



Dear reader,

The EU debate on weakening the pesticide regulation is at full throttle. Both EU countries and the parliament discuss their positions and it doesn't look good. At the same time, scientists and doctors warn of negative consequences and more new evidence shows that we have to leave the toxic chemical path and make a transition towards healthy and resilient agriculture. So far we see no signs of vision amongst politicians; most are only trying to please the chemical industry and are continuing down a dead-end road. So we need you to raise your voice wherever you can. We'll provide you with tools and inspiration.

Ban pesticides - For Health, Bees and Farmers

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News



EU-wide call to ban PFAS pesticides after rise of TFA in Austrian groundwater

A new scientific analysis of official monitoring data shows a marked increase in TFA contamination in Austrian groundwater linked to agricultural activities. Concentrations of the "forever chemical" trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) increased at all 16 monitoring sites sampled twice over a period of around five years, from an average of 1.36 to 2.86 micrograms per litre. Not a single site showed stable or decreasing concentrations. PFAS pesticides are the main source in these areas and experts are calling for a swift ban. [Read more.](#)

Misleading 'yield and substance loss' narrative to keep the most toxic pesticides

The joint hearing of the European Parliament's ENVI and AGRI committees on the Pesticide Omnibus was dominated by claims that farmers need more access to toxic pesticides to maintain yields and fight growing pesticide resistance. This argument turns the problem on its head: the intensive use of pesticides is itself driving pest resistance, creating a treadmill in which declining effectiveness is used to justify access to ever more pesticides. [Read more.](#)

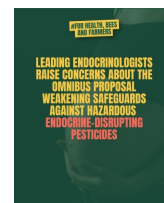


Over 500 scientists call for impact assessment on plans to weaken pesticide rules

Over 500 scientists, practitioners, and public health and environmental officials have raised concerns about the rapid pace of the Food and Feed Safety Omnibus, the EU Commission's proposal to weaken pesticide regulations. They ask the European institutions for a pause in the political debate until a thorough, independent evaluation of its health, environmental, and administrative impacts is conducted. [Read more.](#)

Do not weaken EU rules protecting against endocrine-disrupting pesticides

That is the message of leading endocrinologists from the Endocrine Society and the European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology to Members of the European Parliament. Endocrine disruptors can interfere with essential hormonal signals and are associated with reproductive, metabolic and neurodevelopmental effects, as well as certain hormone-dependent cancers. Exposure is of particular concern during critical stages of development, including pregnancy, foetal life, childhood and adolescence. [Read more.](#)



EU Parliament vetoes higher residues of Flupyradifurone insecticide in food

The European Parliament supported the veto of the EU Commission's proposal to increase Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) of Flupyradifurone, a controversial neonicotinoid, in rapeseed (canola). [Read more.](#)

PAN Netherlands calls for withdrawal of 50 endocrine-disrupting pesticide products



Following the ban on Pitcher (see below), PAN Netherlands has asked the national pesticide authority Ctgb to withdraw the authorisation of 50 pesticide formulations. They also contain substances that are proven to be endocrine-disrupting or harmful to reproduction. [Read more](#).



Dutch court orders ban on endocrine-disrupting pesticide formulation

The highest Dutch administrative court has ruled that the pesticide formulation Pitcher, containing the endocrine-disrupting substance fludioxonil, needs to be banned as soon as possible. The verdict follows a landmark ruling from the EU Court of Justice in a case started by PAN Europe. [Read more](#).

Conferences

06/10/2026: Dublin and online - Protect our Health, Water & Biodiversity from Pesticides - [Register here](#)

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