



# Creating a Non-Toxic Environment for farmers and consumers

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Directive on Sustainable Use of Pesticides*

# **This presentation is about:**

- Who PAN Europe is
- Facts about pesticides
- Creating a non toxic environment across Europe, inspired by Brussels

# 1. Who is PAN Europe



- PAN Europe is one of the 5 centers of PAN International
- 40 not-for-profit members in 26 European countries
- Working to replace use of hazardous pesticides with ecologically sound alternatives
- Brussels based with 5 part time employees + 2 interns and a lot of volunteers who keep on inspiring us

*Slogan from  
the PURE campaign:*

Rather than wasting more years to agree on standard risk indicators, it is time to take action to protect environment, health and biodiversity.

## 2. Why pesticides?



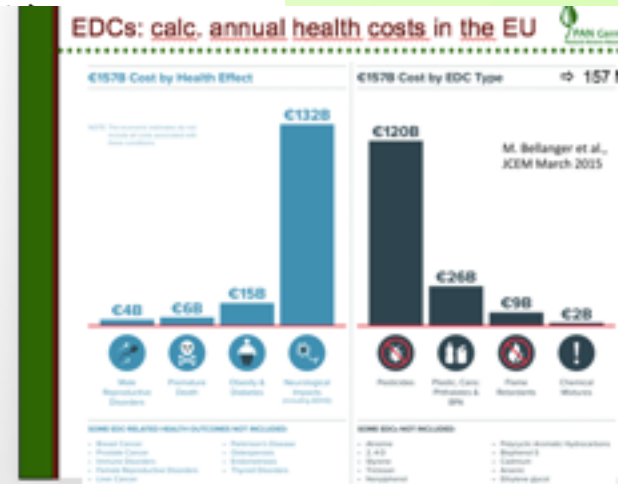
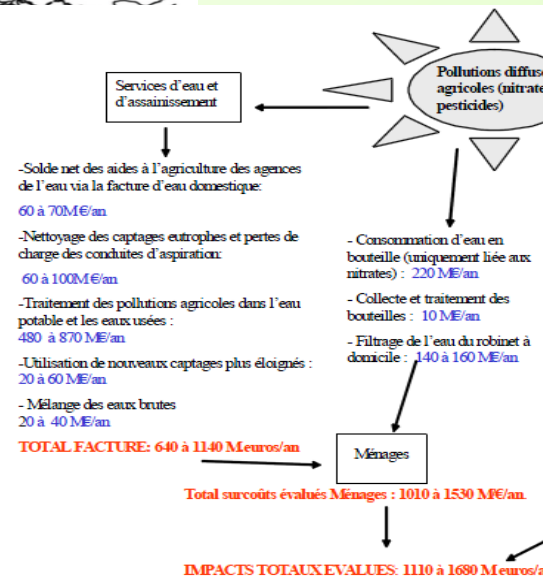
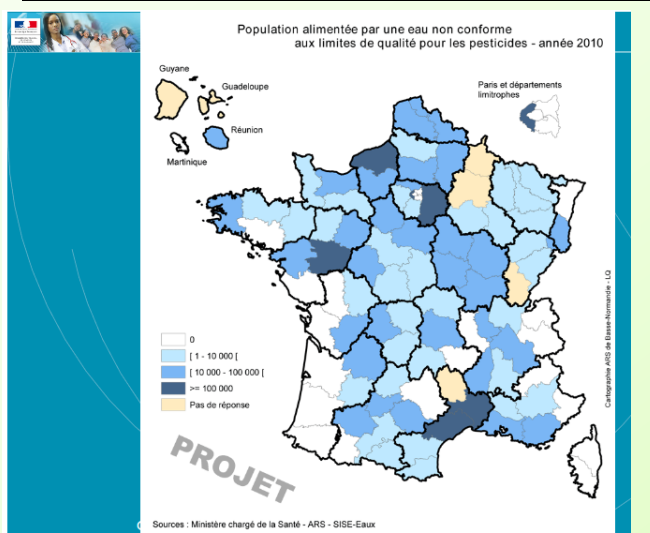
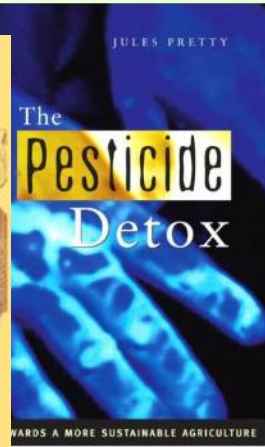
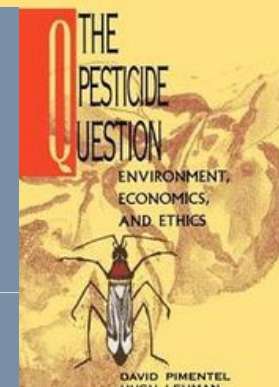
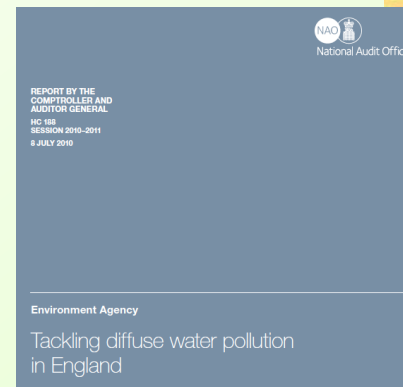
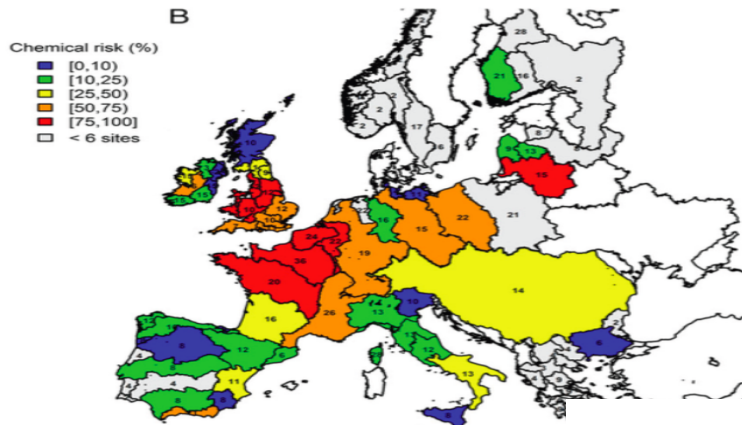
*“The more I learned about the use of pesticides, the more appalled I became... What I discovered was that everything which meant most to me as a naturalist was being threatened, and that nothing I could do would be more important.”*

