

Fight for pesticide reduction from Bulgarian campaigners





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The Campaign to BAN Neonicotinoids

The campaign was successful! The ban on neonicotinoids in the EU is a fact. This large-scale victory for bees in the world happened with the help of Albena Simeonova and Borislav Sandov (Foundation for Environment and Agriculture) and Petko Simeonov (Organic Beekeeping Association).

To protect bees from the pesticide giants (Bayer, Syngenta), we have received continuous support from NGOs, beekeeping organizations, scientists, students, doctors and citizens.

We met personally with almost all members of the European Parliament and group leaders. We handed out stickers and notes about how harmful these pesticides are to bees and wild pollinators. We visited all ministers of agriculture in Central and Eastern Europe to discuss their national position on this issue - these are the ministers of Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovenia, Croatia. We also received the support of the ministries of the Netherlands, Austria, Malta and Greece (and the Prince of Monaco).

Thanks to our work (and the international coalition working in Western Europe), the European Parliament decided to ban neonicotinoids (in March), and then the Council of Ministers (in April). They banned neonicotinoids.

Previously, our team collected signatures to ban these 3 pesticides. We have collected over 5 million signatures.





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**Agrarian Academy -
workshop on neonics**





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Albena Simeonova is talking in front of the Academic community



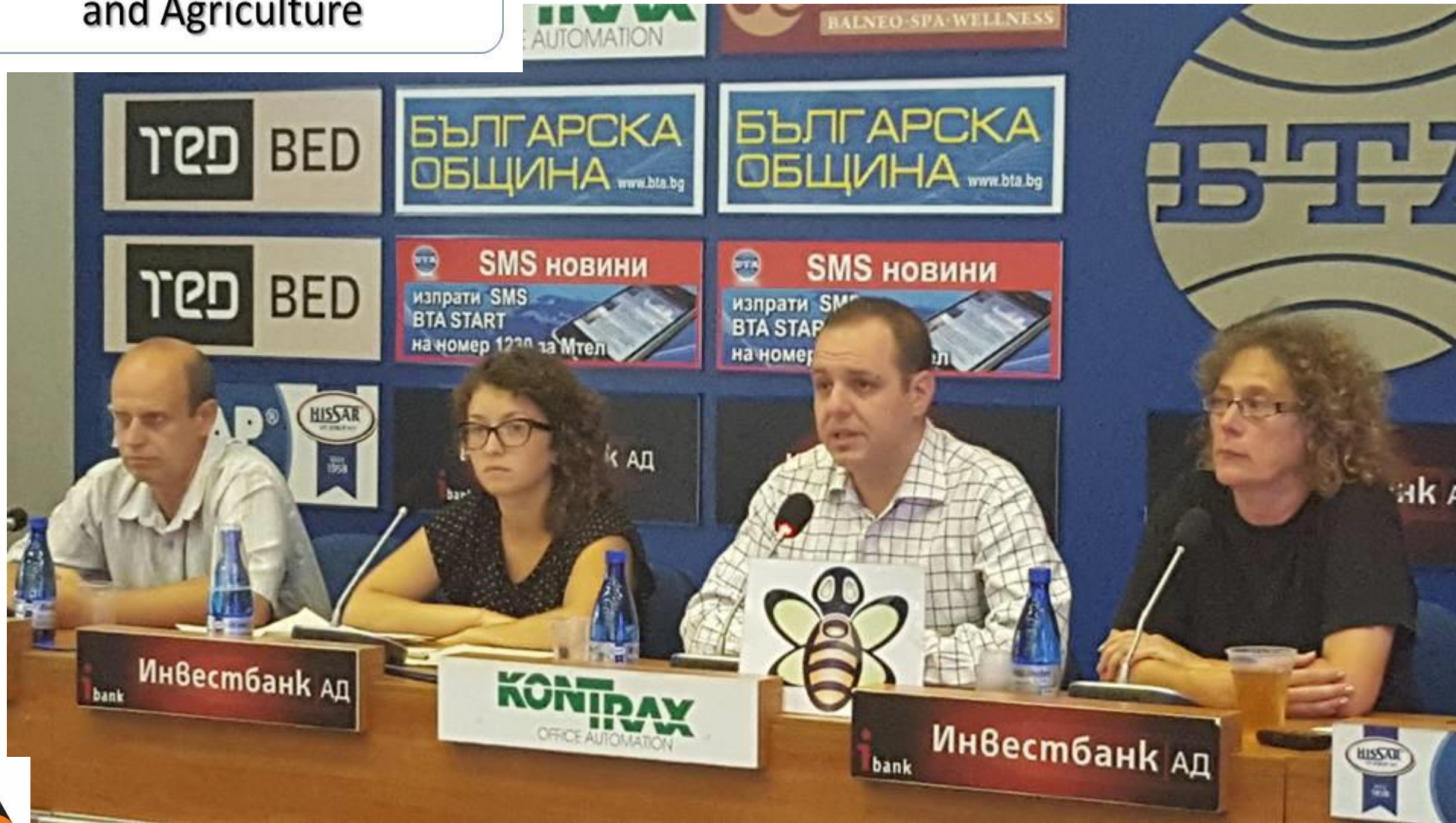


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Foundation for Environment and Agriculture organized a pressconference on the GMO and neonicotinoid pesticides in Sofia.





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Let it bees
team in Malta





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Journalists and policy makers from Balkans support our campaign during their meeting in Skopje, Macedonia.





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The FEA team with Martin Galea (Friends of the Earth Malta) and Mr Roderick Galdes (Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights).





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During the visit to Malta, the Bulgarian delegation met the Minister of Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change, Dr Josè Herrera.





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The FEA team accompanied by John Portelli (Coordinator of Clean Food Movement, Malta) and the Minister of the Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change, Dr Josè Herrera.





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Picture from IUCN World Conservation Congress in Hawaii. Our campaign brought a lot of attention on the problem. And received a massive international support.





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After the success of the campaign to ban neonicotinoids, we moved on to the next, bigger step. European citizens' initiative "Save the bees and farmers. Bee-friendly agriculture for a healthy environment" launched. The official partner for Bulgaria is the Foundation for Environment and Agriculture.





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