

Pesticides Summer Newsletter 2019

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In this seasonal newsletter, we would like to share with you updates from the forefront of pesticide action and news from our members across Europe.

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All the best,

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Policy & Campaign Updates



SAVE THE BEES: While insect populations are collapsing and despite pro-bees declarations, EU Member States are forcing the European Commission to kneel down before the interests of the agro-industry. Majority of Member States show little ambition to protect pollinators. [Read here](#)



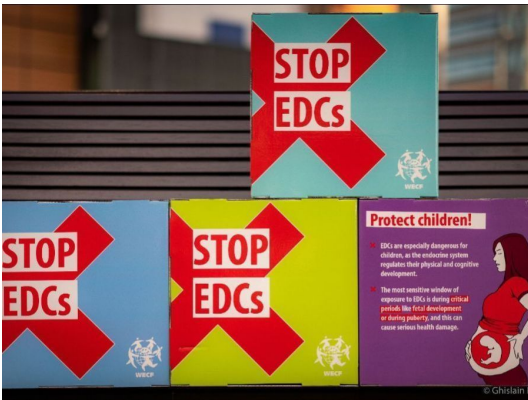
Save Bees and Farmers! New European Citizens' Initiative launched to restore biodiversity by phasing-out synthetic pesticides by 2030, with the aim to become 100% pesticide-free by 2035.



The Initiative also aims to save rural livelihoods in the EU by prioritising small scale, diverse and sustainable farming, supporting a rapid increase in agroecological and organic practices, and enabling independent farmer-based training and research into pesticide- and GMO-free farming. [More](#)



Pesticide Free Towns: Conference of Italian pesticide-free municipalities, health and environment scientists and organic and civil society organisations call on Italian authorities to deliver on long-delayed NAP. [Read more](#)



Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals (EDCs) - Commission's fitness check on ED policies: PAN-E believes that investing resources in a fitness check at this stage not only seems premature, but also poses a risk of additional and unnecessary delays in implementing EU law provisions, while humans and the environment continue to be exposed to these dangerous chemicals. [Read more](#)



Common Agricultural Policy (CAP): The next CAP needs to encourage a much needed transition allowing farmers to start seriously working with nature. [Read](#) our proposal for the Incoming AGRI Committee on how to make this happen.

New Publication in Focus



#BanChlorpyrifos: Chlorpyrifos, a pesticide known for its damaging effects on children's brain development is among the top 15 active substances most frequently found in European unprocessed food



and prominently present in fruit. This is the conclusion of a new briefing published by PAN Europe, HEAL, SumOfUs and PAN Germany, bringing together all official EU data on the analysis of 791 different pesticide residues [1]. The current authorisation of chlorpyrifos in the European Union is set to expire on 31 January 2020, but this new overview of data on chlorpyrifos residues in fruit strengthens the case for an EU-wide ban. [Read here>>](#)

Members' news from across Europe



London Assembly unanimously adopts Motion to eliminate glyphosate. 2019 is proving to be an amazing year for PAN UK's Pesticide-Free Towns campaign, as an ever growing number of councils adopt policies that will bring an end to the use of potentially harmful pesticides in the parks and playgrounds, streets and schools where we all live, work and play.



Générations Futures, Langouët pesticides decree: administrative court suspends mayor's decree. The Rennes Administrative Court decided to suspend the order against pesticides of the Mayor of Langouët, Daniel Cueff, on the grounds that the latter would not be competent to make such an order and pending the judgment on merits. [Read more](#)



Global 2000: Big victory! Austria's parliament has banned all uses of glyphosate, becoming the first EU country to totally ban glyphosate over concerns that it can cause cancer. [Read more>>](#)

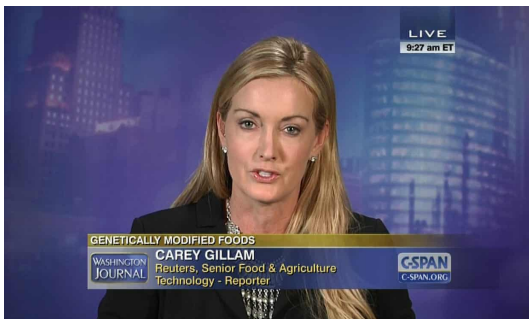
Have you seen?



Revealed: how Monsanto manipulates journalists and academics. In addition to the manipulation of science and regulators, the company's most insidious deceit may be its strategic manipulation of the media, according to the records. Its own emails and documents reveal a disinformation campaign to hide its weedkiller's possible links to cancer. [Read here](#)



Malta imposes immediate ban on Chlorpyrifos: Big victory! The Maltese government has decided to ban the pesticide chlorpyrifos, a central nervous system inhibitor also known for its damaging effects on child brain development, following its classification as neurotoxic by the European Food Safety Authority. [Read more>>](#)



Journalists and activists targeted by Monsanto's 'intelligence center': Internal documents show how the company worked to discredit critics such as ex-Reuters journalist Carey Gillam and investigated singer Neil Young. [Read more>>](#)



Trump defends Chlorpyrifos, California bans it: California regulators took formal legal steps to ban Chlorpyrifos, a widely used neurotoxic pesticide that had been rescued from elimination by the Trump administration. The move is all but certain to draw legal challenges from Corteva Agriscience (formerly Dow AgroSciences), which has pushed back at attempts by environmentalists to ban the chemical on a federal level. [Read more>>](#)

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