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Dear reader,

Bayer has officially entered our court case against the renewal of glyphosate. We need your support to stand up to this chemical giant. A coalition of 139 civil society, scientific, water, and farming organisations across Europe have called on von der Leyen to fully enforce the EU Pesticide legislation. The General Court of the EU clarified in a judgment that EU Member States are required to demand toxicity data for co-formulants used in pesticides. The European Commission's Vision for Agriculture and Food proposes easing market access for biological control substances (biocontrol), but this comes with a dangerous catch. And much more.

The PAN Europe Team

News from the team



Bayer joins Commission to defend glyphosate in EU Court - Support us

Bayer has officially joined the European Commission in defending glyphosate before the European Court. PAN Europe and five of its members took the EU decision to court for renewing glyphosate until 2033. They presented strong scientific evidence of risks to health and the environment, and failure to comply with EU law for a high level of protection. [Read more](#)

We need your help - Support us

130+ organisations urge von der Leyen to strengthen enforcement of EU pesticide law

A coalition of 139 civil society, scientific, water, and farming organisations across Europe have called on European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen to fully enforce the EU Pesticide legislation. [Read more](#)



First-ever EU law on soils

EU lawmakers listened to citizens and science and rubber-stamped the deal on the Soil Monitoring Law, the EU's first-ever law on soil health, after months of negotiations. Despite severe shortcomings of the endorsed text, this is an important milestone towards addressing Europe's crisis of soil degradation. Its success will depend on impactful implementation. [Read more](#)

EU Court rules that Member States must fully assess toxicity of co-formulants

We lost a court case, but the good part is that the General Court of the EU clarified that EU Member States are required to demand toxicity data for co-formulants used in pesticides. The absence of such data in the pesticide industry applications must inevitably lead to a rejection of the request and a suspension of the national authorisation. [Read more](#)



Farming beyond Pesticides

Farmers can do with much less or even without pesticides. Our new report with Friends of the Earth Europe showcases farmers and municipalities successfully eliminating or minimising pesticide use. The impressive and inspiring work of these farmers, and many others, should encourage policy-makers to support and ensure the wide uptake of ecologically sound practices and the phase out of harmful pesticides. [Read more](#)

Pesticide-free food to face heart disease, cancer and Parkinson's

If Europe is serious about tackling cardiovascular disease and other chronic illnesses such as Parkinson's, it must look at what's on our plates. What we eat, and how our food is grown, plays a key role in our wellbeing. Food full of



fibre and vitamins is important, but not enough. Pollutants in soil, air, food and water are a major environmental threat, and exposure to pesticides has been linked with increased risk of heart diseases. [Read more](#)

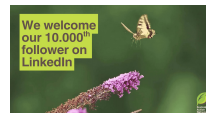


EU Commission's plan to fast-track biocontrol comes with a catch

The European Commission's Vision for Agriculture and Food proposes easing market access for biological control substances (biocontrol). PAN Europe welcomes more capacity for biocontrol risk assessment and optimised approval procedures to foster their availability. Biocontrol is an important alternative enabling the phasing out of harmful pesticides. However, the plan comes with a catch. [Read more](#)

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News from our members and partners



Romanian unlawful derogations for pesticides

The European Commission recently announced an infringement procedure against Romania for granting derogations to bee-toxic neonicotinoid insecticides. This is the first time ever, the European Commission launches this procedure against a Member State on the abuse of the 'emergency authorisation' system. It is a direct result of our court case. [Read more](#)

Urgent procedure calls for a ban on hormone-disrupting pesticides

PAN Netherlands has filed an urgent appeal with the Trade and Industry Appeals Tribunal (CBB) to ban the use of the pesticide Pitcher in the open air. The scientific evidence of damage to health is convincing: it contains an endocrine disruptor, but the Dutch Ctgb has approved the use of the pesticide without restrictions. [Read more](#)



The manufacturer of sugar brand Daddy fosters forever chemicals

Cristal Union, France's second biggest sugar manufacturer, is facing large-scale forever chemical contamination. The entire production chain is contaminated, from sugar beet fields to factories. The company has been secretive about the source of pollution, which may be caused by pesticides used in the fields. [Read more](#)

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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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