE CATEGORY (Please choose one):**

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| [ ]  Category 1: Land management practices |
| [ ]  Category 2: Application of innovative technological solutions |

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**SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT** (150 words max.)

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**OBJECTIVES** (500 words max.)

**METHODOLOGY** (500 words max.)

*click here to enter text*

**RESULTS** (1000 words max.)

*click here to enter text*

**OTHER INFORMATION FOR THE JURY** (1000 words max.)

*click here to enter text*

**SECTION III. COMPULSORY ANNEXES**

**In order to be eligible, please attach a short video or presentation showcasing your project. It will be used for communication and promotion of the winning projects and during the Award Ceremony.**

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| Type of document attached | Description of the document |
| [ ]  Short video | *clik here to enter text* |
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**SECTION IV. OPTIONAL ANNEXES**

The Jury will base its decision largely on the material in Section II tough applicants may submit other material that the Jury may have the option of considering.

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\* I acknowledge that the pictures and other materials submitted may be used for ELO and CEMA communication purposes.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT**

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| Contact person | *click here to enter text* |
| Contact email | *click here to enter text* |

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Dear participant,

We thank you for your application and we will acknowledge receipt through your contact email.

The members of the jury will now examine your proposal, and we will announce you the results at the end of the evaluation procedure.

We wish you the best of luck.

Yours sincerely,

European Bee Award Coordination