

HONEY

BANK

IN OSLO

TIME IS HONEY



SEASON 2015

PARTI POÉTIQUE / FRANCE
INSTITUT FRANÇAIS DE NORVÈGE

TAKE PART IN THE PUBLIC POLLINATION SERVICE

OPEN A BEE SAVINGS ACCOUNT

**HONEY BANK IS AN ART PROJECT WHICH
DEVELOPS A FINANCIAL AND CIVIC TOOL:
THE BEE SAVINGS ACCOUNT.**

**BY PROPOSING AN INVESTMENT
IN A POLLINATION PUBLIC SERVICE,
THE BEE SAVINGS ACCOUNT MAKES IT POSSIBLE
TO CREATE WEALTH AND COLLECTIVENESS
RATHER THAN MONEY AND SOLITUDE.**

**AT A TIME WHEN BANKS SPECULATE
ON FINANCIAL PRODUCTS,
THE HONEY BANK COLLECTIVELY INVESTS
IN PLACES, PEOPLE AND IDEAS WHILE TURNING
HUMAN MONEY INTO BEE MONEY: HONEY -
IN ORDER TO SWARM, DISCUSS AND POLLINATE...**

PARTI POÉTIQUE

In 2004, the Parti Poétique began working on a cross-disciplinary research project concerning the city, initiated by Olivier Darné, visual artist and urban beekeeper.

Around the principle of pollination of the city, the Parti Poétique developed various research efforts and particularly the Honey Bank project which began in 2009. With the bee as witness, the *Honey Bank* in the public space questions our relationship with the urban environment, its flows, its tensions, its density and its social organisation. The artistic installation in the public space brings to the audience a new interpretation of the city both critical and constructive, political and cultural.

Since the experimental apiary installed in 2000 on the roof of the Town Hall of Saint-Denis (France), experiments have continued, blending an artistic approach with issues concerning the cultural, social and urban diversity of the city. Zone Sensible is the centre of artistic and environmental experimentation of Parti Poétique, based in Saint-Denis. The Honey Bank project has swarmed across the different regions of France and Europe, with more than 2,300 members in France, Switzerland and the Netherlands.

The team include Olivier Darné (visual artist, beekeeper), Emmanuelle Roule (graphic designer, visual artist), Sylvain Bonnet and Pierre Gardent-Lisle (builders and administrators).

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The Institut français de Norvège and the Embassy are actively involved alongside their Norwegian partners. They will take part to the International Climate Change Conference to be held in Paris from 30 November to 11 December 2015.

The International Climate Change Conference in Paris is an appointment with our future. That is why the institute has invited the Parti Poétique to establish a new step in their artistic, political, environmental and civic project in Oslo. Among the objectives of the Honey Bank in Norway, the idea is to generate life, movement and citizen mobilisation.

From 9 April to 11 September, the Institut français de Norvège is operating as a hub for this mobilisation. It is the on-call base for project information. The institute is participating into the city's public space through Norwegian initiatives: music fest, Kulturnatt and the ByBi activities. To this end, the project starts in Oslo with the participation of beekeepers, architects researchers, cooks, residents ... and that's just the beginning...

GET INVOLVED

Participate in the project and become a mediator for the Honey Bank. For more information, please contact Institut français de Norvège.

HELP POLLINATE OSLO WITH THE BYBI ASSOCIATION

The BYBI non-profit association was founded in October 2012, inspired by one simple yet essential observation: bees are necessary for the correct ecological balance and sustainability of urban areas!

The association thus consists of Norwegian beekeepers, activists and various persons gathered by this direct action project to save bees and pollinators. Via the recruitment of new beekeepers, the planting of pollinating flowers and sensitivity to these environmental issues, BYBI has been spreading its projects throughout Norway, but also in Europe with beekeepers organisations in 2014.

In 2015, ByBi is coordinating a new participatory project in Oslo, with the creation of a main corridor across the city from east to west, where each of us is invited to plant flowers that will permit pollinators of all sorts to carry out their vital work! As a wonderful side effect, a vast variety of honey flavours will be produced. We'll all then be able to sample!

INFORMATION AND UPDATES ABOUT THE HONEY BANK
IN NORWAY CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE OF
THE INSTITUT FRANÇAIS DE NORVÈGE
www.france.no

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
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FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT CAN BE FOUND AT
www.parti-poetique.org

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