

*Name of the Activity:* Stakeholder’s Meeting of Pine Honey Sector

*Date of the Activity:* 31 July 2019; 14:00 – 17:00

*Place of the Activity:* The Green Park Pendik Hotel & Convention Center, Istanbul/Turkey

*Number of Participants:* 22 (Annex)

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#### General Flow of the Meeting

- Self-introduction of the participants
- Presentation of the Project coordinator Maria Ricci about FAO and EBRD
- Presentation of the Project local Coordinator Sertaç Dokuzlu about geographical indications, Project objectives and activities
- Exchange of views with participants about Project activities
- Closing

After self-introduction of the participants, Ms. Ricci has given a brief information about the aim of the meeting, general information and activities of FAO and EBRD. Ms. Dokuzlu, has given information about regional products, meaning of geographical indications, general and special objectives, main activities and timeline of the Project. Mr. Raffaele Dall'Olio who is the honey and beekeeping expert has attended and contributed the meeting via skype conference.

After the presentations, mainly 3 basic issues have been discussed among participants;

1. Who will be the applicant for geographical indication (GI)? In this issue, all participants were agreed on to set up a consortium that covers all pine honey sector stakeholders. It has been determined that the legal status, rules and participants of the consortium will be determined later.
2. Geographical area that will be working and sampling on: All participants were agreed on that the main provinces for pine honey production are; Muğla, İzmir, Manisa, Aydın, Balıkesir, Çanakkale and Antalya (only western parts of Antalya). These provinces were the same as those previously identified by FAO and BUU.
3. Sampling: Participants has been stated that the most suitable sampling period is between September and November. However, it was pointed out that due to negative climate conditions, it may not be possible to take some samples at November. It has been agreed on to collect the samples during 2 years. And some of the participants stated that they have some samples from year of 2018 and they accepted to share these samples with Project Team.

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A honey analysis list has been showed and ideas of Mr. Raffaele Dall'Olio were shared with the participants. Some participants stated that they have some analysis results for pine honey and they are ready to share with Project team.

Mr. Raffaele Dall'Olio has shared his ideas on the importance of the training of the beekeepers in order to produce high quality pine honey. Some participants shared their training activities.

Some beekeepers and academicians stated that due to the rich flora of the pine honey production area, pine honey may be mixed by the other flowers.

Possible data sources about pine honey has been discussed with the participants and some data sources has been determined i.e. exporter's union, ministry of agriculture, chamber of commerce.

All participants has agreed on to collaborate in order to get Turkish pine honey GI registration both in Turkey and the EU.

Especially academicians pointed out the importance of determination of pine honey standards and all participants has agreed on the difficulties to set up pine honey standards.

Annexes: Participant List

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