

Dear reader,

Read about developments and many new activities in the fight for a pesticide free Europe. Some nice progress, many other topics ask for a lot of patience and perseverance. We hold on and let nothing run. So we launched two legal procedures to keep EU institutions on their toes. Please share our news in your network. And consider a donation if you like our work!

The PAN Europe Team

News from the team

For the very first time: ban proposed because pesticide is an endocrine disruptor

The EU is finally planning to ban a pesticide because it is an endocrine disruptor. This marks the first concrete step in a process that has been far too slow to protect the most vulnerable. Already in 2009, it was agreed to identify and ban these very dangerous and harmful substances. But for 14 more years, the pesticide industry managed to keep them on the market, in our food and environment. This has put the health and development of young children at unnecessary risk. [Read more](#)



Conservatives announce general attack on Green Deal

The conservatives in the EU Parliament (EPP) call for the withdrawal of the EU nature protection package - Nature Restoration and pesticide reduction laws. The organisers of the European Citizens' Initiative "Save Bees and Farmers" are horrified. They appeal for responsibility to ensure our common future of agriculture. [Read more](#)

Toxic 12 down to 10! One of Europe's most toxic pesticides finally banned

EU Member States agreed to ban one of Europe's most toxic pesticides. The fungicide dimoxystrobin was authorised for use in 15 EU Member States. Pesticide Action Network cheers the decision. It is one of 'The Toxic 12' that now has gone down to 10. However, the decision should have been taken seven years ago. What went wrong? [Read more](#)



We request to end the use of very toxic pesticides in greenhouses

The EU institutions' falsely treat permanent greenhouses as closed spaces preventing the release of pesticides into the environment. The EFSA guidance document explains that "high-tech greenhouses, usually perceived to be 'closed systems', may still result in [...] leakages into the environment"[1]. Scientific findings confirm that greenhouses are clearly leaking pesticides. [Read more](#).

New guidance document to better protect bees against pesticides

We welcome the new EU Guidance Document on the risk assessment of pesticides on bees. After 10 years of political blockade, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) published an updated version of this guidance. It confirms that an urgent upgrade of the way pesticide toxicity is assessed in the EU is needed. PAN Europe supports a quick implementation of the guidance at EU and national levels. [Read more](#).



Two new legal procedures against EU Commission

DG Sante and EU Member States keep making decisions that keep harmful pesticides on the market. To address this maladministration PAN Europe filed 2 requests to the Commission to review its decisions. One concerns the new regulation on co-formulants and the other concerns the practice to keep approving highly toxic pesticides in greenhouses. [Read more](#).

Pesticide residues in EU food still very high

The European Food Safety Authority published its annual report on pesticide residues in food sold in 2021 in the EU. In 96% of the samples, the pesticide residues fall 'within legally permitted levels'. This is nothing to applaud for. Out of these samples, only 56% were without detectable pesticide residues. Over a quarter of the samples contained pesticide cocktails, the health impact of which is still not regulated. [Read more](#)



Highlights from Members



France bans two glyphosate-based pesticides

The Administrative Court of Montpellier banned two glyphosate products marketed by Syngenta. The company did not submit the mandatory risk assessment on the impacts on bees, other insects, soil and water life. For this reason, re-authorisation should not have been granted by the authorities. This result is a great win and an important achievement by our member Générations Futures. It will not only protect human health and the environment but also shows the importance to take action and keep the authorities from neglecting their own rules. This could also work in other EU countries. [Read more](#).

Food security argument to use ecological focus area for agriculture is a sham

45 million loaves of bread. That was the argument of a conservative Austrian politician to allow crops on use areas destined for nature and biodiversity. One year later we see the results. Hardly any extra human food, only animal feed was grown. We lost 40% of the Ecological Focus Areas in the EU. Now the same 'hunger game' is played to stop the urgent pesticides reduction. Fake arguments are pushed in the name of farmers. It only makes farmers more dependent on the agrochemical industry and it harms health and biodiversity. [Read more](#).



PAN Netherlands case against formulation with bee killer cypermethrin

PAN Netherlands submitted an appeal to reject the approval of the product BELEM 0.8MG with the active substance cypermethrin. This bee killer is a suspected neurotoxic and endocrine disruptor. [Read more](#) (in Dutch).

Please support our work!

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 the better protection of our health and environment.

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Interesting further reads

- Watch the recording of the Conference: [Under the Surface: A Deep Dive Into EU Water Pollution Monitoring and Management Practices](#)
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