**Rachel Carson, 1962**

# 3. Evidence keeps growing

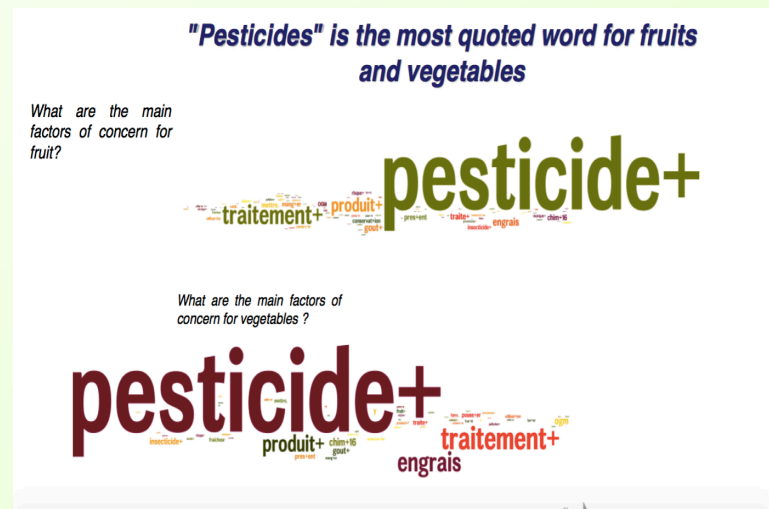
On the many negative consequences of pesticides

On the the costs of using pesticides

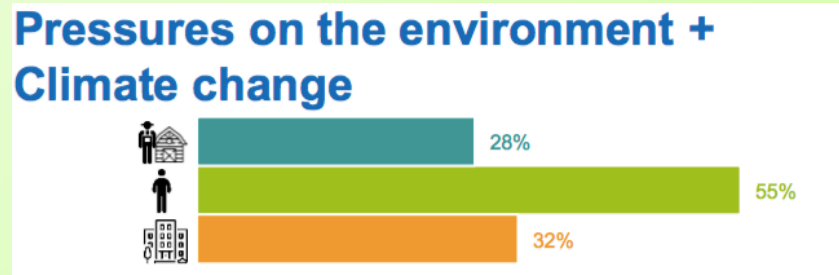


# 4. Reality keeps changing

- *More and more buy organic, urban agriculture is booming, local production is 'in', and consumers simply do not want pesticide in their food*
- *More and more public administration decide going pesticide free*
- *More and more farmers start recognising that competing on price is impossible + the environment is suffering*



EU 2017 Agricultural Outlook Conference



2017 Public consultation on the future of the CAP



# 6. How to create a non toxic environment in Europe



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# 5. Agriculture moving to non toxic

