



In this seasonal newsletter, we bring to you updates from the forefront of pesticide action and news from our members across Europe. Stay tuned for breaking pesticide news on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) & [Instagram](#), and find out how to [get involved](#) & [support us](#)!

The PAN Europe Team

PAN Europe Rachel Carson 60 years newsletter

Sixty years after Rachel Carson's book *Silent Spring* is almost here



On September 27, 1962, Rachel Carson gave the world an important warning. Her book *Silent Spring* described the horrible effects of the indiscriminate spraying of pesticides. It raised awareness and led to the very necessary ban of DDT and other highly toxic chemicals. But the system didn't change. Other pesticides were introduced, toxic business went on as usual and the use of pesticides went up, not down. Pesticide reduction has been a myth so far, the sales are higher than ever. We're at Peak Pesticide and *Silent Spring* is almost here. We urgently need a paradigm change away from pesticides to avert a total biodiversity crisis and create real food security. We need to strongly reduce pesticide use and have to start right now. That is why we are one of the organisers of Save Bees and Farmers, that's why we go to

court. That's why we campaign and that is why we organise a Rachel Carson Pesticide Action Month, together with members and partner organisations. [Read more and see the activity calendar.](#)

React to the EU consultation!

Important - give your opinion on pesticide reduction now



The EU has presented a proposal for a new regulation on pesticide reduction. This law will regulate how we deal with pesticides for many years to come. It can be a real game changer. However, the current text is not ambitious enough. And it is already under attack by the chemical and industrial farming industries. You can see this in the official EU Consultation that is open for reactions till September 19th. Especially the German farmers union has mobilised its supporters to attack pesticide reduction. So many

reactions are in favour of pesticide use. Help to restore the balance and give your opinion now!

We have developed a [tool to make it easier for you](#). Available in 7 languages.

News from the team

Why is FAO so complacent with Syngenta's killer herbicide Paraquat ?



The world food organisation FAO has been strongly criticised by civil society organisations for signing a partnership with pesticide lobby organisation Croplife International. "This is like the world health organisation teaming up with the tobacco industry" is the comment. Now, this partnership is becoming even more suspicious. Our member Public Eye has disclosed that the FAO is promoting a dangerous advice on one of the world's deadliest pesticides Paraquat, top selling product from prominent Croplife member and funder Syngenta. What is behind this story? [Read more](#)

We also asked the EU to suspend payments to the FAO till the unhealthy alliance with Croplife International is ended. [Read more](#).

Legal actions against derogations and the re-approval of beekiller cypermethrin.



PAN Europe has submitted a formal complaint to the Court of Justice of the EU. With the support of the NGO Sum Of Us, PAN Europe challenges the fact that the European Commission did not follow the conclusions of its scientific agency (EFSA) to ban this insecticide. Endocrine disruption, genotoxicity and extreme toxicity to aquatic life and bees were among the numerous issues highlighted by the EFSA. A considerable amount of data gaps prevented the agency from finalizing the risk assessment of the substance. [Read more](#).

Many EU member states use 'derogations' to keep dangerous pesticides on the market. together with our Belgian member Nature et Progress we challenge this in the EU Court. We argue that a derogation can only be used in exceptional circumstances. The Advocate General seems to agree. This should end the unlimited use of these exceptions. [Read our press release](#).

Glyphosate testing in surface water



Glyphosate pollutes our rivers and can even be found in our drinking water. There are many studies and tests, but there is no Europe-wide overview. For that reason, we plan to test glyphosate in surface (river) water and in drinking water taken from surface water sources in several EU countries. We will only need 1 or 2 samples per country but from as many countries as possible. You are welcome to participate in this study and we can cover your costs. Please contact Gergely Simon (gergely@pan-europe.info) if you would like to help with this.

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