



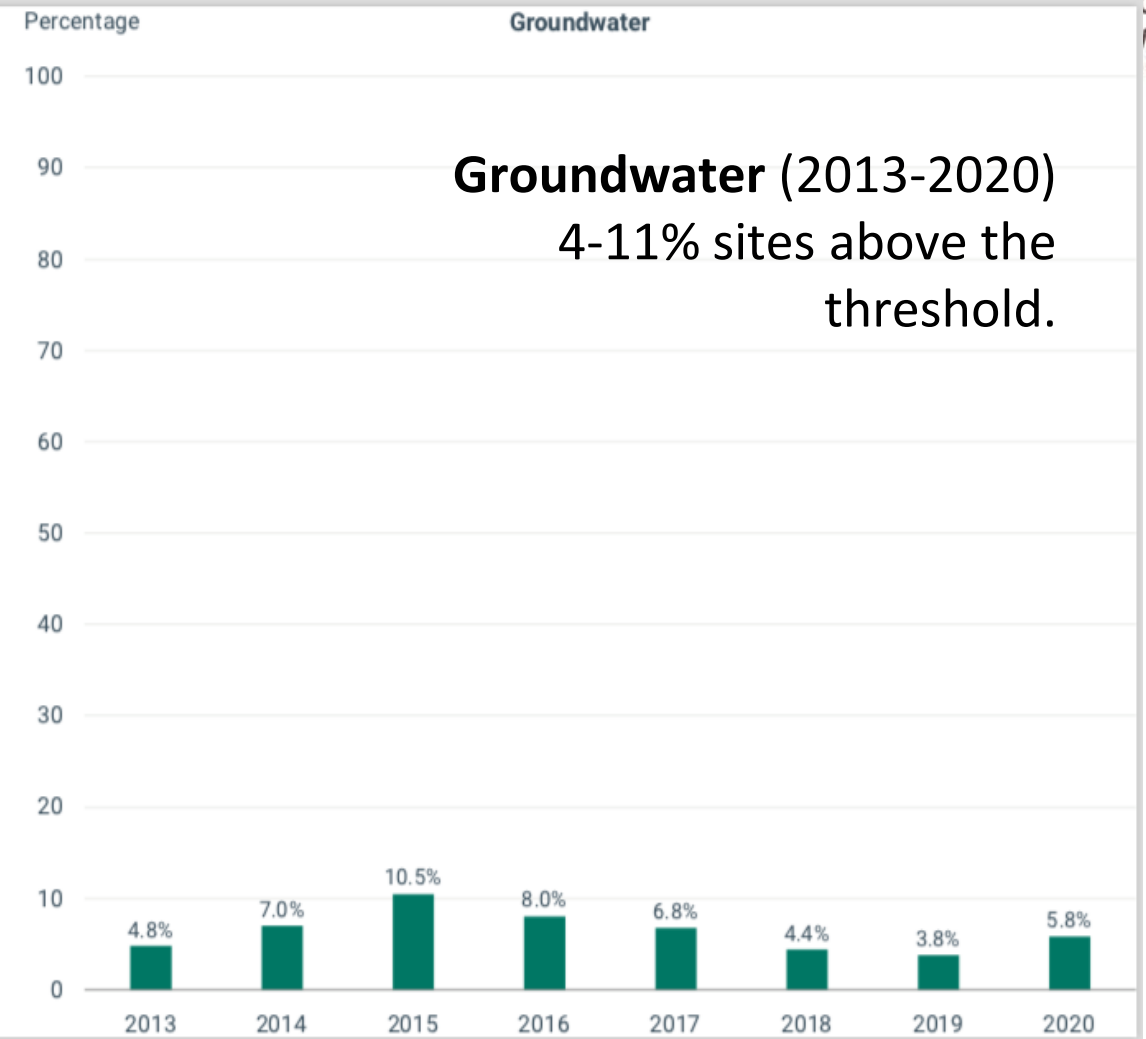
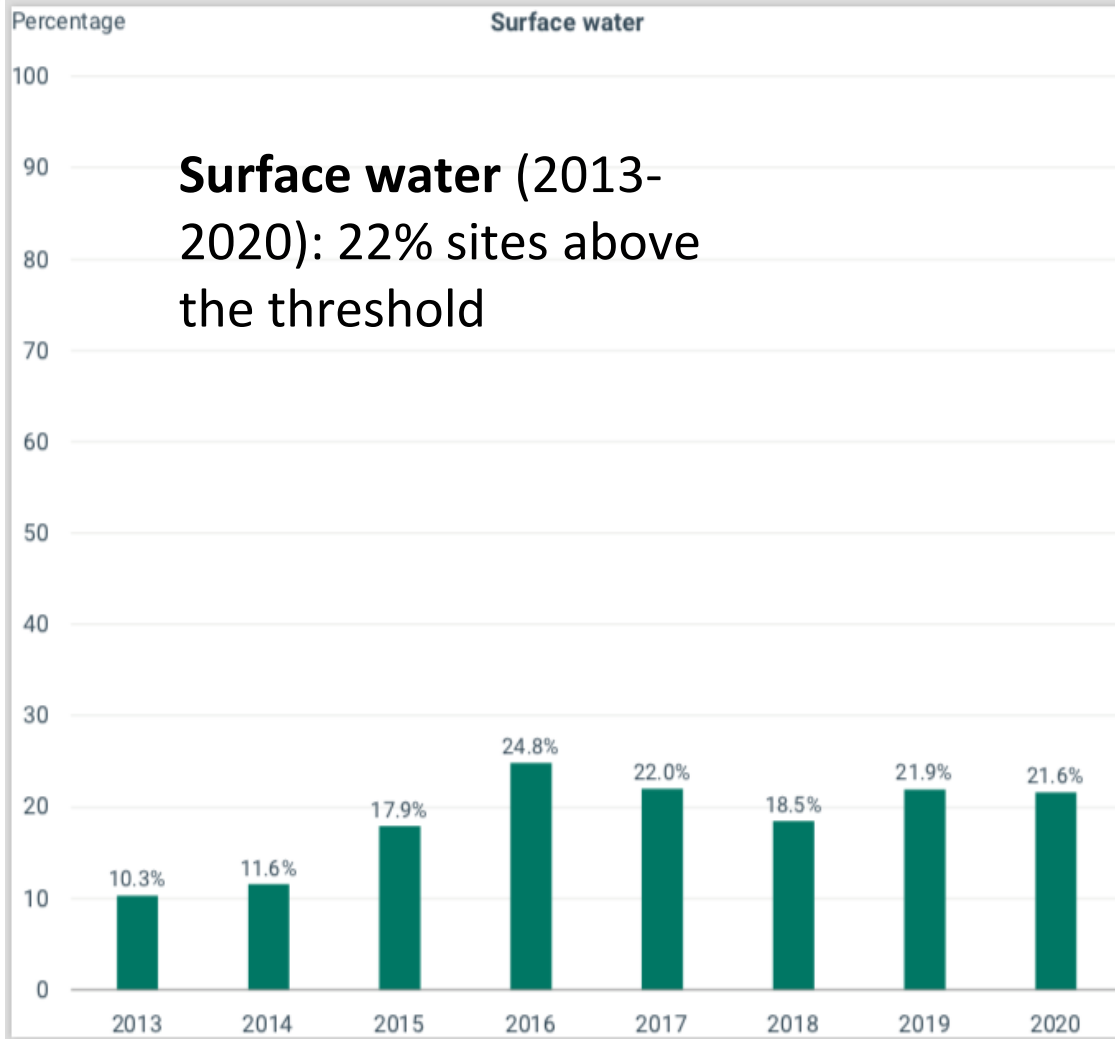
Views of civil society: the right to a healthy environment

