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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,

PAN Europe Team

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Policy & Campaign Updates



Save Bees & Farmers ECI

updates: Despite the Covid-19 crisis, we don't stop fighting for fundamental change in EU food & farming - and our ECI is gathering momentum for an agroecological Europe! **4 countries have reached the necessary threshold, but we need 3 more!** Signed yet? Tell your friends & family! [Find out more](#).



Support activists trying to stop pesticides!

In a well-functioning democracy, civil society needs to be able to openly criticise those in power and speak out on social issues. Environmentalists criticising the massive use of pesticides in South Tyrol they should not be intimidated, but listened to carefully. [Find out more](#)

Neonicotinoids: France to ease

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meeting with sugar industry representatives, the government plans to support a legislative amendment in parliament later this year to exempt sugar beet for up to 3 years from a general ban on neonicotinoids. [Read more](#)



EU ban on neonicotinoids must be 'strictly respected', says Green MEP: After announcing €30 billion in support of an ecological transition on 3 September, the French government also presented a controversial bill authorising an exemption from the ban on neonicotinoid insecticides, a class of pesticides suspected to be harmful to bees. [Read more](#)



Support Austria's ban on Glyphosate! Austria is set to become the first EU country to completely ban the toxic chemical. Help urge the EU Commission to resist Bayer-Monsanto's lobbyists, uphold Austria's ban, respect all EU countries' right to ban pesticides, and prepare an EU-wide glyphosate ban. [Read here](#)

New Publication in Focus



Does Daily Exposure to Chemicals Affect Puberty in Girls?

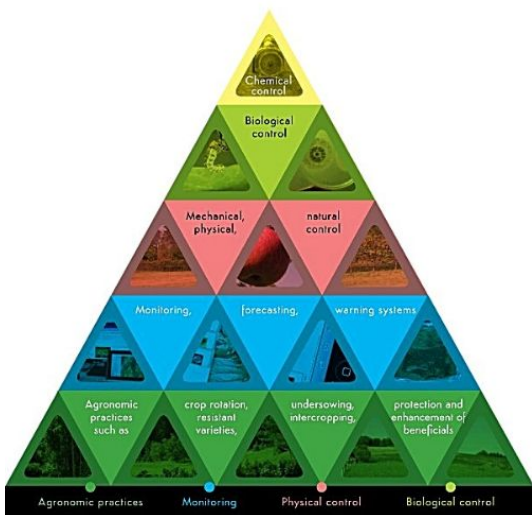
Who would have thought that puberty can also be affected by exposure to certain man-made chemicals? Unfortunately, this is what numerous scientific studies have indicated in recent decades.

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EU Green recovery for agriculture: 198 political decision-makers, business leaders, trade associations, NGOs and think tanks have come together demanding a

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pandemic. [Read here](#)



Changing rice production in Europe: new approaches to phase-out pesticides

As a cereal crop and like other agricultural products, a combination of research on good agronomic practices and financial and economic incentives can help reduce the dependency of farmers on pesticides and contribute to the resilience of their activities as well as to environmental recovery.

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Members' news from across Europe



Banned in Europe: How the EU exports pesticides too dangerous for use in Europe

Public Eye and Unerthed reveal for the first time the extent to which the European Union allows the export of certain pesticides even though it bans their use on its own fields. [Read more](#)



Pesticide residues in non-organic fruit and vegetables: Générations Futures unveils the real figures

In a new report, Générations Futures reveals that figures on the presence of pesticide residues in non-organic fruit and vegetables are not made public in France, and proves that official monitoring plans mix organic and non-organic samples. [Read more](#) (in French)

Toxic trade: how trade deals threaten to weaken UK pesticide

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As the UK is in the process of negotiating trade deals in the wake of its exit from the EU, a new report reveals the US is pushing to weaken UK pesticide standards in order to strike a trade deal. If the UK Government gives way there will be larger amounts of more toxic chemicals in UK food & environmentally-damaging pesticides could be reauthorised.

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Pesticide Free Towns: Croatia showcases examples of its progress

What's the relation between healthy living, immunity wellness, healthy green spaces and urban management? [Find out here](#)



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Germany: Aiming at a national law that prohibits the export of banned pesticides

With its campaign to stop double standards in pesticide trade, PAN Germany is aiming at a national legal ban on exports of pesticides which are banned or not approved in the EU due to health or environmental reasons. [Find out more here](#)

Have you seen?

Hazardous pesticides and EU's double standards
Webinar 29.09.2020, 14:30 - 16:30

Hosted by MEPs **Eric Andrieu** (France, S&D), **Anja Hazekamp** (Netherlands, GUE/NGL) and **Michèle Rivasi** (France, Greens/EFA) organised by PAN Europe and Public Eye.

Speakers
Laurent Gaberell (researcher, Public Eye) on European exports of hazardous pesticides to third countries
Angeliki Lysimachou (environmental toxicologist, PAN Europe) on residues of hazardous pesticides in food sold in the EU market
Prof. Larissa Bombardieri (Universidade de São Paulo) on impact of 'agrotóxicos' in Brazil
Baskut Tuncak (attorney in private practice) former UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and toxics
Corinne Lepage (lawyer) former French Environment Minister and MEP

Panel of discussion
European Commission (DG SANTE and DG ENVI), European Chemicals Agency and MEPs

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Save the date! Webinar on hazardous pesticides & EU's double standards: On 29/9/20, join the panel of discussion with ex UN SR on human rights & toxics Baskut Tuncak, ex French Environment minister & MEP Corinne Lepage, the European Chemicals Agency and

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Microplastics in farm soil: A growing concern

"Cadmium is everywhere". Researchers say that more microplastics pollution is getting into farm soil than oceans — and these tiny bits are showing up in our fruits, veggies, and bodies. [Read more](#)



Hormone-disrupting chemicals are everywhere. Here's what the EU should do to protect us

Endocrine disruptors are so deeply embedded in our day-to-day lives that no one can opt out of exposure. It's the role of legislators to ensure that our exposure to hazardous chemicals like these is drastically reduced. [Read more](#)



Ecological farming can be more profitable than conventional, says new report: A recent report by the government think tank France Stratégie argues the profitability of more environmentally friendly farms and proposes a review of the methods of allocating CAP subsidies to encourage a green transition in farming. [Read more](#)



Bayer loses California appeal of Roundup verdict, but damages are reduced: Bayer AG failed to persuade a California appeals court to overturn a verdict favoring a school groundskeeper who claimed its Roundup weed killer caused his cancer but reduced the amount of damages by 74% to \$20.5 million. [Read more](#)

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Our work to eliminate the use of toxic pesticides is more important than ever before! With your support, we can change policies and practices for a better protection of our health and environment.

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