



In this seasonal newsletter, we would like to inform about our campaign activities, latest news on pesticides, past and future events, and inspiring news from our members across Europe.

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PAN Europe Team

Policy & Campaign Updates



SAVE THE BEES: European Food Safety watchdog EFSA has [confirmed](#) high risk posed by neonicotinoids to bees. PAN Europe and its partners in [Bee Coalition](#) are asking an immediate ban on all uses of these bee-killing pesticides. [Read PAN Europe's reaction here>>>](#)



#StopGlyphosate: European Commission formally rejected the European Citizens' Initiative, by saying it had no scientific or legal grounds for a ban of glyphosate. [Read more>>](#) However, the saga continues: European Parliament has recently set up a [special committee](#) to investigate the authorisation procedure for glyphosate and other pesticides.



Pesticide Free Towns: Pan Europe has been working to set up a [European Network of Pesticide Free Towns](#) and already more than 10 cities and towns from Italy have signed the pledge to go pesticide-free. [Contact us](#) on how to inspire your towns to become pesticide free by joining the network! [More info >>](#)



Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals (EDCs): Member States confirmed the European Commission's "controversial" proposal that sets the criteria for endocrine disruptors. The criteria risk failing to identify which pesticides effectively are endocrine disruptors. [Read more>>](#)



Reflections on 6 Symposia on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive (SUD): The SUD is a visionary directive. Rachel Carson would be proud of its ambition! Progress on SUD implementation has been slow, so what's the value of the annual symposium? [Read the reflections](#) of Michael Hamell-Chairman of the Annual IPM Symposium [>>](#)

New Publications in Focus



New [report](#) shows how industry managed to sweep harmful effects of pesticides under the carpet. In 11 out of 12 EU pesticide risk assessment methods studied by Pan Europe, it turns out that they were developed or promoted by industry. The methods are designed to prevent a ban of harmful pesticides and result in lowering of the protection of the public and the environment. [Read here>>](#)



Spanish rivers are contaminated with pesticides! A joint report of PAN Europe and Ecologistas en Acción reveals the presence of 47 pesticides in Spanish rivers, 26 of which are endocrine disrupting and 34 banned by EU law. [Read the English summary here>>](#)

Past Event in Focus

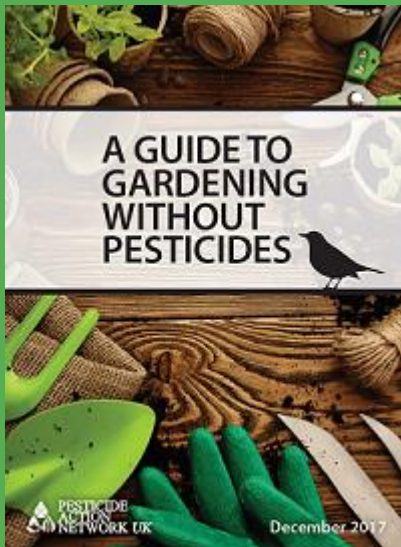


[The 6th Integrated Pest Management-IPM Symposium-Working with nature in arable crops](#) took place on 31st January 2018 at the European Parliament, hosted by the Vice-Chair of the Parliament's Environment Committee Mr. Pavel Poc. Video recording of the event, presentations, and [conclusions](#) are available online [here>>](#)

Members' News



Pesticides found in three-quarters of fruit in France. The study published by Générations Future revealed that 72.6% of non-organic fruits in France contained pesticide residues. [Read the report here>>](#)



A Guide to Gardening Without Pesticides. The spring is at the door! In order to assist home gardeners in moving away from the use of potentially harmful pesticides, PAN UK has compiled this guide to dealing with some of the most commonly found garden pests. [Read the Guide>>](#)



EDC-Free Cities in Spain: [Fundación Alborada](#) has been successfully running a campaign to reduce the exposure of citizens to endocrine disrupting chemicals in the cities. See the map to learn which Spanish cities are already committed to be EDC-free. [Further info>>](#)



We Believe in a Wallonia without Pesticides: [Nature & Progrès Belgium](#) has been organising various events and initiatives from making grasslands pesticide-free to planting flowers for bees in the frame of its inspiring campaign to make Wallonia region pesticide free. [Check this out>>](#)



[Ecocity Forum 2018](#): [ECOCITY](#), the urban non-profit organization, based in Athens, Greece, is organizing "ECOCITY FORUM 2018 - Circular Economy in Smart Cities", on 3-5 October 2018 which will focus on the dissemination of the collective global knowledge on circular economy issues, as well as on raising public awareness and mobilizing national and regional administration towards interconnectedness of today's global challenges. [Further info>>](#)

Have you seen?



Watch the input of PAN Europe's save the bees campaign coordinator Martin Dermine in [Debating Europe](#) "How do we ensure the protection of bees and other pollinators?"

SAVE THE DATE



CALL TO PAN EUROPE MEMBERS! Join us at PAN Europe's Annual General Meeting on the 7th and 8th June in Brussels with an exciting 2-day program including a workshop on non-toxic environment and a conference "Citizens-driven Actions for Nature-based Cities" at the European Economic and Social Committee. Stay tuned for further information!