**2010:** Sweden adopts a long term strategy towards non toxic environment

## Bans across Europe

**2014:** Vallarsa+Malosco(IT) establish 50 meter pesticide free strips

**2017:** Aarhus, Aalborg, Egedal (DK) make farmers above drinking water areas move to organic

**2017:** Brussels region ban glyphosate and neonics for use in agriculture

## Referendum

**2014:** Malles (IT) the world's first referendum on pesticides (73% yes)

## European Citizens Initiative ECI

**2017:** EU wide, 1,3 million EU citizens to stop the use of glyphosate



## Petitions for referendum

**2018:** Switzerland - Stop subsidies allocated for Pesticides use  
+/- 110 000 signatures

Complete ban on all synthetic pesticides  
+/-140 000 signatures



# 6. At EU level

**2009:** EU pesticide package approved



	In theory	In practice	
implementation of EU pesticide package	2011	Still not fully implemented	
farmers to uptake IPM, 8 principle of SUDP	2014	Still not fully implemented	
European Commission to report on implementation	2014	2017	

# EU targets

## Ambitious EU law reducing dependency: Directive 2009/128/EC, art. 4:

*"Member states shall adopt National Action Plans to set up their **quantitative objectives, targets, measures and timetables** to reduce risks and impacts of pesticide use on human health and the environment and to encourage the development and introduction of integrated pest management and of alternative approaches and techniques in order to **reduce dependency on the use of pesticides**."*



## Instead EC talk reduce risk and impacts:

European Commission - Press release

**EU countries should use pesticides more sustainably**

Brussels, 10 October 2017

**EU countries should use pesticides more sustainably**

The **report** on the sustainable use of pesticides Directive adopted today by the Commission takes stock of progress made by the EU Member States in applying measures to reduce the risks and impacts of pesticides. It covers a wide range of topics such as aerial spraying, information to the public or training of professionals. The report indicates insufficient implementation of the **Directive on the sustainable use of pesticides**.



**EC  
continues  
to talk  
about risk  
and impact**

**and even  
the EP!**



## **Sustainable Use of Pesticides – Main Actions**



### **National Action Plans**

EU countries set objectives and timetables to reduce risks and impact of pesticide use.