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Pesticides in water, what is the situation at the moment?





The proposal for a Directive amending the WFD, the GWD and the EQSD



The European Commission's⁴ proposal and pesticides pollution:

- Adds **24 critical pollutants** and a **group of 24 PFAS**
- Adds a **general threshold for the total of active substances in pesticides**

Among these additional priority substances:

- **19 are active substances in pesticides**
 - **11 already banned**
 - **only 8 approved**



1. Synergies between the WFD and chemicals Regulations

"all authorised substances should be monitored".

1. No individual EQS for pesticide or their metabolites should exceed the total threshold.

The example of Glyphosate.

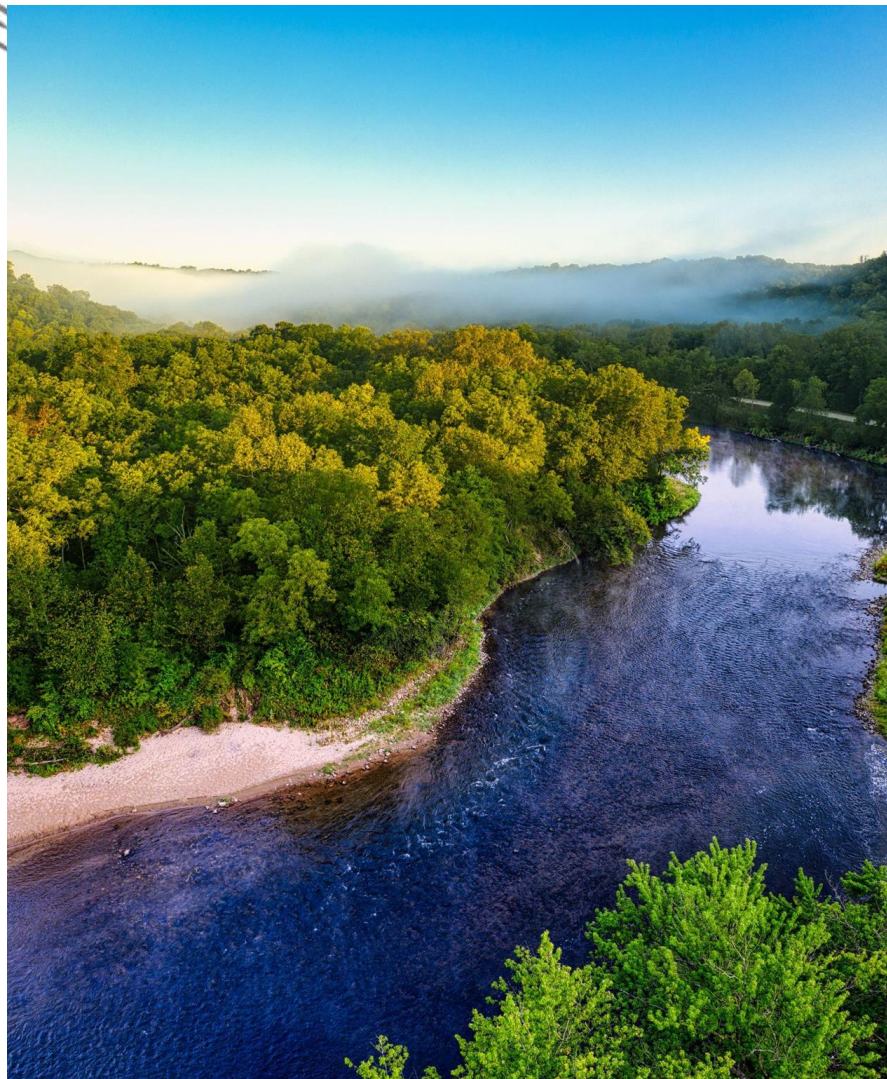
1. Groundwater, **lowering the 0.1 µg/L value applying to individual pesticides**⁵.

⁴ European Commission, Proposal for a Directive amending the Water Framework Directive, the Groundwater Directive and the Environmental Quality Standards Directive, 26 October 2022.

⁵ SCHEER contribution to ENV consultation – March 2023 <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12662-Integrated-water-management-revised-lists-of-surface-and-groundwater-pollutants/F3388100_en>



Conclusion: the need for ambitious and immediate actions



1. Climate change: more pressure on EU Waters
2. **Ambitious goals and measure to protect the water resources at our disposal are fundamental.**
 - Quick regular monitoring of all authorised pesticides is urgent.
 - Give priority to more hazardous pesticides and substances metabolites.



Thank you

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VIEWS OF CIVIL SOCIETY: THE RIGHT TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

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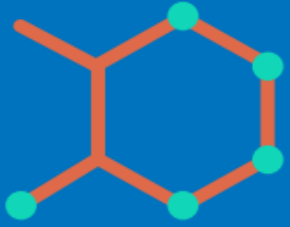


A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN HEALTH

Pollution is a **far-reaching, multi-faceted** threat to the state of our waters.

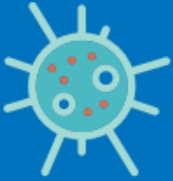
38% of surface waters are classified as having a healthy chemical status in Europe and there is 33% higher risk of not achieving good ecological status when good chemical status is not reached.

Also a **major sanitary risk**, from consumption to recreational uses. Access to clean and safe water should be a basic right.



93%

More than 93% of respondents want chemical parameters to be taken into consideration.



Bacteria



Aquatic



Toxic



Medicines

HEALTHY WATER?

A MATTER OF PUBLIC CONCERN

People visiting and using blue spaces are more than ever **exposed to all types of pollution.**

2019 survey conducted by Surfrider Europe: **93% of respondents** expressed the wish to be better informed on chemical parameters in relation to water quality in their bathing and recreational areas.

Chemical pollution becoming a general sanitary concern in the eyes the general public → the Forever Pollution Project

ENSURING WE HAVE THE RIGHT TOOLS TO ACT

The full picture of chemical pollution in aquatic environments is **underestimated** and **underreported**.

There is clear evidence the water legislation should better address chemical pollution.

Calls from the civil society: in October 2022 a **joint alliance** of 20 EU health and environmental civil society organisations [co-signed a statement](#) sharing their concerns and recommendations for the lists of priority substances.

→ The revision of the lists of pollutants is **an opportunity that cannot be missed** to better tackle water pollution and move towards a toxic-free future by 2050.





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