

BEE TRUE Structure Course - Introduction on urban and commercial beekeeping

Bees are critically important for the environment by pollinating more than 80% of the plants and crops, ensuring in this way the healthy balance of nature.

According to studies, bees contribute at least 22 billion EUR each year to the European agriculture industry and they also provide a variety of apiculture products such as honey, pollen, wax etc.

(https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/live_animals/bees_en)

For some time now, news about a severe **losses of honey bees** has been concerning various professionals and the wider public alike.

European commission is aware of this problem and has taken important steps to diagnose and prevent bees mortality by supporting research projects related to bee health and honey.

The structure course in the frame of Erasmus+ Adult Education will provide the opportunity to take the first steps in beekeeping. Professional beekeeper Nikos Stamatidis will introduce the theoretical background of beekeeping and practical exercise on the field.

The course aims to:

- Help opening **new professional** ways.
- Get in touch with the **environmental need** of the survivor of the bees.
- Create a **European network** of exchanging Best Practices and information about beekeeping.

Learning methods:

The Structure Course will be based in non-formal education (NFE) methods; learning approaches will also involve teaching theoretical aspects on beekeeping, workshops and educational visit. Working language is **English**.

*** Important Note: A Declaration / medical certificate is required to attend the course, which excludes the possibility of allergy when contacting Honey Bees.**

Costs and Erasmus+ Funding: Course fee – EUR 70 per day per participant (a total EUR 420 per participant for the 6-day Structure Course).