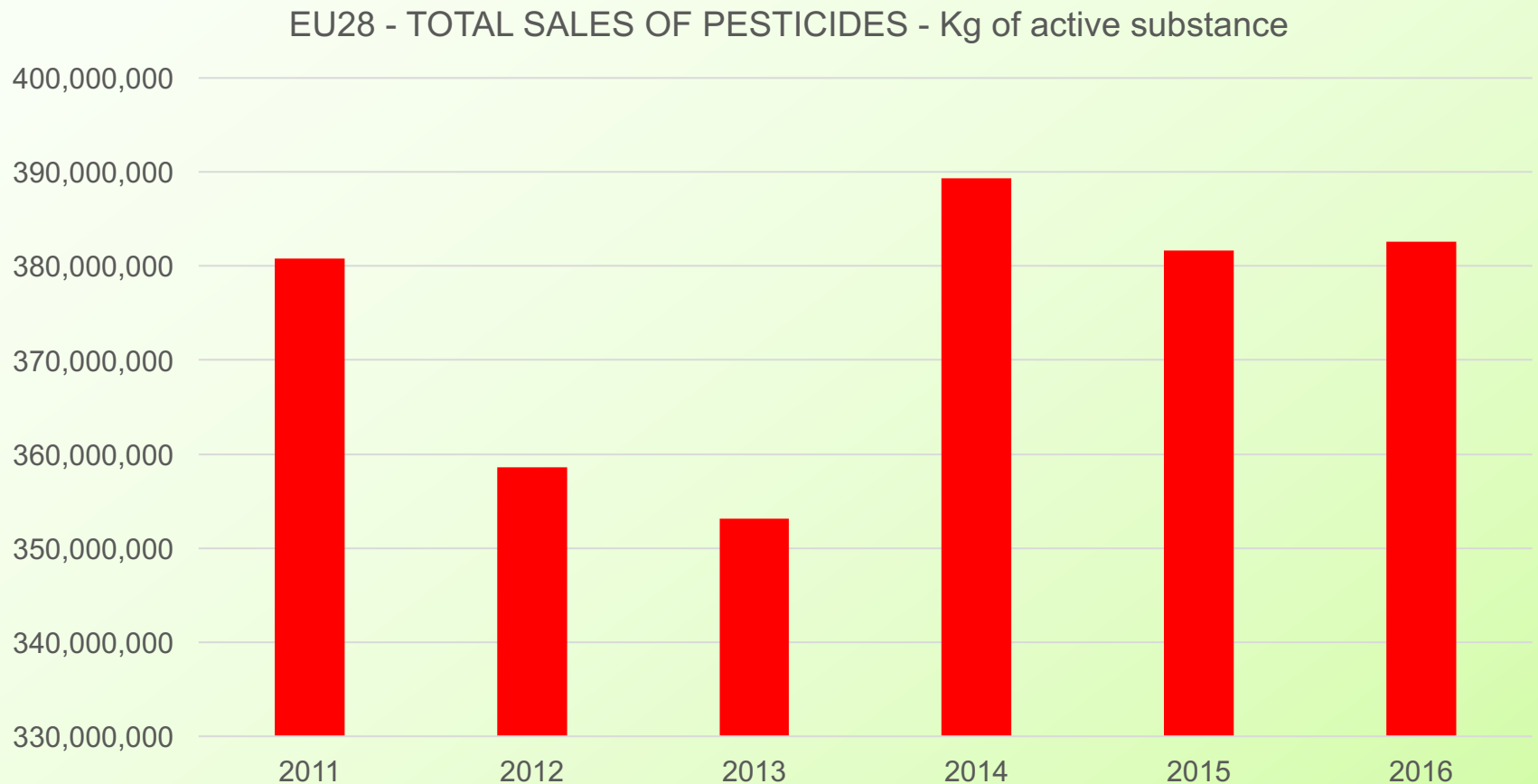
### Legislative Objectives - Relevance

Are the original objectives addressed by Directive 2009/128/EC still relevant to current needs (reducing risks and impacts of pesticides on human health, reducing risks and impacts of pesticides on the environment, promoting the use of integrated pest management, promoting the use of alternative approaches or techniques such as non-chemical alternatives to pesticides)?

Choose one of the following answers

# In the meantime...

## EU statistics exist and show that pesticide sales are on the rise



Source: Eurostat



# 7. European Parliament actions



1,000,000 EU citizens  
to #STOPGLYPHOSATE  
JOIN us & SIGN on



# 1) Evaluate how MS implement the SUDP

- Building on the reports of DG SANTE, F3 unit,
- Building on the reports of PAN Europe

**And use the INI opportunity to evaluate MS performance:**

Bad situation and bad progress	Bad situation but good progress
Reasonable situation and poor progress	Reasonable situation and good progress
Good situation but poor progress	Good situation and good progress

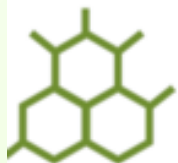
# 2) Make sure the Common Agricultural Policy reduces pesticide dependency

## Environmental Challenges and CAP



Protection of biodiversity

Reduction of soil degradation

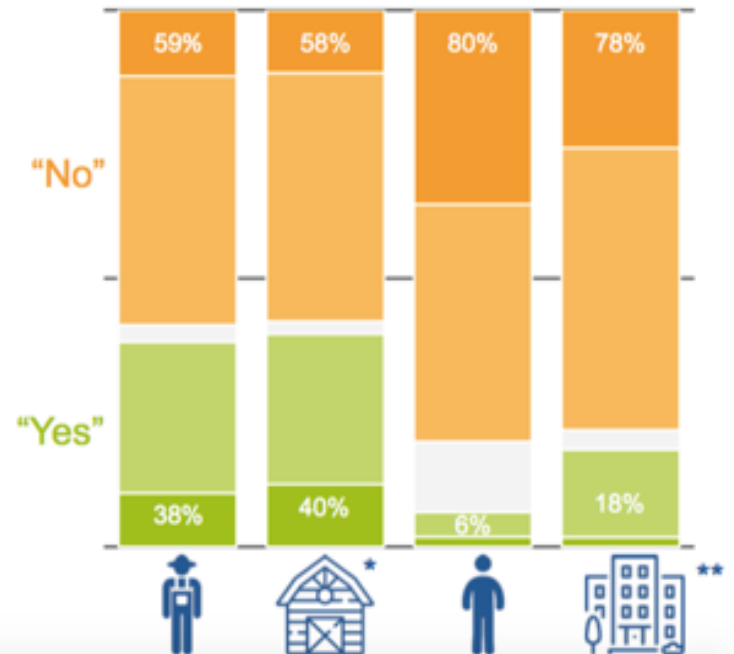


More sustainable use of pesticides and fertilisers

Preservation of genetic diversity



Is the CAP addressing these challenges?



### **3) Seriously revise the EU authorization process as part of PEST Committee**

- EU Regulation No 1107/2009 to be respected in terms of authorisation (incl. stop derogations)
- Full independency and transparency in approval procedure
- IPM to become the starting point of pesticide approval in the spirit of 'using pesticides as a last resort'



# Thanks for your attention!



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