

# Atlantic-Positive - Conservation of Atlantic pollination services and control of the invasive species *Vespa velutina*

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## Summary

*Vespa velutina* is a major predator of bees and other pollinators. It was accidentally introduced into Europe and it poses a threat to biodiversity. At present it can be found in the majority of Atlantic regions. The main objective of the Atlantic-Positive project is to contribute to the preservation of pollination services through the development of integrated approaches for the control of *Vespa velutina* and minimize the impact of this invasive species for ecosystems and for the socioeconomic development of the Atlantic Area. This will be achieved through the creation of protected areas in rural and peri-urban natural environments and the establishment of a transnational cooperation network for the implementation of joint activities.

## Partnership

- > Universidade de Vigo (ES)
- > Universidade de Santiago de Compostela (ES)
- > Dirección Xeral de Patrimonio Natural - Consellería de Medioambiente e Xunta de Galicia (ES)
- > Instituto Vasco de Investigación y Desarrollo Agrario, SA (ES)
- > Instituto Nacional de Investigação Agrária e Veterinária, IP (PT)
- > Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro (PT)
- > Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (FR)
- > University College Cork, National University of Ireland (IE)
- > University of Exeter (UK)

## Associated partners:

- > Asociación de Municipios Vascos (ES)
- > Asociación de Apicultores de Gipuzkoa (ES)
- > Asociación de Apicultores de Vizkaia (ES)
- > Ministerio de Agricultura y Pesca, Alimentación y Medio Ambiente (ES)
- > Association de Développement de l'Apiculture en Aquitaine (FR)
- > Comunidade Intermunicipal do Tâmega e Sousa (PT)
- > Instituto Politécnico de Bragança (PT)
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- > Federação Nacional de Apicultores de Portugal (PT)
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