

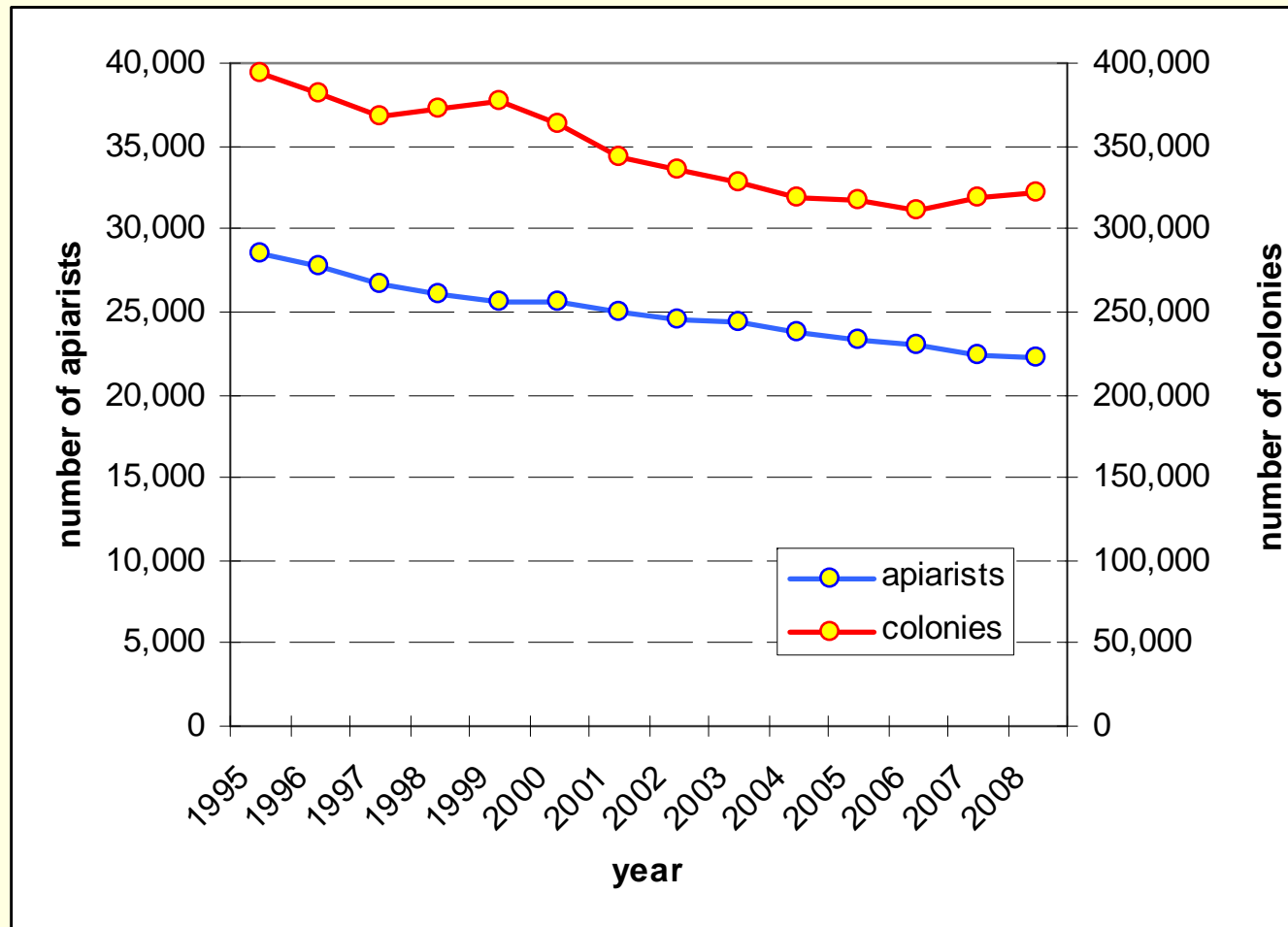
Evaluation of the Austrian National Apiculture Programme 2004/05-2006/07

General lessons learned

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Apiculture in Austria - 1



Apiculture in Austria - 2

- Organisational structure:
 - Umbrella organisation „Biene Österreich“ with two members:
 - Austrian Association of professional beekeepers (ÖEIB): 1% of apiarists, 13% of colonies, 175 colonies per apiarist in average
 - Austrian Association of beekeepers (ÖIB): 99% of apiarists, 87% of colonies, 13 colonies per apiarist in average

Apiculture in Austria - 3

- Results of a survey in Upper-Austria (3,881 apiarists) (Österreichisches Imkereizentrum 2003):
 - 5% of beemasters are female
 - Age: 61.5 years in average
 - 49% retirees, 20% employees, 14% workers, 12% farmers
 - In average an apiarist is active since 26 years
 - For 14% of interviewees beekeeping is a source of income
 - *Carnica* is the most kept bee species

