

Bridging science
and policy

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What is OPERA?

OPERA is a young, growing think tank and a research center of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, a major European private university.

It is an independent, non-profit scientific organization, committed in supporting the successful implementation of the agri-environmental measures within the European legislation.

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Why OPERA?

Research



Results



Impact



Research

Decisions

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Target groups

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Collaborate in research projects:

- Universities
- Research institutes
- EU and national Authorities

To support decision:

- European Commission
- Council
- European Parliament
- National Authorities

To partner for solutions:

- Farmer Associations
- Industry associations
- NGOs
- Other

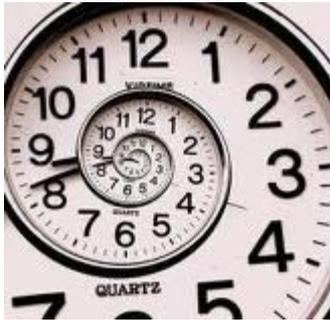
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Challenges

Time



Short and clear analysis on the relevant issues

Technical knowledge



Simple and pragmatic recommendations

Complexity of agri activity



Bridging solutions

Attention span



Focused on key issues

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How did OPERA consider responding?

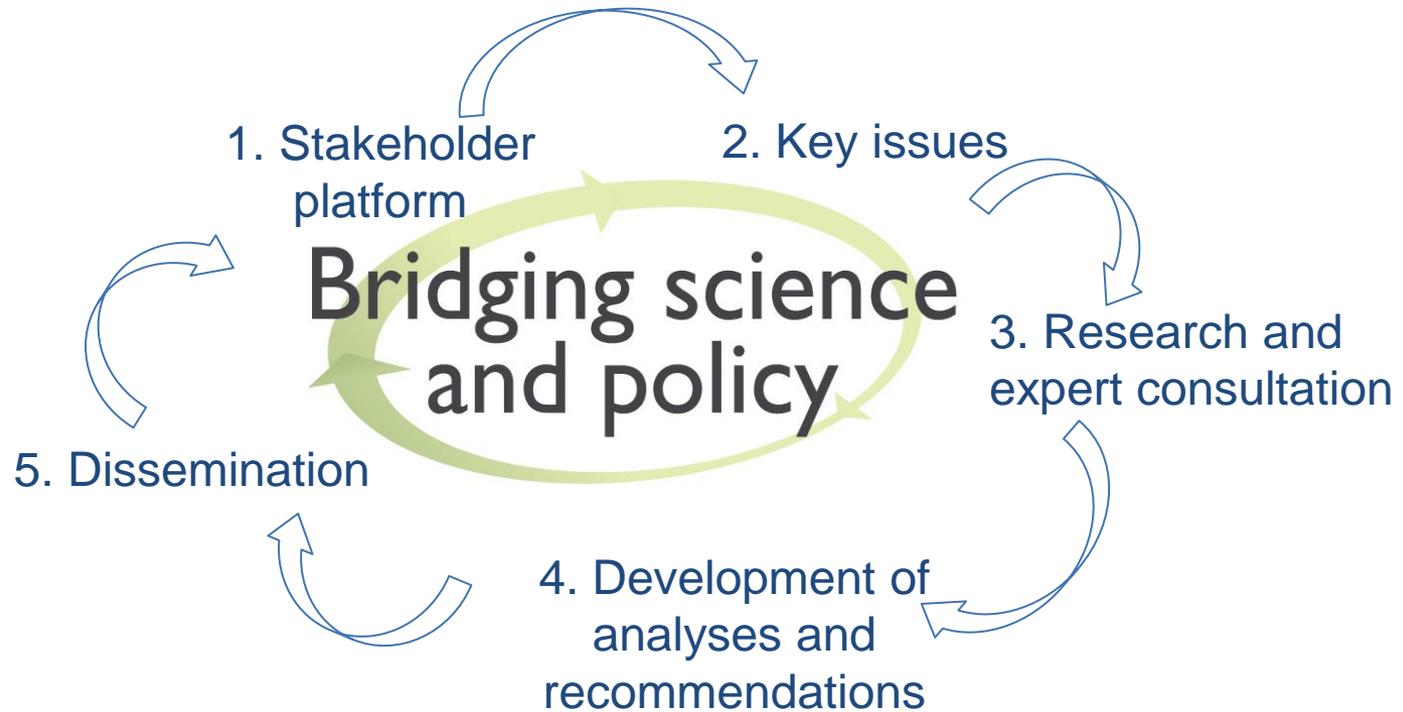
Main objective: *provide a series of **pragmatic** recommendations to policy makers to **bridge** the interest and objectives of agriculture and environment as well as to ensure **efficient implementation** of the agriculture related policies in the EU.*

The **fundamental idea** : use the potential of scientific research and knowledge to support the stakeholders in their political and technical decisions.

