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Dear reader,

Glyphosate is not safe. This was shown by expert scientists in the EU Parliament. With our partners, we filed a criminal complaint against Bayer. We wrote to EFSA to expose the failures in their advice. With our partners, we try to convince EU Member States to vote NO on the renewal proposal. See what experts think of glyphosate, banned pesticides, personal protective equipment for pesticides and water pollution. Get involved and [write to](#) decision-makers, your voice is important!

The PAN Europe Team

News from the team



Criminal Complaint Against Bayer for Concealing Glyphosate Risks to Pregnant Women

In a [submission](#) made to the Vienna Public Prosecutor's Office, GLOBAL 2000 and other member organisations of the European Pesticide Action Network (PAN) revealed that the [consortium](#) led by Bayer - like Monsanto before it - failed to submit unfavourable studies and/or data on the carcinogenic and neurotoxic effects of glyphosate in the application for re-approval of glyphosate. [Read more](#).

Expert meeting shows that glyphosate is not safe for health and environment

Genotoxicity, carcinogenicity, damage to the gut microbiome and endocrine disruption by glyphosate and glyphosate-based products have been given little importance in the safety assessment by ECHA and EFSA. The same is the case for harmful effects on soil, water and biodiversity. This was highlighted during a meeting with several scientific experts in the EU Parliament on September 18th 2023. [Read more](#) and [see here](#).



Glyphosate in the EU up to 2034? Danger to health and environment and violation of citizens will

The EU Commission proposes to renew the authorisation for the herbicide glyphosate for 10 years. If a qualified majority of Member States agree, glyphosate use in the EU would be allowed until 2033. This would be in stark contrast to the will of the Europeans. Five years ago 1 Million citizens formally asked for a ban and a recent IPSOS opinion poll in 6 EU countries shows that only a mere 14% of citizens agree with prolonged use. Meanwhile, there are serious concerns about the safety assessments by EU Chemical Authority ECHA and Food Safety Authority EFSA. [Read more](#).

NGOs urge Ursula von der Leyen to hold true to Green Deal commitment on export of banned chemicals

85 social and environmental organisations urge Ursula von der Leyen and the European Commission to hold true to the European Green Deal commitment to ensure that hazardous chemicals banned in the EU will no longer be produced for export. [Read more](#).



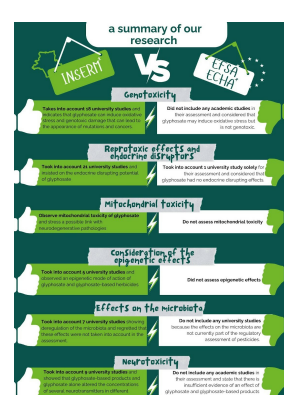
Negative effect of pesticide exposure for farmers and farm workers

From tank preparation to pesticide mixing and spraying, farmers' work can expose them to high volumes of chemicals. This working environment threatens their health. Pesticides can lead to cancer or neurological diseases like Parkinson's. One of the solutions promoted to reduce exposure is personal protective equipment, but its efficiency is now subject to heated debate in the scientific community. In some cases, the equipment might make things worse. [Read more](#) or [see here](#).

Highlights from Members

Glyphosate scandal: EU agencies ECHA and EFSA ignore toxic effects of glyphosate highlighted by French national medical research institute

The French national health research institute INSERM concluded that glyphosate can have many very negative effects on health. These effects are not recognised by the EU authorities advising on pesticides, which work with outdated and industry-friendly guidelines. An analysis of the differences by our French member Générations Futures gives a clear overview of the origins of the different views and exposes the weaknesses in the EU evaluation. [Read more](#).



Clear message from Parliament: we must tackle water pollution

The European Parliament approved new quality standards for surface and groundwater and sent a clear message on the need to curb water pollution in the EU. [Read more](#).

Swimming in glyphosate: Analysis of official glyphosate and AMPA data in Spanish waters in 2021 and 2022

As Spain is about to vote on whether to confront its population and nature with another 10 years of glyphosate (active substance of herbicides such as Roundup), the official analyses of Spanish water bodies speak clearly: in 2022, 34.6% of Spanish surface waters were contaminated by glyphosate in a concentration that does not comply with the environmental quality standard. [Read more](#).



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