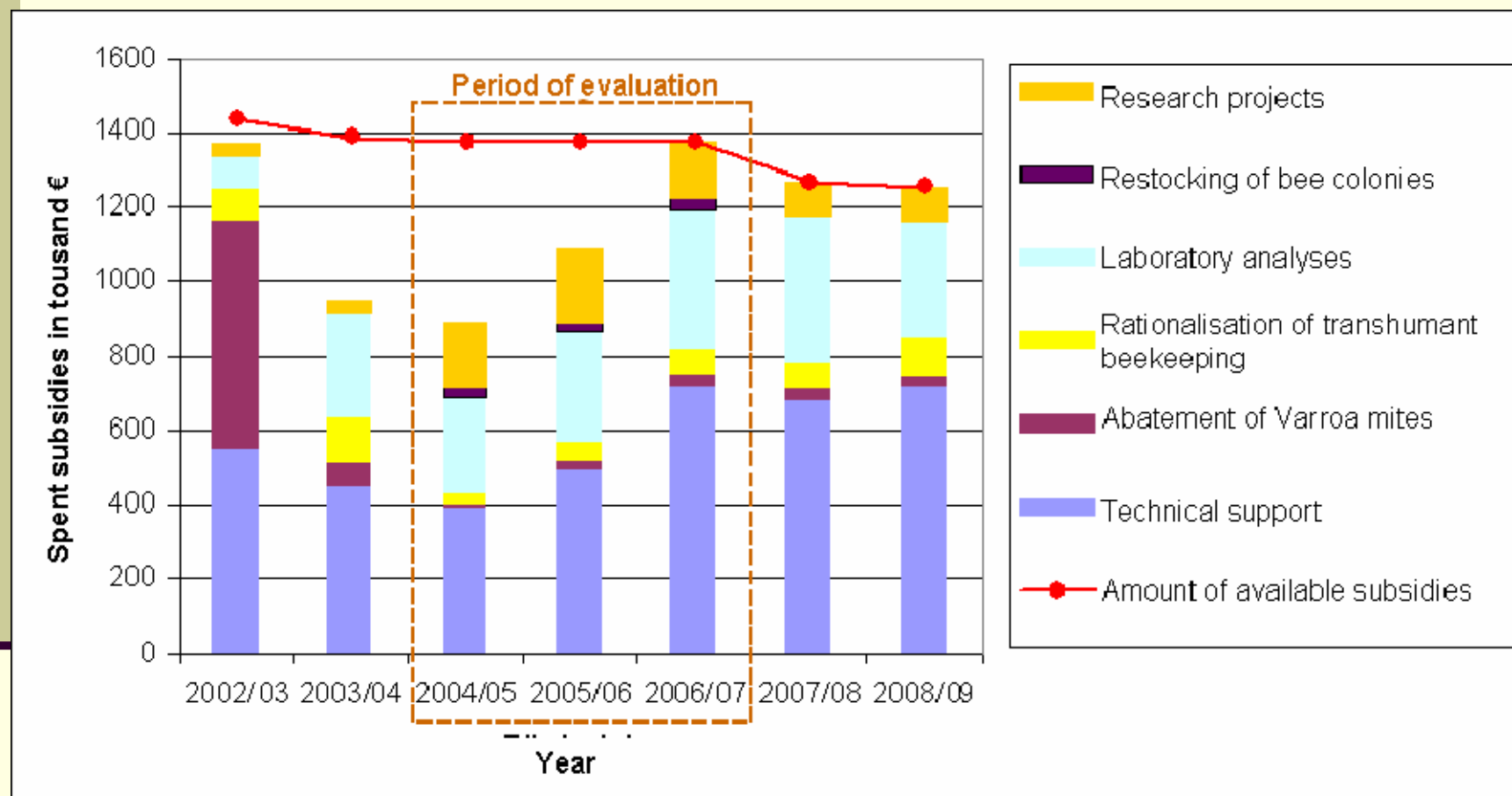
Apiculture in Austria - 4

- Austrian average annual honey production: 6,160 tons
- Yield per colony: 21.56 kg
- Honey price in 2008: 6.15 €
- Average annual demand per inhabitant: 1.2 kg
- Self-supply rate of honey: 59%
- Import of more than 5,000 tons in 2007/08, mostly from Germany and Hungary
- Export of 1,100 tons, mostly to Switzerland

