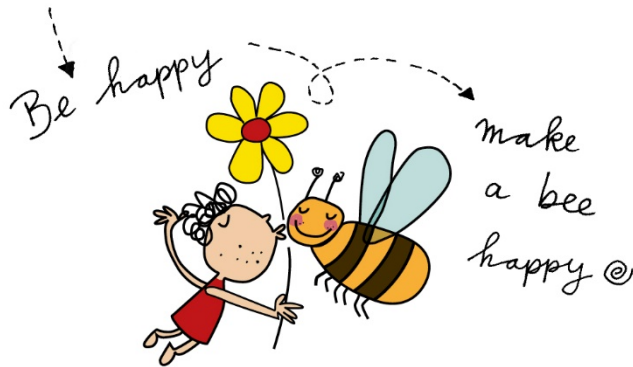**Make bees happy!**

Federal competition: Call for a participation in step two

„More than half of our important pollinators are threatened to disappear. They increasingly lack food sources and living space". Together we should reconquered nature unfriendly grounds for our bees and for nature.

The competition started in 2016. A first call to take part in step one was made in October 2016.

The competition is organised in three steps. The "Herbstsummen" (autumn buzz) was replaced by the "Frühlingssummen" (spring buzz) beginning of April and in July will follow the "Sommersummen" (summer buzz). Nectar and pollen plants for native wild bees will be planted. You can find on the website www.wir-tun-was-fuer-bienen.de.whichever perennials, annual and also woody shrubs can be used. On this site you will also find all necessary information for a participation as well as other great tips and tricks for the planting campaign.

Dear allotment gardeners, now it is your turn! Look for some motivated participants. Change barren land into paradises for bees. Do initiate a project for bees. It is worth participating. There are numerous attractive prizes.

The participation is possible at any time. All kind of groups with their common activities can participate. The participants can publish their activity on the internet site www.wir-tun-was-fuer-bienen.de so that they can be made public and subsequently awarded a prize by a jury.

Registered groups taking part in the competition can get plants for free from LA'BIO! and from the foundation for men and environment seeds at reduced

price by Rieger-Hofmann for their region. Prerequesites are bee-friendly and voluntary planting on (semi) public areas as kitas or school gardens, gardens of associations with public utility or communal grounds.

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So dear German allotment gardeners and as well as everyone else who feels motivated: Get ready to start and above all do continue.
Dear European and Japanese allotment gardeners: Start similar activities/projects.