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Modus Operandi



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The tools we use

Informal platform for debate, communication and exchange on information;



Policy papers, recommendation papers and studies

Conceptual bridging solutions
between agricultural, health and
environmental concerns

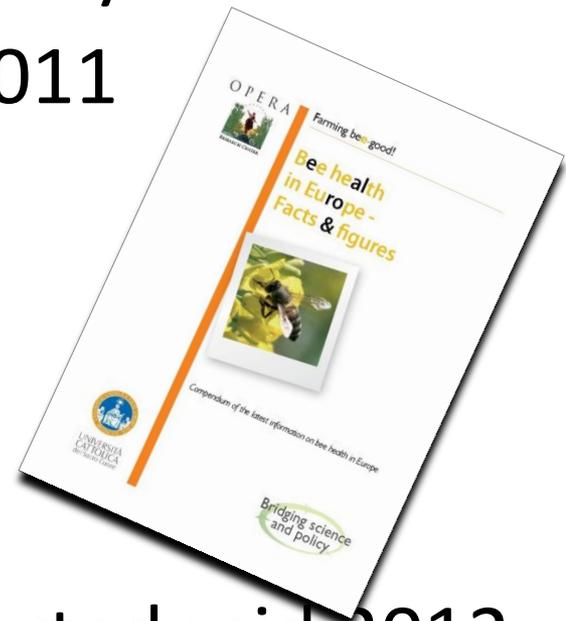


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Bee Health

- Activity developed in the context of the involvement in the issue of ecosystem services
- Working group set up since 2011
- First report published in autumn 2011
- Update for the new report started mid 2012

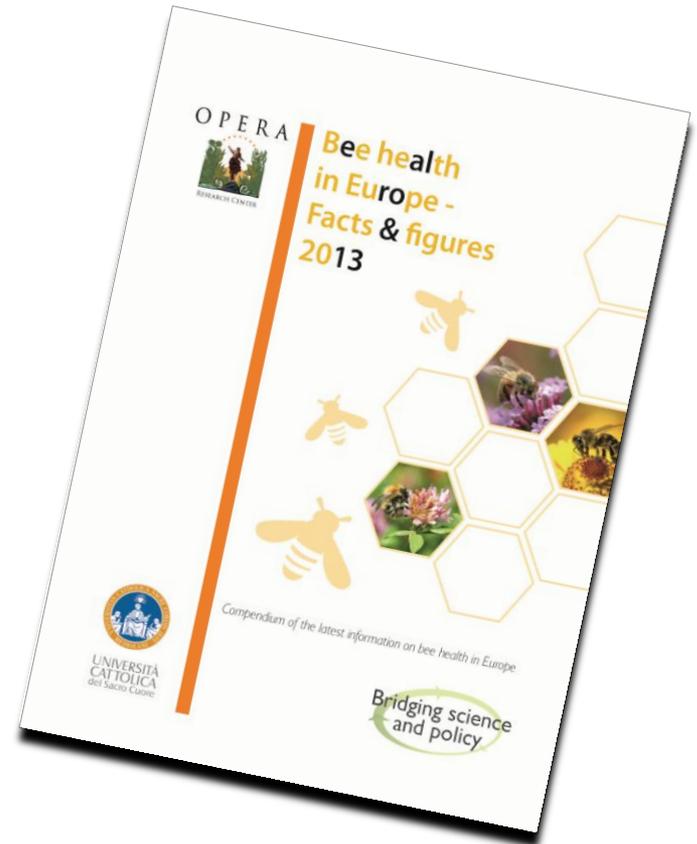


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Objectives of the WG

- build on the findings of the previous OPERA report, published in 2011,
- to include state-of-the-art information and research results on the issue of honeybees in agricultural systems
- collect in one single comprehensive document relevant data on bee health



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Bee health workshops

- Multi-stakeholder process to debate on bee health in Europe
- Extract conclusions and recommendations for policy makers at national and EU level.
- Planned debates: Berlin, Warsaw, London, Madrid, Paris, Rome, Budapest, Brussels
- Relevant recommendations for :
 - CAP reform
 - Biodiversity policy
 - Apiculture national Programs
 - Regulatory activities

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Thank you for your attention!

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