

Dear reader,

Many new developments in the pesticide field this month. New, groundbreaking research links Glyphosate to cancer. Biodiversity is in strong decline, so we need good indicators to achieve effective protection, and you can help. The Advocate General of the Court of Justice of the EU concluded that the European Commission acted unlawfully by re-approving the pesticide cypermethrin. We also took part in a hearing at the General Court of the EU, questioning the lack of testing of co-formulants in pesticide products. And you can join two upcoming events on pesticides, live and online.

The PAN Europe Team

News from the team

Help bees, butterflies and biodiversity: react to this EU consultation

Pollinators like bees, butterflies, hoverflies, and beetles are essential for our food production, ecosystems, and biodiversity. But they're disappearing at an alarming rate. The good news? The Nature Restoration Law can help protect. But only when proper indicators are used, and they are under attack. Help biodiversity right now in only 5 minutes. [Follow these steps](#)



Why do EU countries block a ban on PFAS and Endocrine Disrupting pesticides?

The EU doubts and hesitates. Still, no ban is proposed for the most frequently found PFAS endocrine disruptor in fruit and vegetables. It is high time to break this weakness and take highly necessary steps to protect health and biodiversity. On 9 and 10 July 2025, the Pesticide Committee (SCoPAFF) will gather once again to discuss whether to finally take action on PFAS and endocrine-disrupting pesticides. [Read more](#)

Glyphosate causes cancer at EU "safe" exposure levels

A new, groundbreaking research shows that exposure to glyphosate and glyphosate-based herbicides can cause cancer in laboratory animals at doses deemed "safe" by EU authorities. This might force governments to review their support for the world's most popular weedkiller. The critical evidence was ignored during glyphosate's reapproval process, resulting in its reapproval for another ten years. PAN Europe and its members fight this decision in the EU court. The findings of the study directly contradict EU risk assessors' conclusions and raise serious concerns about the adequacy of current safety standards and compliance with EU law. [Read more](#)



EU re-approval of toxic cypermethrin unlawful?

The Advocate General of the Court of Justice of the EU concluded that the European Commission acted unlawfully by re-approving the insecticide cypermethrin. There are major toxicity data gaps in the reapproval dossier; it relies on non-validated and unrealistic risk mitigation measures, and it disregards toxicity to insects. The Advocate General agrees with many arguments put forward by PAN Europe in this appeal case against the EU re-approval. In most cases, the EU Court of Justice follows these conclusions. [Read more](#)

Co-formulants: the Black Box of pesticides' toxicity

We took part in a hearing at the General Court of the EU in Luxembourg, questioning the lack of testing of co-formulants in pesticide products. We initiated this legal case in 2023. Co-formulants represent the majority of the ingredients of commercial pesticides. Usually, only one active ingredient is assessed for its toxicity to humans. Co-formulants are currently very poorly monitored and regulated. [Read more](#)



EU should keep its promise and end toxic trade in banned pesticides

Where the world is on fire with various wars, the EU is continuing an invisible



chemical war, exporting tonnes of banned, toxic pesticides to all corners of the world. Today, the "End Toxic Pesticide Trade Coalition" demands to EC President Ursula von der Leyen, alongside more than 600 organisations, to keep its 2020 promise and put an end to the EU production, export and residue imports of those banned pesticides. [Read more](#)

EU top scientists ask for much better protection of bugs from pesticides

The European Academies' Science Advisory Council (EASAC) is demanding a complete overhaul of how the EU assesses the risks of pesticides to non-target arthropods. Their message is clear: the current approach is simply not good enough. They highlight the critical flaws in the existing guidance and lay out clear scientific recommendations to ensure the revised document leads to meaningful protection. [Read more](#)



Conference



Bees & bugs: Europe's urgent need to strengthen the protection of biodiversity against pesticides

Together with POLLINIS and MEPs César Luena (S&D) and Sebastian Everding (The Left), we are pleased to invite you to our upcoming roundtable event, "Bees & bugs: Europe's urgent need to strengthen the protection of biodiversity against pesticides" at the European Parliament and online on Tuesday, 15 July 2025 from 12:00 to 14:30 CET. [Register here](#)

Webinar: The Global Glyphosate Study, Wed 9th July at 14.30 CET

This webinar, organised by our member PAN UK, is an exclusive opportunity to hear about the most comprehensive, global study ever conducted on Glyphosate from its UK-based contributor, Professor Michael Antoniou (Professor of Molecular Genetics and Toxicology at King's College London). Published on the 10th June in the prestigious Environmental Health journal, [the study](#) confirms that Glyphosate and Glyphosate-based herbicides cause multiple types of cancer, even at exposure levels deemed to be "safe" by the EU. It was coordinated by the Ramazzini Institute in Italy and involved scientists from across the US, South America and Europe. [Register here](#)



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