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Bees have rights: 32 municipalities across 13 regions prepare Europe's first ordinance

On 28 November in Roccavivara (Molise) mayors will sign the commitment to bring the model to their municipal councils. The text is published in Italian, Spanish and English.

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Roccavivara (Molise), 28 November 2026. Thirty-two municipalities across thirteen Italian regions have confirmed their participation in the network promoted by Buzz Nature for the recognition of bee rights. At 16:00 the mayors will meet in Roccavivara to sign the commitment to bring the ordinance model to their own councils: a registered event, in person and online.

THE MUNICIPALITIES IN THE NETWORK

Molise	Roccavivara, Sant'Angelo Limosano, Trivento, Mirabello Sannitico
Abruzzo	San Giovanni Teatino, Campo di Giove
Lazio	Sant'Angelo Romano
Campania	Volla, Santo Stefano del Sole, Anacapri
Apulia	Monteroni di Lecce, Nardò, Andrano
Tuscany	Capannori, Bagni di Lucca, Rosignano Marittimo
Sardinia	Bulzi, Lodè
Emilia-Romagna	Bomporto
Piedmont	Villanova d'Asti, Mongrando, Mombasiglio
Lombardy	Gandino, Casorezzo, Ponteranica, Cazzago San Martino, Mercallo, Lonato del Garda
Aosta Valley	Châtillon
Veneto	Oderzo, Caprino Veronese
Umbria	Scheggino

WHAT THE LEGAL MODEL PROVIDES

The ordinance model recognises ecological rights for bees and other pollinators as principles guiding municipal action: viable populations, biological cycles, floral resources, nesting sites, habitat connectivity, protection from avoidable harm and restoration.

It introduces a municipal Guarantor of bee rights, simple consultations before decisions that may affect nests, conservation of nests and colonies, checks before works and maintenance, pollinator-friendly mowing, native flora and responsible management of plant protection products.

It creates no new penalties, does not alter private property and imposes no general obligations on farmers or beekeepers: with them the municipality promotes a voluntary pact. Implementation is

gradual and uses existing staff, channels and resources. It is a model: each municipality adopts it, amends it and makes it its own.

> **“It is not yet law in any municipality — says Alejandro Hernández, founder of Buzz Nature — and that is exactly the point: from a village of 600 inhabitants a path begins that others can copy.”**

THE BOOK PRESENTED THE SAME DAY

The same day presents the book “We Are Saving the Wrong Bees” by Alejandro Hernández and Wesley Angelos, which explains why Europe has been protecting the wrong species: the hive bee is protected, while the wild bees that sustain ecosystems are in decline.

THE INTERNATIONAL PRECEDENT

In 2025 the Provincial Municipality of Satipo, Peru, adopted one of the world's first ordinances recognising the rights of native stingless bees. Roccavivara brings that idea to Europe. The model cites the precedent as comparative experience, not as a binding legal source.

PRESS ACCREDITATION AND CONTACTS

To register as press, sign up for the event on the website selecting “Press” and stating your outlet. Materials, high-resolution photographs, the ordinance model in three languages and this release are in the press area of dirittidelleapi.it.

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Buzz Nature promotes the Bee Rights initiative, an open network of Italian municipalities for the recognition of bee rights through a model municipal ordinance. Buzz Nature is the promoter of the project, not a municipality.