Austrian Apiculture Programme - 1

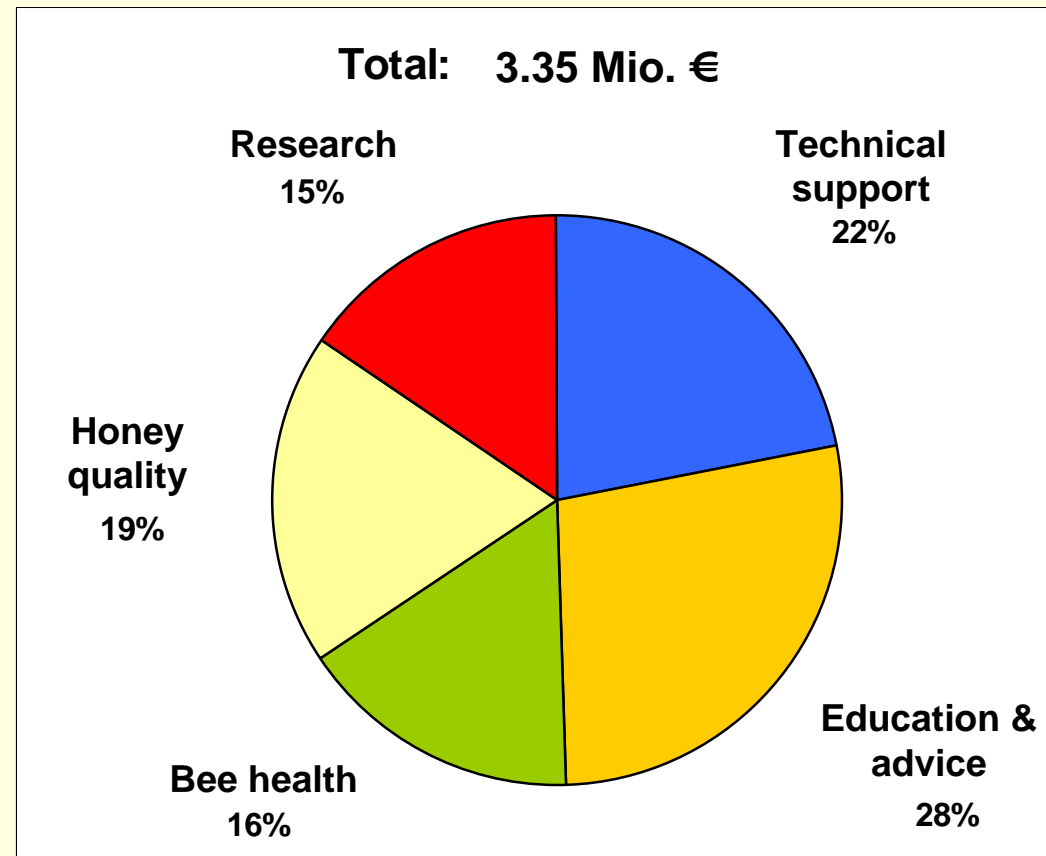
- First national programme in 1997
- Current programme is based on Regulation (EC) 797/2004
- EU co-finance by 50%

Austrian Apiculture Programme - 2



Austrian Apiculture Programme - 3

■ Amount of subsidies 2004/05-2006/07



Evaluation - 1

- Conducted firstly in 2009
- Aims: relevance for the apicultural sector, recommendations for the design of the next programme 2010/11-2012/13
- Application and payment data (AMA), data about the Austrian beekeeping sector (BMLFUW, BÖ, ÖEIB)

Evaluation - 2

■ Investment support

- Subsidy rate: 42 or 48%
- Preconditions: minimum costs of € 2,000,-, minimum number of colonies = 58

Characteristics	Investment support			Support of small equipment		
	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
No. of applications	34	46	43	73	410	651
No. of colonies per application in average	192	189	172	51	33	30
Paid subsidies in €	71,365	112,646	103,345	21,623	98,188	195,209
Subsidy per colony in average	12.02	12.94	15.01	5.82	7.19	10.07
Share of participation in HQP* in %	79	89	98	100	100	100

■ Support of small equipment

- Subsidy rate: 40%
- Preconditions: participation in *Honey Quality Programme

Evaluation - 3

- Support of small equipment
 - Average shares of submitted costs in maximum eligible costs per year and per federal state

Federal State	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	Total average
B	35	130	114	107
K	89	151	80	106
NÖ	96	146	90	107
OÖ	107	157	109	129
S	113	165	123	136
ST	106	137	85	105
T	93	165	109	125
V	94	115	121	119
W	-	122	119	119
Austria	103	151	101	119

Evaluation - 5

- Educational and advisory measures
 - Seminars, trainings and courses
 - High interest in topics like management of colonies and enterprises, production and marketing of bee products

Year	No. of courses	No. of participants	Subsidies in €
2004/05	1,049	22,213	213,850
2005/06	991	22,386	214,650
2006/07	1,151	25,148	252,902
Total	3,191	69,747	681,402
Change 07/04 in %	9.72	13.21	18.26

Evaluation - 6

- Improvement of honey quality
 - Physical-chemical analyses of honey by laboratories
 - 80% subsidy rate

Characteristics	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	Total
Number of beneficiaries *	2,203	2,444	3,049	7,696
<i>Share in total number of apiarists (in %)</i>	9	10	13	11
Number of specimens	3,255	4,136	4,764	12,155
Average number of specimens per beneficiary	1.48	1.69	1.56	1.58

* several sendings of specimens per apiarist are possible

Specific conclusions

- Support of investment and of small equipment set incentives to improve the quality of bee products
- Smaller enterprises receive more subsidies per colony
- The demand on the purchase of small equipment is very high
- High demand on fundamental knowledge
- Rising awareness regarding honey quality
- The Austrian Apiculture Programme is an important basis of the nationwide maintenance of sustainable apiculture

General recommendations

- New support programmes and measures need time for acceptance
- Clear definition of aims and target groups
- Utilisation of synergy effects
- Accompanying educational measures



Thank you for your attention!



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