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Pesticide Action Network Europe

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Dear reader,

The EU Member States reached a compromise on the Pesticide Omnibus X. Now it is up to the EU Parliament to take position. Christian Democrat EPP rapporteur Dorfmann and far right rapporteur Picaro have co-written a disturbing text: they propose to make it even worse. Unlimited approval for most substances and broad emergency use of banned pesticides. Many of their proposals come directly from the pesticide industry. They do not seem to care about health, water and biodiversity. Will their party members really follow this line and go against the wishes of the vast majority of EU citizens?

Send a message to the EPP and ECR members in the EU Parliament

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Poll: Europeans say NO to Pesticide Omnibus

A vast majority of Europeans from all political praties want better protection, not less. This was shown in YouGov opinion poll commissioned by PAN Europe and partners in seven EU Countries. Only a tiny minority of citizens support the ideas expressed in the pesticide omnibus proposal. Read more



UN experts warning: weakening EU pesticide law threaten human rights

Five UN human rights experts have raised “substantive concerns” about the European Commission’s Food and Feed Safety Omnibus. They warn that the proposed changes on pesticide and biocide rules would weaken protections for human health and the environment, and undermine fundamental human rights. Read more.

Why are right-wing politicians afraid to check impacts of Omnibus X?



When the EU discussed plans to reduce pesticide use across Europe, the Christian Democrat EPP group asked for a second impact assessment to investigate what the consequences would be. Now, as if it were a different political party, there is a proposal to weaken the pesticide law and no impact assessment, which would result in toxic pesticides staying in the market for longer, but the group is not reacting. Read more.



Agrochemical lobbyists are defending a collapsing model of agriculture

In an opinion published in the EU Observer we argue that the Pesticide Omnibus proposal pleases the chemical industry, but goes against the wishes of a vast majority of citizens and many scientists who value people’s health, clean drinking water and biodiversity. It merely defends a bankrupt model and does not offer the necessary and available solutions to farmers. Read more.

Food & Feed Omnibus, written by the pesticide lobby?



An investigation by Corporate Observatory Europe exposes how both EU Commission and right wing politicians copy-paste the wishes of the pesticide industry. Their agenda is to weaken pesticide regulations and lower the level of protection for people and the environment. It started in 2024, when industry invited politicians and published the ‘Antwerp Declaration’. Read more.



More delay in EU’s protection against hazardous pesticides

The European Union has been at a standstill for over a year in its meetings to regulate pesticides. Only the endocrine disruptor buprofezin was finally banned in the latest SCOPAFF meeting at the end of September. Hazardous substances such as flutolanil, a PFAS pesticide which should have been banned a long time ago, remain approved. Read more.

TFA detected in every blood sample tested from 110 Europeans



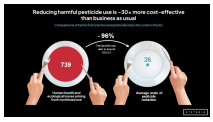
A new study has detected the ultra-short PFAS trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) in all 110 European participants' blood samples tested. With a median concentration of 21.22 ng/mL, the study reports among the highest TFA levels yet measured in humans. Read more about this disturbing fact.



EU Member States back weakening of pesticide safety

EU Member States endorsed the Irish Presidency's compromise on the Food and Feed Safety Omnibus, supporting the Commission's plan to roll back safeguards protecting human health and the environment from pesticides. By extending approval periods, broadening derogations and prolonging grace periods, Member States are paving the way for continued use of hazardous pesticides. Read more.

Invisible Ingredients - Tackling toxic chemicals in the food system



The Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg and PAN Europe, coordinators of the Soil Pollution Think Tank (TT) of the Horizon Europe Soils for Europe SOLO project, held a summer webinar focused on reducing and preventing soil pollution, a key objective of the Soil Mission. Read more.



Cocktails of up to 36 pesticides found in Flemish classrooms

Velt published a new report today: 63 different pesticides were found in indoor dust of 10 classrooms spread across Flanders. This is the first-ever pesticide research inside European schools. On average, 18 pesticides were measured per classroom, with up to 36 in two of the classrooms. A majority of the identified pesticides are considered hazardous for humans and especially children. Read more.

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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