

# The BEEP platform facilitates honeybee research

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BeepBeeApp

BeepBeeMonitoring

BEEP is a research platform with digital tools assisting honeybee research. This online system offers an overview of all colonies, inspections and apiaries at the touch of a button. Bee researchers can invite beekeepers to their (citizen science) research project for high quality data collection.

The BEEP platform is extended and used in the European project B-GOOD by researchers and beekeepers in 15 counties, collecting over 12,5 million datapoints. We present how this open source honeybee research platform is used in three steps:

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## Research set-up

A new research is set-up in which checklists and protocols are included for participating researchers and beekeepers. They can consent to share data for research and add personal checklists based on the standardised data categories too.



## **BEEP** base

The BEEP base measures weight of the complete hive and temperature and sound in the hive. Customisation is possible. Also, you can add measurements from a weather station or your own system to the BEEP platform via the API (Application Programming Interface).



# **BEEP** app

Beekeepers' observations are digitally registered using our record keeping app, complemented by automatic observations using sensors. It works on any computer including mobile phones.

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Deutsch English Français Ελληνικά Italiano

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PLATFORM USAGE IN NUMBERS:

RESEARCH PROJECTS

















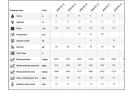
CONNECTED DEVICES

# 2. COLLECT DATA



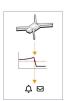
#### Inspection data

Using research checklists the beekeeper enters actions and observations for research purposes. The standardized data categories ensure high quality data collection. Both on- and offline data entry is possible.



# Data collection monitor

Researchers check the completeness of data collection according to data collection intructions and protocols. And can intervene timely to ensure data completeness



#### Alerts

Alert notifications are sent to the user triggered by alert rules based on sensor mea surements and (prediction) model outcomes.



# **Publish**

Publication of the results of data analysis on honeybee colonies in scientific journals and sharing the datasets on the honeybee health data portal.





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ALERTS SENT BASED

# **Data categories**

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The visualisation represents (a part of) the standardised (500+) categories of beekeeping and honeybee research terms on the platform. The categories are used to customise checklists and is available in 13 languages.

Download data

Download inspection data with time-

files or automatically via the open API

analyse in your preferred programme.

(Application Programming interface) and

stamps and the raw measurement data via

3. ANALYSE & USE

# Open collaboration

Use algorithms and models

linked to the BEEP platform. Alerts are triggered

based on set values to warn the user of a past

event like swarming or a health prediction

Data processing / prediction models can be



REEP Foundation is not-for-profit and builds open source soft- and hardware. This enables open collaboration for research and education purposes. Code is shared via GitHub or other sharing plat-

# **BEEP Community**



Honeybee hive monitoring as well as other nature monitoring is developing rapidly. The BEEP community allows for learning and sharing of new possibilities for insights in honeybee health.

























