

Dear reader,

This newsletter focussed especially on our fight against glyphosate, the most used herbicide in the world. Next month, the European Union will vote to continue its use or to stop the widespread pollution, destruction of biodiversity and damage to our health. Follow us and share our reports, briefings and press releases. And please do write to politicians with our easy tool.

The PAN Europe Team

Glyphosate

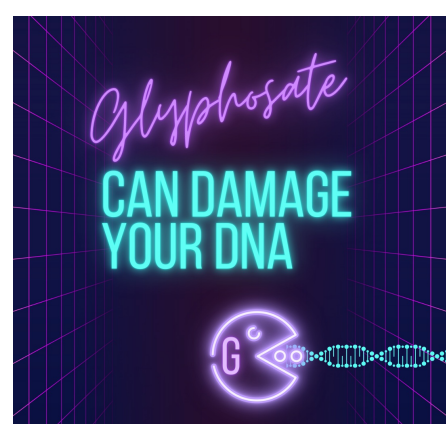
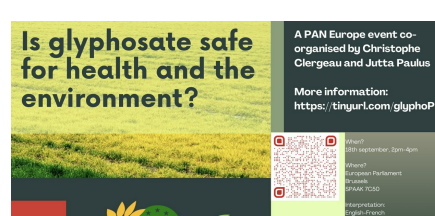
Glyphosate is polluting our waters all across Europe



Glyphosate and its metabolite AMPA are found in surface waters across 11 out of 12 countries spanning Europe, even during the end of the pesticide application season. From Poland to Portugal, from Belgium to Bulgaria, our waters are polluted by the herbicide. This is the disturbing finding in a [new report](#) by PAN Europe and the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament. [Read more.](#)

Is glyphosate safe for health and the environment?

Together with Members of the European Parliament Christophe Clergeau (S&D) and Jutta Paulus (The Greens), we invite you to the high-level conference that delves into the critical question: “[Is glyphosate truly safe for both human health and the environment?](#)” This conference aims to give space to a public debate between EU institutions and renowned scientists around the reassessment process of glyphosate. It will take place on the 18th of September from 14:00 to 16:00 CET at the European Parliament or online. You can already [register here](#).



EU glyphosate evaluation fails to acknowledge key mechanism that can lead to cancer

Scientists show how two EU regulatory agencies failed to fulfil their role as foreseen in EU pesticide law. A new scientific study reveals that ECHA dismissed important carcinogenicity findings and neglected evidence that glyphosate induces oxidative stress, a recognised mechanism that can lead to cancer. EFSA in its conclusion wrongfully relied on ECHA's classification of glyphosate as 'noncarcinogenic'. [Read more.](#)

European citizens support an EU ban of glyphosate

What do European citizens think of pesticide use, and more specific: what do they think about glyphosate? We have asked IPSOS to conduct an online representative public opinion poll in six countries: Denmark, France, Germany, Poland, Romania and Spain. The results of the full poll will be presented later in September. We have singled out the question on glyphosate, because the renewal of Europe's most used herbicide is the topic of a heated debate and will be discussed in the EU Council's SCoPAFF committee on September 15th, with a vote expected to follow in October. [Read more.](#)



Please raise your voice, write to politicians

The EU Parliament and Council will take very important decisions in the coming months. They will decide if we will seriously reduce pesticide use or not. The EU member states will decide if they allow the continued use of weedkiller glyphosate. Let them know these issues are important to you. Use our tool to send them a message. And repeat it with other words if you already did, repetition helps! [Write the politicians.](#)

News from the team

Children are the first victims of neurotoxic pesticides

Recently we described that citizens are [not protected against neurotoxic effects of pesticides](#). Many active substances, especially insecticides but also fungicides and herbicides, affect the human brain. Authorities like the European Food Safety Authority admit that the long-term effects are not sufficiently examined. Medical specialists warn of a Parkinsons epidemic. But there is a perhaps even more devastating effect on the most vulnerable: the unborn and young children. Prof. P. Nicolopoulou Stamati MD, PhD from the University of Athens described the effects of pesticides on young children's brain in a recent webinar. Here is our transcription of her text. [Read more.](#)



Ranking of the top fruits with pesticide residues this summer

One of the best parts of summer is definitely the fruit. During the warm days, we enjoy grapes, strawberries, cherries, apricot, and peaches. But, did you ever wonder about the level of pesticide contamination? We analysed the official 2021 monitoring data. They were collected by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) across

EU Member States. We found shocking results about pesticide residue in our summer fruits. [Read more.](#)

Highlights from Members

Romania gives green light for mass extinction of bees

Romania does not respect EU law. In January 2023 the European Court of Justice issued a crystal clear ruling: the widespread use of derogations to allow the use of banned pesticides is violating the EU pesticide law. The general use of this emergency provision – until then practised in most EU countries – is not allowed. [Read more.](#)

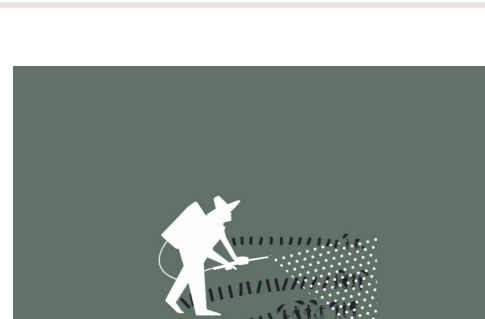


Fifty organisations "stand up" to European agriculture ministers meeting in Cordoba to demand a different agri-food model

More than a hundred people gathered yesterday afternoon in Cordoba to demand a fairer, more sustainable and more respectful food model for the rural world on the occasion of the meeting of EU agriculture ministers from 3 to 5 September. [Read more.](#)

How to protect children from harmful pesticides - in Europe and beyond?

We still expose children to harmful chemicals and don't fully protect children's health and their environment. Children's Rights International Network CRIN explains how the EU can better protect children by making children's rights central in the new regulations. [See their position paper.](#)

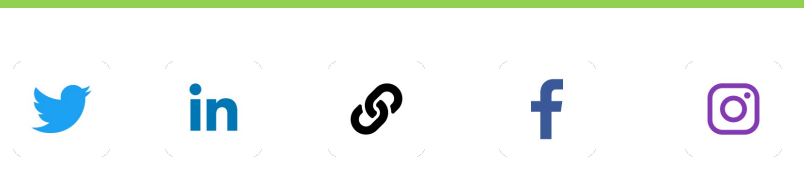


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